

MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 3103-B (Senator Kaplan)/ Assembly Bill 8433-A (Assemblymember Jones)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE FINANCE LAW, IN RELATION TO ESTABLISHING STATE PROCUREMENT GOALS FOR NEW YORK STATE PRODUCTS THROUGHOUT STATE AGENCIES AND PRIVATE ENTITIES PERFORMING STATE CONTRACTS

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, would like to express its support for this legislation. This legislation would establish procurement goals for the purchase of New York products by state agencies.

This legislation sets percentage goals for New York state products purchased yearly by state agencies. By the fourth year after the enactment of this legislation, at least 25% of all the products purchased by an agency shall be New York products. In this legislation, the definition of a New York state product is an item that is at least 51% manufactured or produced in any way in this state. This definition would include products produced by New York farmers. This legislation would allow New York state products to be given procurement preference if provided that the cost included in the bid of New York state products is not more than 10% greater than the cost included in a bid that is not for New York state products. Eliminating this barrier is crucial to supporting the purchase of more New York state products, including New York farm products. These changes will incentivize the purchase of more New York farm products by state agencies which will support New York's farmers and the state's agricultural economy.

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