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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 6330-A (Senator Hinchey)/ Assembly Bill 7403-A (Assemblymember Septimo)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW, IN RELATION TO REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A DATABASE OF NEW YORK STATE FARMS AND FARM PRODUCTS

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, respectfully requests your support for this legislation. This bill would require the department of agriculture and markets, in cooperation with the department of economic development and urban development corporation, to develop a publicly available and searchable database of New York farms.

During the pandemic, consumers increasingly searched for local, New York farm products to purchase and having an online database of information on farms in New York would help consumers locate farms and information on where to purchase farm products. A database would also be beneficial for connecting restaurants, schools and food-related businesses with New York farms. It is also important that farmers have the option to opt out of participating in this database.

For these reasons, New York Farm Bureau requests your support of this legislation. Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments.