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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 370-A (Senator Ortt) / Assembly Bill 2013 (Assemblyman Hevesi)

ESTABLISHES A BIODIESEL GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION OF BIODIESEL

Date: 3/20/2017

New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest general farm advocacy organization, requests your support for the above referenced legislation. This legislation would establish a grant program for the agricultural production of biodiesel in order to provide investment in the agricultural renewable energy industry.

Farms already play an important role in growing a source of renewable energy in the state. The agricultural industry has invested heavily in on-farm anaerobic digesters to turn cow manure into electricity, grows corn for a number of in-state ethanol plants, produces timber for wood pellet commercial furnaces, is the home of small wind and photovoltaic energy generation, and has even started to grow willow and grasses for the production of cellulosic ethanol.

This legislation would allow New York State to assist farmers in investing in equipment to produce biodiesel in New York State. If enacted into law, this fund will provide much needed investment in the agricultural industry and decrease our need to use costly supplies of foreign petroleum.

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