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MEMORANDUM OF OPPOSITION

Assembly Bill 722-A (Assemblywoman Glick) / Senate Bill 4253-A (Senator Martinez)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, IN RELATION TO MAKING CONTESTS, COMPETITIONS, TOURNAMENTS AND DERBYS TO TAKE WILDLIFE UNLAWFUL

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, respectfully requests your opposition to the above referenced legislation. If enacted, this bill would make it illegal to organize, sponsor, promote, or participate in a hunting contest, competition, derby, or tournament for prizes.

The Department of Environmental Conservation currently has rules and regulations in place for these types of wildlife contests and competitions which lay out parameters for types of game and the amounts allowed to be harvested. Contest and competitions are used to recruit new hunters as well as raise money for hunting, rifle and outdoorsman clubs in rural communities. It is important with the growing surplus of wildlife within the state that hunters are able to harvest that surplus. Hunting is also an important way to keep a healthy balance for a habitat.

If passed this bill would leave a negative impact on wildlife for New York State and for those in rural communities who engage in outdoorsman activities.

For these reasons, New York Farm Bureau requests your opposition to this legislation.