



**New York Farm Bureau**

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# **MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT**

**Senate Bill 5873 (Senator Metzger)**

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW, IN RELATION  
TO A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN REGARDING LYME DISEASE AND  
OTHER TICK-BORNE DISEASES**

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, respectfully requests your support for this legislation. If enacted this legislation would conduct a public awareness campaign regarding Lyme Disease as well as other tick-borne diseases.

Lyme disease is spreading throughout New York State with an increase in confirmed cases. It is important New Yorkers are aware of the potential risk to getting tick-borne diseases and how to prevent it. Farmers, as well as farmworkers, spend a large portion of their day outdoors, leaving them susceptible to ticks and Lyme disease. This bill would further educate the agriculture community on tick-borne diseases and preventable measures they can take to avoid health risks.

For these reasons, New York Farm Bureau requests your support of this legislation. Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments.