MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 5954-A (Senator Kaplan)/ Assembly Bill 6309-A (Assemblyman Schimminger)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE TAX LAW, IN RELATION TO THE BUSINESS INCOME
BASE RATE AND EXPANDING THE SMALL BUSINESS SUBTRACTION
MODIFICATION

Date: 2/28/2020

New York Farm Bureau, the state’s largest agricultural advocacy organization, would like to express its support for this legislation. This legislation would reduce the amount small businesses and farm that have at least one employee pay in taxes by increasing the corporate tax threshold to $390,000 from $290,000 and lowering the rate to 4%. This bill would also expand the small business exemption to 15% from 5% for net farm income under $250,000.

This legislation would provide relief to small businesses and family farms that are key drivers to New York State’s economy. This could be beneficial to farmers who are struggling in the current agricultural economy due to low commodity prices and extreme weather conditions.

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