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Ida Traschen
NYS Department of Motor Vehicles
6 Empire State Plaza, Room 522A
Albany, NY 12228

RE: Proposed Rule Making: Chapter I of 15 NYCRR, Subchapter A, Driver Licensing and Training, Part 3.2, Driver license classifications, endorsement and restrictions, MTV-18-16-00002-P

Dear Ms. Traschen,

New York Farm Bureau (NYFB), the largest agricultural advocacy organization in New York State, appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Department of Motor Vehicle's proposed rules on Driver License Endorsements, specifically the F, G, and Z endorsements. NYFB understands that this rule is necessary to comply with federal regulations which require Covered Farm Endorsement designation in farm vehicles and no longer allow the transportation of hazardous materials with a Z endorsement.

NYFB appreciates the Department's outreach efforts to educate drivers that hold F, G, and/or Z endorsements on the regulation requirements, including posting information on the DMV's website as well as mailing information to those endorsement holders.

NYFB would request that special consideration be given to farmers who must now obtain a CDL license and H endorsement in order to transport hazardous materials. If there is any way to expedite the CDL process for these farmers, we encourage DMV to take those actions so farmers do not forfeit their ability to transport hazardous materials.

NYFB recognizes the Covered Farm Vehicle designation will allow farmers to travel farther distances which will enable them to transport their agricultural products not only to and from their operations but to markets as well.

NYFB thanks the Department of Motor Vehicle for the opportunity to submit these comments on the proposed regulations on driver license endorsements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Williams".

Lauren Williams
Assistant Director of Public Policy