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MEMORANDUM OF OPPOSITION

Senate Bill 7462-A (Harckham)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, IN RELATION TO PROVIDING THAT ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF IN-STATE SALES OF NEW LAWN CARE DEVICES SHALL BE ZERO-EMISSIONS BY TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SEVEN

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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 prevent the sale of gas-powered lawn care devices in the State.

NYFB strongly supports the continued availability of the internal combustion engine for farm equipment including small engine machinery like lawn mowers, and chain saws that are utilized on farm for general maintenance. This bill would prohibit the sale of such equipment in the state, forcing farmers to either convert to machinery that has limited run-time and capacity or travel out of state to purchase nonzero emissions equipment.

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