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MEMORANDUM OF OPPOSITION

Assembly Bill 10274 (Assemblyman Englebright)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, IN
RELATION TO PROHIBITING THE USE OF CHLORPYRIFOS**

Date: 4/17/2018

New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, respectfully opposes this legislation. The legislation would have a negative impact on the agricultural industry in New York, by unnecessarily restricting the use of a duly studied and registered pesticide product.

New York is one of the very few states that reviews pesticide product for environmental and health impacts prior to registration in the state. The vast majority of states simply accept the federal Environmental Protection Agency's review and registration decision to allow use in their states. Thus, New York has a rigorous dual certification system for pesticides.

This legislation would statutorily restrict the use of a needed pesticide product in the state for important farm commodities, such as onions and corn. This thereby would subvert the EPA and DEC's extensive scientific product review process and make such decisions in the political realm, rather than by experts in the technical field. This is a dangerous precedent that we believe should be avoided at all costs.

Given these reasons with regard to the use of a critical agricultural input, New York Farm Bureau respectfully requests your opposition to this legislation.