

## MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 1376 (Senator Serrano)/ Assembly Bill 4632 (Assemblymember Kim)

## AN ACT TO AMEND THE PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION LAW, IN RELATION TO FARMERS' MARKETS IN STATE AND LOCAL PARKS

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest general farm organization, would like to express its support for this legislation. This bill would direct the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to encourage and promote farmer's markets at state parks provided that the market does not harm the natural environment or integrity of the park.

Farmers have long supported the development of farmers' markets as important ways to direct market to consumers. Farmers markets at times can struggle to secure a location that accommodates both famers and patrons. New Yorkers are continually seeking out more farm fresh products and this bill supports increasing the number of available locations for farmers' markets.

In the interest of supporting New York's family farms and improving access to New York grown food across the state, New York Farm Bureau respectfully requests your support of this legislation.