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OF NEW YORK**

POLITICAL ACTION FOR ANIMALS

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**MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT FOR A6519/S3327
A BILL TO NO LONGER REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS TO HAVE A VALID
NEW YORK STATE HUNTING, FISHING, OR TRAPPING LICENSE TO
BE APPOINTED TO THE CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD**

The environmental conservation law currently states that a person designated or appointed to the Conservation Fund Advisory Board must demonstrate “long-standing interest, knowledge, and experience in fish and wildlife management.” As the law is written, the appointee or designee can satisfy these requirements **only** if they have a valid New York hunting, fishing, or trapping license.

This law irrationally excludes a wide variety of highly qualified individuals merely because they lack such a license.

The Conservation Fund Advisory Board makes recommendations on government plans, policies, and programs affecting fish and wildlife. **These broad and important goals can be achieved more effectively** by making the holding of a fishing, hunting, or trapping license discretionary, thereby *diversifying* the board with members having **equally substantial interest, knowledge, and experience not limited to fishing, hunting, and trapping.**



**THE LEAGUE OF HUMANE VOTERS® OF NEW YORK
STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS BILL.**

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Sincerely,



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