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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 999 (Senator Bonacic)/Assembly Bill 4448 (Assemblyman Pretlow)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE RACING, PRI-MUTUEL WAGERING AND BREEDING LAW, IN RELATION TO NEW YORK BRED AND OR WHOLLY OWNED HORSE HARNESS RACES

Date: 2/8/2017

New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm advocacy organization, requests your support for this important legislation. If enacted, this bill would give preference to horses wholly owned by New York residents in New York harness horse races.

Currently states, including Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey have enacted similar preference to horses bred and owned in their state, meaning that they have more opportunities to race. The passage of this legislation will help to create a level playing field in the harness racing industry and create an increase in opportunities for New York owned horses to race. This increase will encourage residents to enter more races and earn more money.

This legislation will address the inequality in the harness racing and promote New York owned harness horses. For these reasons, New York Farm Bureau respectfully requests your support of this legislation.