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MEMORANDUM OF OPPOSITION

Senate Bill 4128 (Senator Biaggi)/ Assembly Bill 6225 (Assemblymember Dinowitz)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, IN RELATION TO ENACTING THE NEW YORK HEALTHY VENDING ACT

Date: 5/14/2019

New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, respectfully requests your opposition to the above referenced legislation. If enacted, this bill would require a certain percentage of healthy food and beverages to be offered in vending machines located on state property.

It is important that consumers are given healthy food and beverage options, but this bill states that only fat free milk and one percent low fat dairy milk are considered healthy beverage options and not whole milk. A randomized controlled study found drinking about two cups of whole milk per day for three weeks did not negatively impact markers of cardiovascular disease or Type 2 diabetes (T2D), compared to drinking fat-free milk. These factors included fasting blood levels of total and LDL-cholesterol, triglycerides, insulin and glucose. In addition, drinking whole milk increased HDL-cholesterol compared to fat free milk. This research, as well as others, suggests that whole milk can be considered a healthy option. This is a great example of the ever-changing nature of nutritional science and why creating such specifics in law is unadvisable.

With the current economic state of the dairy community, it is imperative that the state continues to encourage consumer purchases of healthy New York dairy products especially whole milk. By including different choices of fat content in vending machines, the state will be giving healthier options for consumers while supporting the dairy community.

For these reasons, New York Farm Bureau respectfully requests your opposition to this legislation.