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## MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

**Senate Bill 7879 (Senator Funke)**

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW, IN RELATION TO THE CREATION OF AN AGRICULTURAL ASSESSMENT ONLINE DATABASE**

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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 create an online database of information on the sale of agricultural properties.

The sales information of agricultural properties is used by assessors to calculate the value of similar properties when determining the agricultural assessment. This online database would contain important property sales information such as location, terms of sale, contributory values of buildings, and soils reports from all counties in New York. Currently, there is an outdated database for assessors that does not provide this type of in-depth data and it is not available to the public. This new database would provide the necessary information and give the opportunity for farmers to view the data which would lead to better communication and understanding of agricultural assessment values between farmers and assessors.

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