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NYC Legislators Lead Charge Against Trump Environmental Rollbacks
*2017 Environmental Scorecard Documents Votes on Climate Action,
Water Protections, More*

NYC -- As the Trump Administration works to roll back the Clean Power Plan and renege on the Paris Climate Agreement, and Congress advances deep cuts that will undermine clean air and water protections that New Yorkers depend on, state legislators from New York City overwhelmingly helped lead the push this year to step up the state's status of a climate action leader and environmental champion.

Just one member of the city's legislative delegation, Assemblyman Ron Castorina, Jr., failed the [2017 Environmental Scorecard](#), with a dismal 54 points after having voted against climate action and clean energy jobs, the right to clean air and water, and even battery recycling.

Also, several members of the Independent Democratic Conference (IDC), anchored in New York City, earned low scores while also helping Senate Republicans pass bad legislation that would kill clean energy jobs, strip communities of their right to cut plastic bag waste, and carve out new giveaways for the oil and gas industry, including:

Senator Diane Savino (D-Staten Island): 70

Senator Jeff Klein (D-Bronx): 71

By comparison, the city is represented by some of the state's greatest environmental leaders, led by:

Assemblywoman Deborah Glick (D-Manhattan): As a member of the Environmental Conservation Committee for the more than two decades she's been in office, and current chair of the Higher Education Committee, Assemblywoman Glick scored 100 this year. She has always been there to fight for clean air, clean water, and the many benefits of renewable energy and open space.

Senator Liz Krueger (D-Manhattan): Her 100 score this year is just another reminder of what a true champion the Senator is. She is at every hearing on the State Budget, is always ready to debate and defend green legislation on the Senate floor, and she stands ever ready to take up the cause of clean air and water or beat back bad ideas to roll back key safeguards.

Assemblyman Joe Lentol (D-Brooklyn): From fighting the Brooklyn Navy Yard incinerator 20 years ago to moving the priority green bills of Assembly colleagues through the Codes Committee that he chairs, he is a consistent champion and his 100 score demonstrates his commitment to protecting our health and environment.

Senator Velmanette Montgomery (D-Brooklyn): Fighting on behalf of a community that is home to notorious Superfund sites and which suffers from the pollution belched from the congested highways in New York – that's what Senator Montgomery is all

about. Consistently one of the Senate's top performers, her 100 score this year exemplifies her commitment to her constituents.

Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein (D-Brooklyn): A reliable green champion, who focuses on improving the lives and livelihoods of her constituents, it's no surprise to long-time watchers that she once again scored 100. We are all excited that she is taking her strong green credentials with her as she moves to chair the powerful Ways and Means Committee.

Additionally, several freshman lawmakers scored 100 points, including:

- Senator Marisol Alcantara (D-Manhattan)
- Senator Jamaal Bailey (D-Bronx)
- Senator Brian Benjamin (D-Manhattan)
- Assemblyman Robert Carroll (D-Queens)
- Assemblywoman Carmen de la Rosa (D-Manhattan)
- Assemblywoman Yuh-Line Niou (D-Manhattan)
- Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-Queens)
- Assemblyman Clyde Vanel (D-Queens)
- Assemblywoman Tremaine Wright (D-Brooklyn)

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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