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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 4768-A (Senator Bonacic)/A. 7594 (Assemblywoman Gunther)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW, IN RELATION TO KOJI

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, respectfully requests your support of this legislation. If enacted, this bill will include koji based distilled spirits among the products eligible to be sold under a license to sell wine for on premises consumption.

This legislation will remove the limit of the definition of "Soju" under current law to imported products. As a result, in-state distillers would have the opportunity to offer their own koji-based distilled spirits produced in New York. With the exponential growth of farm distilleries in recent years, it is critical to keep the playing field level for our distilling industry.

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