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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 5931 (Cooney) / Assembly Bill 6359 (Lupardo)

POSTPONES THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ADVANCED CLEAN TRUCKS REGULATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, respectfully requests your support this legislation. If enacted, this bill would temporarily delay the Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) regulations for two years (until January 1, 2027) to allow technology time to make these trucks more feasible and infrastructure and the grid time to prepare for the influx in the number of large electric trucks.

One reason these regulations need to be delayed is that the state does not have the infrastructure to support a transition to zero emissions trucks. Since this rule was adopted in 2021, New York State has not installed any publicly available, heavy-duty chargers for zero emissions vehicles/trucks. This, coupled with the small range of many of these trucks (about 200 miles), severely limits their use. Four years later, the state is no further along in building the infrastructure to support ZEV trucks.

Another reason is route concerns. EV trucks are significantly heavier than diesel trucks, hundreds, or thousands of pounds more. From Buffalo to Long Island there are many bridges and roads that ZEV trucks will not be able to travel on strictly based on weight requirements.

The cost to purchase these trucks is also cost prohibitive to small farms. The cost of a commercial ZEV is nearly \$500,000 compared diesel trucks which costs up to \$200,000. Aside from the cost of the ZEV's, businesses also need extraordinary investments in charging infrastructure for their facilities and significant utility costs, not to mention the lack of grid capacity, especially in rural areas, to accommodate charging these vehicles. Farmers simply cannot afford to purchase a new truck that is more than double the price, let alone fully finance the necessary infrastructure upgrades and investments.

These increase costs would then impact the cost of food for New Yorkers. If farmers are pushed to adopt these trucks and take on all of these additional costs, they will have no choice but to raise prices of fresh, local, New York grown food.

New York is not the only state considering such delays. Similar efforts are being made in New Jersey and Colorado while Maryland and Rhode Island have already made amendments so their rules go into effect two

years from now. Earlier this month, Maryland's Governor signed an Executive Order delaying the state's ACT until the 2029 model year, and creates a working group to conduct a feasibility review of the program to help inform potential additional actions. Additionally, Massachusetts just delayed their ACT regulations yesterday for model years 2025 and 2026.

For these reasons, New York Farm Bureau requests you support this legislation and urge its inclusion in the final state budget.