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**Brindisi, Hunter and Magnarelli Shine With
Perfect Environmental Scores**

Majority of CNY Colleagues Disappoint

Central New York – EPL/Environmental Advocates released the [2017 Environmental Scorecard](#) today, the only report card that tracks all 213 state legislators’ voting records on environmental legislation. Assemblymembers Anthony Brindisi (D-Utica), Pamela Hunter (D-Syracuse), and William Magnarelli (D-Syracuse) earned 100 points each -- all voted for landmark climate action legislation, to stop oil tankers from parking on the Hudson River, and in favor of a Constitutional amendment to give every New Yorker a right to clean air and water, and a healthful environment.

By comparison, 2015 Oil Slick Awardee, Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco, scored the lowest in the region, earning just 65 points. The Senator supported legislation to strip local governments from taking action to reduce costly plastic bag waste, as well as for a disastrous bill to kill clean energy jobs.

“Few regions have starker contrast in legislators’ voting records than Central New York. On one hand you have Assemblymembers Brindisi, Hunter, and Magnarelli, championing their constituents best interests. And on the other, legislators like Senator DeFrancisco, continue to show utter disdain for protecting our air and water -- the most basic responsibilities of government. This year, the Senator and all of his Republican colleagues in the region championed a bill that can only be described as a clean energy jobs killer -- not only was it bad public policy, but such votes contradict their mantra of ‘jobs, jobs, jobs!’” explained Executive Director Peter Iwanowicz.

Senate

Freshman Senator Pam Helming (R-Seneca Falls) earned 68 points in her first *Scorecard*. Senators Joseph Griffo (R-Utica) and James Seward (R-Oneonta) also both earned scores of 68, while Senator David Valesky’s (D-Syracuse) score jumped from a 69 in 2016 to 79 this year.

Assembly

For the second year in a row, Assemblyman Gary D. Finch (R-Auburn) received an incomplete as a result of missing too many votes. Assemblyman Al Stirpe (D-N. Syracuse) also earned an incomplete, after scoring 92 in 2016.

Assemblyman William A. Barclay (R-Fulton) barely passed the *Scorecard*, earning just 67 points, after opposing legislation to fight climate change and create clean energy jobs, as well as a bill to encourage battery recycling. Assemblyman Brian Miller (R-New Hartford) scored slightly better with just 72 points.

The EPL/Environmental Advocates 2017 *Environmental Scorecard* is the first and only record of New York State lawmakers’ votes on legislation that will affect the environment. The guide has been produced and distributed statewide for more than 45 years. For the complete *Scorecard*, visit www.eplscorecard.org.