



**New York Farm Bureau**

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# **MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT**

**Assembly Bill 7207-A (Assemblymember Jackson)/ Senate Bill 5083-A (Senator Bailey)**

## **AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON URBAN AGRICULTURE**

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest general farm organization, would like to express its support for this legislation. This bill would require the commissioner of agriculture and markets to conduct a study on all forms of urban agriculture, including vertical farming and community gardens.

Community gardens are an important educational opportunity for urban and rural communities to connect with agriculture. In areas where land is limited, vertical farming is also an essential tool for growing produce in urban communities. Conducting a study on urban farming would be beneficial and provide information on current urban farming practices along with recommendations on how the state can continue to support the growth of urban farming.

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