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**In Trump Era, Hudson Valley Legislators Champion Environment**  
*13 Senators and Assemblymembers Score 100 on Annual Scorecard*

Hudson Valley – For the first time in years, the Hudson Valley’s entire state Senate delegation earned passing scores in the [2017 Environmental Scorecard](#), led by Senators David Carlucci, George Latimer, and Andrea Stewart-Cousins, with 100 points each. In addition to voting for legislation to help communities fix our aging drinking and wastewater infrastructure, the Senators also opposed efforts to kill clean energy jobs, create giveaways for the oil industry, and strip communities of the right to reduce plastic bag waste.

Just one Assembly Member failed in 2017, Ken Brabenec (R-Warwick) with a dismal 55 points. However, there was an overall uptick in the number of Assembly Members with high scores, including the following who all earned 100 points:

- Thomas Abinanti (D-Tarrytown)
- David Buchwald (D-Mount Kisco)
- Kevin Cahill (D-Kingston)
- Sandra Galef (D-Ossining)
- Ellen Jaffee (D-Pearl River)
- Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers)
- Steve Otis (D-Port Chester)
- Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale)
- Gary Pretlow (D-Mt. Vernon)
- Kenneth Zebrowski (D-New City)

The Assembly passed groundbreaking bills to fight climate change, create clean energy jobs, and ensure a Constitutional right to clean air and water, and a healthful environment, for all New Yorkers.

“This is the kind of leadership we need now more than ever,” said Executive Director Peter Iwanowicz. “Congress and the Trump Administration are dismantling many of the protections the Hudson Valley depends on, and we risk a reversal on clean air and water if New York doesn’t step up to the plate. We thank and applaud all of the legislators who stood firmly on the side of public health in 2017, and look forward to continuing that progress as we head into the next legislative session.”

Assemblyman James Skoufis (D-Chester) was one of the few legislators to see their score drop, as he cast bad votes on legislation that would preserve wetlands and open space. The dubious 2017 Oil Slick Award was bestowed upon a Long Island state Senator, Tom Croci (R-Hauppauge) for, among many concerns with his record, the lone vote against legislation to protect the Hudson River from becoming an oil barge parking lot.

Senate scores include:

- George Amedore (R-Kingston): 71
- John Bonacic (R-Middletown): 71
- Bill Larkin (R-New Windsor): 68
- Terrence Murphy (R-Brewster): 79
- Susan Serino (R-Poughkeepsie): 68

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](http://www.eplscorecard.org).

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