MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 7827 (Senator Metzger)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NEW YORK TASK FORCE ON AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF SUCH PROVISIONS UPON THE EXPIRATION THEREOF

Date: 2/28/2020

New York Farm Bureau, the state’s largest agricultural advocacy organization, would like to express its support for this legislation. This legislation would create a task force on agricultural investment which will develop policy and budget recommendations relation to the state of agriculture within New York. The task force will focus issues such as, workforce development, economic conditions, environmental concerns and energy efficiency.

Agriculture is an important part of the New York economy and its communities. While the agricultural community continues to evolve and grow, there are an increasing number of barriers to farmers having a profitable business while providing local food for consumers. This task force would address these issues facing farms and provide imperative policy and budget recommendations that will help create a sustainable path forward for New York agriculture.

For these reasons, New York Farm Bureau respectfully requests your support of this legislation.