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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

S.2479 Senator Ritchie/A7367 Assembly Member Magee

An act to authorize and direct the Commissioner of Agriculture and Market to study and develop a long-term strategy for sustaining farming and food production in New York State.

The New York State Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (NYSAND) supports S.2479/A.7367 by Senator Ritchie and Assembly Member Magee which directs the Commissioner of Agriculture and Market to study and develop a long-term strategy for sustaining farming and food production in New York State.

Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs) recognize the importance of a balanced diet for optimal nutrition throughout the life span. Use of locally grown (or raised) food is a great way to ensure New Yorkers have access to healthy food. NYSAND supports farmers across New York State. We recognize them as a partner in ensuring a healthy New York. The development of a long-term plan for sustainable food production will help ensure the viability of our farms and our communities' access to nutritious foods.

For these reasons, NYSAND supports the legislation and encourages its passage.

NYSAND is an organization of nutrition professionals, residing, working or attending school in New York State. Affiliated with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, NYSAND has over 5,000 members. There are ten district associations within NYSAND, covering all regions of the state, from Long Island to Plattsburgh, to the far reaches of the Southern Tier.

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