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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Assembly Bill 3599 (Assemblymember Lupardo)/ Senate Bill 4911 (Senator Hinchey)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW, IN RELATION TO EXEMPTING PROCESSORS OF SYRUP MADE FROM TREE SAP OR HONEY FROM CERTAIN LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, would like to express its support for this legislation. This legislation exempts processors of syrup from tree sap or honey from needing to certain licensing.

New York is a leader in the production and sale of high-quality maple syrup and sugars and currently ranks second in the nation for maple syrup production. As New York's maple industry continues to grow, other species of trees are being tapped by producers to expand their markets for syrups and sugars. To help these new products succeed, laws and regulations need to be updated to support the production of all types of tree syrups. Currently there is a licensing exemption for the production of maple syrup as long as the producer does not purchase such products for repackaging or combine them with any other products or ingredients. This legislation would broaden the exemption to all types of tree sap and honey.

The untapped potential of other tree syrup and sugars could provide new opportunities for the upstate economy and help preserve valuable forests. It will also further support and protect the growing syrup producing community.

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