



MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Citizen Action of New York, a statewide membership organization fighting for social, racial and economic justice with over 20,000 members in 7 chapters and affiliates throughout the state, **urge all New York State Senators to vote yes for and to pass the following legislation during the September 10, 2009 Special Legislative Session:**

VOTE YES: S6064 (Squadron) – Ethics Reform

Same as A9032/Silver, passed. S6064 creates more independent oversight and strengthens enforcement and ethics disclosures. This is an important step to rebuilding the trust of New Yorkers and should be just one step in an overall reform package passed by the senate that includes comprehensive campaign finance reforms including a public financing of elections option for all electoral races in New York State.

VOTE YES: S5888 (Aubertine)/S6032 (Aubertine) – Green Jobs/Green Homes

Same as A9801/Silver and A9031/Cahill, passed. S5888 is a critical program for New York's economy and environment. The bill would establish a program to make a million homes and businesses more energy efficient while creating new jobs and job training opportunities for New Yorkers.

VOTE YES: S2642A (Squadron) - Tenant Protection

Same as A1685A/Lopez, passed. This important legislation that expands tenant protections by limiting a landlord's ability to take possession of units for their own personal use should be passed. However, many more bills, including S2237-A that repeals vacancy decontrol is necessary to truly protect tenants and should also be passed by the Senate.

VOTE YES: S6112 (Parker) - Aggravated Interference with Health Care

Same as A8924/Hoyt, passed. This bill is vital to protecting patients, health care providers, volunteers and others who assist in reproductive health care services by enhancing penalties on those who cause injury or death to those who provide or assist in reproductive health care services.

VOTE YES: S3257A (Duane) - Access to Prenatal Services

Same as A8397A/Gottfried, passed. This bill that requires the creation of updated prenatal care standards and updates the income eligibility standards for pregnant women under Medicaid will improve and expand care to low income women across New York. It will ensure that more providers can participate and are reimbursed appropriately as well as keep standards for care most up to date.

VOTE YES: S5993 (Hassell-Thompson): Female Inmate Rehabilitation Programs

Same as A4809A/Weinstein, passed. Requires that rehabilitation programs for female inmates in state correctional facilities be equivalent to those provided to male inmates of correctional facilities elsewhere in the state.

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