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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.

I am a co-sponsor of A.524 which will establish a statewide green jobs development and recruitment strategy providing tax credits and other incentives to attract green jobs to New York State, converts existing companies into green job providers, recruit individuals into green job careers, and establish green job curricula at BOCES and community colleges. I will be a co-sponsor of A.3562 which will provide fuel incentive tax credits to encourage ownership of hybrid and flex fuel vehicles.

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 voted in support of funding the Environmental Protection Fund at \$300 million, increasing the EPF by \$125 million, which was included in the current NYS budget. Also, the enacted budget included a 13% increase in DEC funding and fully funded the State's mass transit capital needs. I voted in the affirmative for both of these measures.

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

Regarding climate change, I co-sponsored A.5296 which establishes procedures for the state to purchase green goods and services. Also, I co-sponsored A.524, which would provide tax credits and other incentives for the purpose of attracting green jobs to NYS.

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

I am in support of legislation to improve air quality and have submitted co-sponsorships on A.3562 to provide fuel tax credits for hybrid and fossil fuel vehicles and A.4933 which would create a permit process task force to assist entities to retail biofuel or biodiesel fuels. In addition, I am in support of A.2378 which would create a task force to prevent and reduce the production and emanation of greenhouse gases.

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

As show in question #2, the NYS budget increased the EPF by \$125 million for a total of \$300 million and a 13% increase of DEC funding, both of which I supported.

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

I am support A.527 which would expedite the approval process for power companies to make upgrades to existing transmission lines. Also regarding transportation, the enacted budget commits \$8.3 billion in capital costs to the MTA's Capital Program and commits the state to fund \$21.1billion to the DOT Capital Plan. Both of these apply to the Capital Plan for 2015-2019. An additional \$4billion has been included for the DOT for a 6th year. I also voted in favor of the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs) to address the critical problems we are having on our highways and bridges infrastructure.

