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# **MEMORANDUM OF OPPOSITION**

**Assembly Bill 5850 (Assemblymember Glick)/ Senate Bill 3629-A (Senator Fernandez)**

## **AN ACT TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, IN RELATION TO PROHIBITING THE PARTICIPATION OF CERTAIN ANIMALS IN TRAVELING ANIMAL ACTS**

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, would like to express its opposition to this legislation. This legislation would prohibit the New York Department of Environmental Conservation from issuing permits or licenses to entities seeking to place certain animals on display in any traveling exhibits. These animals would include cats (excluding domestic cats), kangaroos, non-human primates, bears and wallabies.

Fairs are an opportunity for the public to view and learn about different species of animals, including farm animals and wildlife. Over the years, the traveling exhibits featuring wild animals have changed so that the animals are not used for entertainment, but used as educational exhibits for the public. NYFB supports wild animals being transported to the fairs for educational exhibits as long as these exhibits are held to the same animal health standards as the farm animals at the fairs.

NYFB also has concerns regarding prohibiting certain animals at fairs. This change could set a precedent for future legislative discussions regarding the banning of other types of animals, including farm animals. As more and more consumers do not have a connection to farming or an understanding of how food is produced, the fairs continue to be a vitally important opportunity for the public to learn about agriculture and the animals raised on New York's farms.

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