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To: New York State Senators

Subject: LETTER OF SUPPORT for LI Fertilizer Legislation S8170

- *Insert a brief description of your organization and its mission*
- *Indicate why you support these efforts.*

(Sample text)

We are writing in support of *(insert bill number)* that would seek to protect our surface and groundwater resources on Long Island by prohibiting the sale or use of water-soluble, high nitrogen fertilizer on Long Island.

It is well established that this type of lawn fertilizer is a significant contributor to our water pollution problems on Long Island, exacerbating nitrogen loading issues in our surface waters and increasing the contamination of our drinking water aquifers. Fortunately, this is a problem that can be addressed with virtually no cost to either the state or the homeowner, and without sacrificing lush, green, healthy lawns.

New York State has already adopted legislation to restrict phosphorus in lawn fertilizer because of its propensity to contaminate bodies of fresh water. Nitrogen does to salt water what phosphorus does to fresh water, and therefore legislation prohibiting water-soluble high-nitrogen fertilizer from being sold or used on Long Island would be consistent with existing law, and would support statewide efforts to combat the growing problem of algal blooms. Legislative efforts to help keep our surface waters clean would also support Governor Cuomo's multi-million dollar initiatives aimed at revitalizing the shellfish industry on Long Island

There are a sufficient number of readily available, high quality lawn fertilizer products that meet the requirements of such a law, and we are aware that some of the major manufacturers have already re-formulated their products for coastal communities due to local laws in other parts of the country. We believe Long Island deserves the same protection.

Sincerely,

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