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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 4085 (Senator Hinchey) / Assembly Bill 2561 (Assemblywoman Woerner)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW, IN RELATION
TO AGRICULTURAL CUSTOM OPERATORS**

Date: 5/19/2021

New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm advocacy organization, requests your support for this important legislation. If enacted, this bill would allow for air transport ambulance service providers to store and distribute blood. Currently, New York State does not allow air ambulance services to store and distribute blood.

Majority of farms are located in very rural communities where the distance to critical medical care can be long distances at times. Farms use an array of different equipment day to day and accidents do happen. It is crucial that medical services are able to quickly reach the rural farm locations and provide necessary treatments. This legislation would put New York on par with every other state as well as provide much needed medical services to those in need in our rural communities.

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