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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

S.5780 by Senator Nathalia Fernandez
Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

A.8092 by Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon
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The New York State Association of REALTORS®, Inc. **strongly supports S.5780/A.8092**, which would amend Real Property Law to require all real estate licensees in New York State to complete 1 hour of sexual harassment prevention training annually as a condition of license renewal.

REALTORS® and other licensed real estate professionals within New York City are subject to a local law requiring the completion of annual sexual harassment prevention training. Additionally, most employed individuals throughout the state are required to complete similar training pursuant to the state's labor law. This bill would address that inadvertent exemption in state law by requiring the same amount of sexual harassment prevention training annually for real estate licensees across the state that most employed individuals in the state are currently required to complete.

Given the salience and significance of sexual harassment prevention, NYSAR firmly believes that all licensed real estate professionals in the state should be required to complete annual training on this issue. Furthermore, the completion of 1 hour of training annually would not reduce the number of continuing education hours required to be completed within the 2-year period for license renewal. Every real estate licensee would be required to complete the sexual harassment training annually, in addition to 22.5 hours of continuing education within a 2-year license period.

Consequently, NYSAR strongly supports S.5780/A.8092 and urges its passage.

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