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Statement on Dismissal of New York Civil Liberties Union Lawsuit

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Albany, NY- State Supreme Court Judge Richard J. McNally, Jr. has dismissed a New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU) lawsuit, filed in May 2016, regarding rights for farm workers. Senator Michael H. Ranzenhofer (R-C-I, Amherst) was the first outspoken State Legislator to criticize the NYCLU's actions.

Senator Ranzenhofer has issued the following statement:

"The NYCLU's attempt to bypass the State Legislature and push increased regulations on our agriculture industry has failed. These burdensome regulations would have had a devastating impact on our family farms. I applaud the judge's decision, and I commend the New York Farm Bureau for defending our 35,000 farms all across our state. As New York State's number one industry, agriculture is the backbone of our rural communities, and this is a major victory for our family farms."