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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 524 (Senator Young) / Assembly Bill 526 (Assemblywoman Gunther)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, IN RELATION TO PROVIDING THE DEFINITION OF INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest general farm advocacy organization, requests your support for this legislation. If enacted this legislation would set forth a proper definition of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in New York State.

The definition of IPM in this legislation is similar to the current definition of IPM established in the Department of Environmental Conservation regulation and the definition of IPM used by the Federal Government. The Cornell University IPM program was also consulted during the creation of this definition.

Farmers can use a variety of tools to combat unwanted pests in their fields, vineyards, and orchards. The decision to use each of these tools at a specific time is based upon environmental, economic, and other factors facing the farmer during the growing season. The IPM definition in this legislation appropriately refers to the goal of managing pests using all the options available including biological, cultural, physical, and chemical tools.

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