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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 2514 (Senator Gallivan) / Assembly Bill 475 (Assemblywoman Gunther)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, IN RELATION TO CERTAIN REGISTRATIONS OF VEHICLES

Date: 4/28/2017

New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, respectfully requests your support for the above referenced legislation. If enacted, this bill would extend the length of seasonal permits for oversized agricultural equipment.

Seasonal agricultural permits allow farm equipment that is over 17 feet wide to operate on roadways, when equipped with warning lights, overwidth signs, flashing lights and an escort vehicle. Currently, farmers can apply for a seasonal agricultural permit that is only valid for four consecutive months. This legislation would increase the duration of the seasonal permit from April 1 to November 11.

Extending the time that oversized agricultural equipment may operate under a seasonal permit takes into consideration that farmers are planting and harvesting their crops longer than 4 months out of the year. As the agricultural industry has adapted to utilize modern technology, agricultural equipment has increased in size which means that farmers are making use of more seasonal permits to transport equipment. A longer seasonal permit will enable farmers to move their equipment without the worry of a limited permit.

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