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2016 Environmental Candidate Questionnaire

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

I have supported legislation to advance sustainable energy and smart growth development, including the Sun NY program, implementation of a statewide e-waste strategy, expansion of net metering opportunities, and encouraging consumption of local products.

Please see my answers to the remaining questions on this survey to better understand what I have been working on in the Senate.

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](#))

Ensuring adequate funding for the environmental agencies and programs

I have supported and voted in favor of funding the Environmental Protection Fund at the historic level of \$300 million.

Additionally, I voted in favor of increasing funding for clean water infrastructure by an additional \$200 million

I have advocated for and supported an additional \$395 million capital investment in upstate transit.

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

I supported the creation of a new category in the Environmental Protection Fund designed to address the climate change. This new account within the EPF was funded at \$22 million.

Additionally, I support the continued viability of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which has been effective in reducing emissions.

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

I am happy to co-sponsor of the Child Safe Products Acts and continues to advocate for its passage which will ensure that children are safe from toxic chemicals. I also co-sponsors the bill which would close the toxic waste loop hole. Additionally, I sponsor legislation which would increase the reimbursement rate for schools who opt to use locally grown farm products in school lunches. Lastly, I am the lead sponsor legislation which would expand the use of biofuels in New York.

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

I have supported the inclusion of more funding for the open space program in the Environmental Protection Fund which helps to conserve wilderness areas across the state. Additionally, the state budget included robust funding to combat the growing threat of invasive species.

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

I supported the inclusion of funding for Zero Emissions Vehicles and infrastructure in the budget. Additionally, I support the expansion of ride-sharing which will help to reduce emissions from vehicles. I also supported the inclusion of resiliency efforts in the Environmental Protection Fund. Lastly, I supported the 2015 IDC budget proposal to create a fund for Smart Growth. The fund would have encouraged localities to develop plans and methods to create developments plans in environmentally friendly ways.