



New York Farm Bureau

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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 1292 (Senator Parker)/ Assembly Bill 964 (Assemblymember Woerner)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, IN RELATION TO ESTABLISHING THE 'CLEAN FUEL STANDARD OF 2023'

Date: 2/7/2023

New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, respectfully requests your support for this legislation. If enacted this legislation would direct New York State to develop a Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the transportation sector. New York's transportation sector is the leading source of GHG emissions, contributing over 35% of the annual GHG emissions for the state. The development of a LCFS would benefit the agricultural and working forest land. Additionally, a LCFS would provide new jobs in refinement and production of biofuels along with new technology.

The adoption of a LCFS could be useful in helping meet the ambitious emissions reductions goals the CLCPA establishes, including reaching a 40 percent reduction in GHG emissions from 1990 levels by 2030, 85 percent reduction by 2050 and ultimately zero emissions. This legislation directs the Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority to promulgate regulations to create a LCFS in the state along with collaboration with neighboring states to create a regional market for low carbon fuels. The legislation also places emphasis on implementing regulations for heavy-duty transportation, including vehicles that currently do not have alternative fuel sources. The decarbonization of vehicles running on diesel fuel, jet fuel or marine bunker fuel can be challenging, making it critical to not rely on batteries and utilize an assortment of low carbon fuels.

We believe New York State's agriculture can be a part of the climate change solution. Farmers are already using things such as anaerobic digesters. Many agricultural crops residuals produce biologic materials that can be converted and refined into biofuels that would support a LCFS and could potentially generate local sources of fuels.

For these reasons, New York Farm Bureau requests your support of this legislation. Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments.