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2016 Environmental Candidate Questionnaire

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1. Please share your accomplishments or experiences that indicate your commitment to advancing a pro-environment agenda. These experiences may be professional or personal.

During my tenure in the Assembly, I have built a strong record on environmental protection. I have sponsored legislation for several years that would create a New York State Greenhouse Gas Management R&D Program, which has been unfortunately vetoed twice. I have consistently supported renewable energy projects, including advocating for the creation of a woody biomass plant in my district in the Town of Geddes. I have been a strong supporter of EPF funding each year during our budget negotiations. I have supported legislation to create restrictions and/or impose a moratorium on hydrofracking in New York State. Because of my efforts, I consistently receive strong ratings from state-wide environmental groups.



Please indicate your level of commitment to, and if applicable your recent personal and professional activity with respect to, the following issues:

(To ensure your responses address the issues NYLCV and its partners are most concerned about, please review [NYLCV's 2016 State Policy Agenda](#))

2. Ensuring adequate funding for the environmental agencies and programs

I have been a consistent supporter of funding for the Environmental Protection Fund. I strongly supported the record funding for the EPF in the 2016-17 State Budget of \$300 million. I have also strongly supported the State's Brownfield clean-up program.

3. Addressing the causes and effects of climate change (e.g., clean energy and emission controls)

I have sponsored legislation to fund Greenhouse Gas Management. Additionally, I have supported legislation in the Assembly to help reduce greenhouse gas and prevent further climate change. I supported the inclusion of \$14 million in this year's State Budget to fund climate change mitigation. I support NY's Renewable Portfolio Standard, and the Governor's efforts to have 50% of all energy generated in NY be from renewable sources by 2030.

4. Protecting the health of New Yorkers and their communities (e.g., toxics, air quality, food quality and security)

I have sponsored legislation such as the GMO labeling bill and supported legislation to keep toxic materials out of toys and other household items.



5. Conserving and protecting natural resources (e.g., water, open spaces, habitat, organic recycling)

I currently sponsor legislation to label political literature as recyclable. Each budget year since 2012, I have circulated a sign-on letter in the Assembly to support additional funding for the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA). I support the proper funding and staffing of the NYSDEC to properly enforce our environmental laws and regulations.

6. Investing in better, smarter infrastructure (e.g., transportation, electrical grid, green infrastructure, smart growth, rail transport of crude oil)

In the 2016-17 State Budget I supported \$200 million in funding for water and sewer infrastructure. I have consistently supported legislation and State funding to encourage the building of “green infrastructure”. I have supported several projects in Central New York that were built to LEED standards. I have been a consistent supporter of public transportation, and have sponsored legislation to ensure our Upstate public transportation authorities are properly funded. As a member of the Central NY Regional Economic Development Council, I have supported our efforts to develop a regional “sustainability plan” and promote environmentally beneficial projects for investment.