MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Assembly Bill 10607-A (Assemblymember Lupardo)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW, IN RELATION TO ESTABLISHING A NEW YORK FOOD SUPPLY WORKING GROUP

Date: 7/13/2020

New York Farm Bureau, the state’s largest general farm organization, would like to express its support for this legislation. This bill would create a New York food supply working group to provide guidance and recommendations on improving the resiliency of the state’s food supply chain.

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. This working group would bring together all the stakeholders, including farmers, that play an important role in the producing, processing, and transporting of New York grown food. It is important that there is continued communication between all stakeholders so that issues in the food supply chain can be resolved, especially during a crisis.

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.