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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Assembly Bill 1503 (Assemblywoman Jenne)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW, IN REALTION TO ASSISTANCE WITH AGGREGATING, PROCESSING AND TRANSPORTING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FOR PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS

Date: 2/10/2017

New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest general farm organization, requests your support for this legislation.

Food hubs, product aggregation, grant opportunities and educational resources are all valuable in marketing our product in New York. These programs can enhance the integrity of producers to provide much needed support to farming operations. Producers

Producers of all sizes are looking for opportunities to better coordinate and move product, particularly when the individual farm alone cannot meet the needs of a purchaser. For this reason, we would like to see the bill language expanded to include not just small scale producers and processors, but those of all sizes across the state to receive the best possible outcome for New York agriculture.

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