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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 591 (Senator Hinchey)/ Assembly Bill 839 (Assemblymember McMahon)

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 537 OF THE LAWS OF 1976, RELATING TO PAID, FREE AND REDUCED PRICE BREAKFAST FOR ELIGIBLE PUPILS IN CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, IN RELATION TO PURCHASES OF FOOD PRODUCTS FROM NEW YORK STATE FARMERS, GROWERS, PRODUCERS OR PROCESSORS

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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 would make New York food products purchased for breakfast eligible for the 30% Farm to School program.

Currently, only food purchased for lunch is eligible for the program which makes it difficult for schools to participate. It is an administrative burden for schools to separate the food purchases for lunch and breakfast resulting in many schools choosing to participate in the program. The 30% Farm to School program has the potential to help schools partner with more New York farms so that more students benefit from locally produced food. This change is essential to making the 30% Farm to School program a success.

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