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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 327 (Senator Murphy)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, IN
RELATION TO PERIODIC REVIEW OF EXSISTING RULES.**

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, would like to express its support for this legislation. Periodic review of agency rules will allow the state to evaluate duplicative and outdated rules to alleviate pressure on the business climate within the state.

New York State faces a very restrictive business climate that has encouraged many small businesses and young professionals to seek employment elsewhere. In addition to this, New York State faces very high regulatory costs and restrictions, resulting in producers charging more for their product. States with less regulation will be able to occupy more markets by selling their products for less.

This reevaluation will allow agency staff to assess past rules applicability based on new federal regulation and advances in technology. In the past New York State operated much differently than it does now, and a reevaluation of rules prior to 1996 will give the government an opportunity to adjust the business climate to be more successful. Regulations on businesses are costly to the state's economy and weighing the importance and relevancy of these rules could lower expenses and increase to farms and other businesses in New York.

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