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Oil Slick Award Bestowed on Suffolk County Senator Tom Croci

*As Colleagues Step Up Protections in Trump Era,
Croci Sole Vote on Oil Industry Giveaway*

Long Island – State Senator Tom Croci (R-Hauppauge) was bestowed with the 2017 Oil Slick Award, a dubious distinction from [EPL/Environmental Advocates](#) for going above and beyond in his voting record this year to undermine New York’s environment and public health. Senator Croci was one of just two Senators statewide to fail this year’s [2017 Environmental Scorecard](#). He:

- Earned the second lowest score amongst all Senate colleagues (59 points).
- Voted to strip local governments of their right to reduce costly plastic bag waste.
- Supported disastrous legislation to kill clean energy jobs.
- Cast the singular vote against preventing the Hudson River from being turned into an oil barge parking lot.

Peter Iwanowicz, executive director of EPL/Environmental Advocates said, “It’s hard to square the voting record of Senator Croci with the environment his constituents live, work, and play in. It’s a beautiful area of the state, which also has many challenges, including being number one in terms of vehicles and sources of air emissions. And yet, the Senator has accumulated one of the most extreme pro-industry, anti-public health voting records in the state Legislature in a very short period of time.”

By comparison, longtime champions like Assembly Environmental Conservation Chairman Steve Englebright (D-Setauket), led the charge with 100 points as a result of his groundbreaking efforts to fight climate change, protect wetlands, and ensure that every New Yorker has a Constitutional right to clean air and water, and a healthful environment.

Iwanowicz added, “Across the board, against the backdrop of the environmental roll backs being pushed by Congress and the Trump Administration, we saw state legislators step up. Thankfully, New York continues to be in good hands thanks to the environmental leadership of Assemblyman Englebright and many of his colleagues.”

Senate

In his first full legislative session in the upper house, Senator Todd Kaminsky (D-Nassau) earned a perfect 100 points, while Senator John Brooks (D-Massapequa) earned a strong score of 91 points.

Every other Long Island Senator besides Croci passed this year (though often not by much), including:

- Kemp Hannon (R-Garden City): 81
- Carl Marcellino (R-Oyster Bay): 78
- Kenneth LaValle (R-Mount Sinai): 77
- Majority Leader John Flanagan (R-Smithtown): 71
- Elaine Phillips (R-Mineola): 71

- Phil Boyle (R-Bay Shore): 71

Assembly

Assembly Members who took a stand for our environment and public health, earning 100s, include:

- Anthony D’Urso (D-Great Neck)
- Earlene Hooper (D-Hempstead)
- Fred Thiele, Jr. (I-Bridgehampton)
- Kimberly Jean-Pierre (D-Lindenhurst)
- Michaëlle Solages (D-Valley Stream)

Three Republican Assemblymembers stood out amongst their political conference: Chad Lupinacci (R-Huntington Station), Anthony Palumbo (R-Riverhead), and Andrew Raia (R-Northport) all earned 87 points, breaking with party doctrine and fighting for climate action and clean energy jobs, as well as a Constitutional Environmental Bill of Rights. Assemblymen Michael Fitzpatrick (R-Smithtown) and Michael Montesano (R-Hicksville) both failed the *Scorecard*, earning 51 and 56 points respectively. Assemblyman Alfred Graf (R-Holbrook) earned an incomplete, the result of too many missed votes.

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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