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## **MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT**

**Assembly Bill 952 (Assemblymember Lupardo)/ Senate Bill 1305 (Senator Hinchey)**

**AN ACT IN RELATION TO DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS TO WORK WITH THE STATE'S LAND GRANT UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO PRODUCE A REPORT TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE STATE'S FARM AND FOOD SUPPLY**

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest general farm organization, would like to express its support for this legislation. This bill is an amendment to a chapter of the laws of 2020 relating to establishing a New York food supply working group. This amendment would require the preparation of a report providing guidance and policy recommendations to strengthen the resiliency and self-reliance of the state's farm and food supply. This bill will require that feedback and information from all the stakeholders in the food supply system, including farmers, is included in the compiling of this report.

The COVID-19 pandemic has both shown the resilience of New York farmers along with the potential improvements that can be made to the state's food supply chain and infrastructure. Farmers play an important role in the producing, processing, and transporting of New York grown food. It is essential that steps are taken to find solutions for these issues in the food supply chain so that New York farmers can continue to provide nutritional food for New York communities.

In the interest of supporting New York's family farms and improving access to New York grown food across the state, New York Farm Bureau respectfully requests your support of this legislation.