



SUPPORT

A. 2572/S. 2316 (Englebright/Kaminsky)

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting state authorizations related to certain offshore oil and natural gas production

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 2572/S. 2316 (Englebright/Kaminsky), which would prohibit oil and natural gas exploration or development in New York's coastal areas.

A. 2572/S. 2316 would amend the Environmental Conservation Law to prohibit the leasing of state-owned underwater coastal lands for exploration or development of oil and gas, prevent the Department of Environmental Conservation and Office of General Services from approving leases that increase oil or natural gas production in federal waters, and prohibit the construction of any pipeline that supports the exploration or development of oil and gas in federal waters in the north Atlantic.

Oil and gas drilling off New York's coast have been restricted by federal regulations for decades; as a result, State laws regulating oil and natural gas drilling are outdated. Recently, the federal government began a disastrous process, opposed by bipartisan supermajorities up and down the East Coast, to open the Atlantic Coast to offshore drilling. A. 2572/S. 2316 would address the oversight in State law and signal New York's strong opposition to the federal Department of the Interior's misguided plans. This legislation would allow New York to uphold its commitment to responsible coastal management practices and protect threatened species, fishing industries, and the broader marine economy.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of A. 2572/S. 2316.

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