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**Fahy, Steck Ace Environmental Scorecard; Marchione Continues
to have Worst Record in Region**

Albany – EPL/Environmental Advocates has released the 2017 *Environmental Scorecard*, the only report card that tracks all 213 state legislators’ voting records on environmental legislation.

In the Capital Region, Assemblymembers Phil Steck (D-Schenectady) and Patricia Fahy (D-Albany) both aced the *Scorecard* with matching scores of 100, with Assemblymen John T. McDonald (D-Albany) and Angelo Santabarbara (D-Amsterdam) earning scores of 92 and 87, respectively. All voted for landmark climate action legislation, to stop Big Oil from turning the Hudson River into an oil barge parking lot, and in favor of a constitutional amendment to give every New Yorker a right to clean air and water, and a healthful environment.

Senator Neil Breslin (D-Albany) remained a consistent and reliable environmental leader, earning a strong score of 91.

By comparison, 2014 Oil Slick Awardee, Kathy Marchione (R-Halfmoon), earned the lowest score in the region, with a dismal 68 points. Freshman Senator James Tedisco (R-Clifton Park) and second-term Senator George Amedore (R-Kingston) earned just 71 points each. All three senators supported legislation to strip local governments from taking action to reduce costly plastic bag waste, as well as a disastrous bill to kill clean energy jobs.

Assemblyman Steven McLaughlin (R-Troy) earned 76 points.

Peter Iwanowicz, executive director of EPL/Environmental Advocates said, “The Capital Region is fortunate to have champions like Assemblymembers Fahy and Steck on our side. They and many of their colleagues, like Senator Breslin and Assemblyman McDonald, work diligently to build on our progress, and make communities healthier. Unfortunately, several others, particularly in the Senate, continue to vote against public interests even as crises like that in Hoosick Falls remain in the forefront of everyone’s minds.”

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.

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