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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Assembly Bill 10167 (Assemblymember Kelles)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, IN RELATING TO AUTHORIZING HUNTING BIG GAME BY RIFLE IN THE COUNTY OF TOMPKINS, IN RELATION TO EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVENESS THEREOF

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, would like to express its support for this legislation. This legislation would extend the authorization for the use of rifles to be used in Tompkins County for big game. The current authorization would expire on October 1, 2022, this legislation would extend the use to October 2024.

Hunting is a crucial in wildlife management. Wildlife often times become nuisances and disrupt farms by eating production among other things. It is important this extension is given to ensure wildlife management in Tompkins County continues and hunters are able to continue to hunt big game using a rifle like many of the other counties in the Finger Lakes region and Southern Tier region.

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