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Honorable Tom O'Mara
New York State Assembly
720 Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Assemblyman O'Mara,

On behalf of New York Farm Bureau, I would like to thank you for your positive voting record in support of the farm community and welcome you as a member of our "Circle of Friends" for the 2009 Legislative Session.

The New York Farm Bureau 'Circle of Friends' legislative award is based upon your voting record on issues of importance to New York agriculture, as well as other evidence of legislative support during the 2009 Legislative Session. Membership is reserved for only those who actively support the farm families of New York State and is renewed at the end of each Legislative Session. As has been done in the past, the Circle of Friends awards will be provided to you by your county Farm Bureau at our 2010 State Lobby Day in Albany.

Farm Bureau is a non-partisan, volunteer organization. We do not endorse candidates for office. Rather, we encourage our members to become involved in the political process as individuals, supporting candidates who have like-minded views. Therefore, this award is not an endorsement -- it is recognition of your support.

New York Farm Bureau has already issued a press release announcing the recipients of the 2009 Circle of Friends award to newspapers across the state.

Thank you, again for your support of New York Farm Bureau.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean E. Norton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dean Norton, President
New York Farm Bureau