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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 7878 (Senator Funke)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW, IN RELATION TO PERMITTING AGRICULTURAL ASSESSMENT APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, respectfully requests your support for this legislation. If enacted, this bill would allow the renter of leased land to electronically submit the agricultural assessment renewal application.

Many farmers lease lands from landowners to be used in agricultural production. Currently, in order to receive an agricultural assessment on this land, the landowner must submit the agricultural assessment renewal application each year. This bill would allow the farmer to submit the renewal application on leased land which would simplify the process for both the farmer and the landowner. The farmer could submit one renewal application for all owned and leased lands. This legislation would also give the option to file the renewal application electronically which would modernize the application process.

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