

# State Airport Group Supports Deer Management Legislation



(l-r) Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter, NYAMA Immediate Past President John DelBalso and Assemblyman Matthew Titone

Albany, NY, October 19, 2017 -- Representatives of the New York Aviation Management Association (NYAMA) joined Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter (D-Syracuse) and Assemblyman Matthew Titone (D-Staten Island) at a press conference to support legislation (A.8646-A) designed to promote the management of wildlife that may pose public health and safety risks, including risks to airport operations.

“Wildlife populations pose a real threat to aviation operations in and around airports,” said John P. DelBalso, Immediate Past President of NYAMA. “There were 1,971 aircraft-wildlife strikes reported to the FAA over the past five years. New York airports had the highest number of deer strikes among those in neighboring states.

“This legislation seeks to make it clear that certain effective deer management techniques remain available by state permit in a strictly controlled manner,” added DelBalso, who was joined at the press conference by Jeremy Martelle, another NYAMA past president. “The New York Aviation Management Association supports this measure and urges its enactment into law.”

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