



SUPPORT

A. 5896-A/S. 4742-A (Galef/Parker)

AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to prohibiting homeowners' associations from restricting the installation of use of solar power systems

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 5896-A/S. 4742-A (Galef/Parker), which prohibits homeowners' associations from blocking or unreasonably restricting the installation of solar systems on homes in New York.

In order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change, New York State aims to generate 70% of its energy from renewable sources by 2030. To accomplish this goal, solar generating systems and other forms of renewable energy must continue their ongoing expansion throughout the state. However, homeowners are often prevented from installing such systems on their homes by homeowners' associations. Several other states, including California, Arizona, and Florida, have enacted laws to stop such prohibitions.

A. 5896-A/S. 4742-A would permit homeowners in New York to choose clean solar energy by preventing homeowners' associations from prohibiting or imposing unreasonable limitations on the installation of solar power systems. Creating a common standard for the installation of these systems empowers New Yorkers to transition to more sustainable energy use and save money on their power bills. This bill will help New York reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and meet its renewable energy goals.

NYLCV therefore supports A. 5896-A/S. 4742-A and urges its passage.

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