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Governor Signs Inherent Risk Bill

On Thursday, October 23 Governor Cuomo signed the Inherent Risk in Agricultural Tourism bill that was delivered to him a week and a half earlier. This bill establishes some standards and processes for farms which invite the general public on their place. By signing this bill into law, Governor Cuomo created explicit and uniform standards which formulate a better environment for agritourism and farm professionals to operate their businesses.

The farm and equine community owe a great deal of gratitude to the NY Farm Bureau who shepherded this issue around and through the legislature over the many, many years it's been on our radar. The NYS Horse Council also wishes to thank the many individuals over past years who have directed their energies toward getting inherent risk protection for our equine owners and riders. Many of you have visited Albany to appeal for protection or called and wrote to your legislator and sent countless letters. Without your steadfast dedication, this accomplishment was not possible.

We are aware this legislation just passed does not cover all of our equine community. However, it's a start and the first piece of legislation we've received in over 20 years of trying. We will continue to try to expand this protection to cover more of our riders. But for the moment, we will enjoy this accomplishment.