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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 1343-A (Senator Parker)/ Assembly Bill 472-A (Assemblymember Woerner)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, IN
RELATION TO ESTABLISHING THE "CLEAN FUEL STANDARD OF 2025"**

Date: 4/1/2025

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 adoption of a LCFS would be useful in helping meet the ambitious emissions reductions goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). 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 decarbonization of vehicles running on diesel fuel, jet fuel or marine bunker fuel can be challenging, making it critical to not just rely on batteries and utilize an assortment of low carbon fuels.

These low carbon fuels include biomethane which is produced through manure and food waste anaerobic digestion. Currently, this energy (with its GHG reduction) has market value under California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard. Biomethane from New York's dairy manure and food waste could fuel over 30,000 tractor trailers annually, displacing at least 300 million gallons of diesel. By developing a LCFS, New York agriculture can help the state meet the goals of the CLCPA.

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