

2019 LEGISLATIVE RATINGS
A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE BILLS USED

1. A.2572-Englebright/S.2316-Kaminsky: This bill prohibits oil and natural gas drilling in New York's coastal areas, it also prevents the DEC of OGS from authorizing leases in federal waters as well as restricting the powers of such corporations to develop pipelines associated with the delivery of natural gas or oil from the North Atlantic Planning Area. **CPNYS is opposed** to these restrictions.
2. A.3675B- Crespo/S.1747B-Sepulveda: This bill (commonly known as the Green Light Law) provides a driver's license to illegal immigrants and prohibits the redisclosure of DMV records to immigration agencies. **CPNYS is opposed** to the issuance of a driver's license to those who have come to New York illegally.
3. A.3985-Weprin/S.2508-Kaplan: The common-sense bill establishes a new crime of staging a motor vehicle accident. **CPNYS supports** this new criminal law.
4. A.2224-Paulin/S.4777-Kaminsky: The bill enacts the nuisance call act that offers heightened protections to consumers to curb the nuisance of unwanted telemarketing calls. **CPNYS supports** this bill.
5. A.8419-Nolan/S6578-Ramos: This bill equates farmworkers – whose timeframe to work is not equal to full time workers – to the same benefits as other workers. We recognize that the work of farmworkers is extremely valuable, but are concerned how these new benefits will impact farmers and the cost of food products. **CPNYS opposes** this bill.
6. S.240-Krueger/A.21-Glick: This bill known as the reproductive health act, signed into law legalized late-term abortions of fully-formed infants in the womb and removed legal protections for babies who survive abortion among other egregious allowances that endangers the health of women and treats unborn children as disposable objects. **CPNYS opposed** this expansion of abortion rights in NYS.
7. S.456B-Benjamin/A.1047-Simotas: This bill ensures public employees have a mechanism to enforce their right to equal pay for equal and equivalent work. **CPNYS opposes** this bill.
8. S.1047-Hoylman/A.747 Gottfried: This bill prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or expression, and includes offenses regarding gender identity or expression under the hate crimes statute. **CPNYS is opposed** to this Orwellian thought-crimes bill and strongly believed what when a person is discriminated against there are current laws that those who harm others will and should be charged with.
9. S.1048-Gianaris/A.777-Carroll: This bill seeks to amend the NYS Constitution to eliminate the 10- day advance voter registration requirement. **CPNYS is strongly opposed** to this proposed change in the NYS Constitution that could lead to fraudulent votes being cast by those not eligible to vote.
10. S.1250-Sepulveda/A.782-De La Rosa: This bill, also known as, the NYS Dream Act, seeks to provide the same higher education benefits that citizens can receive. It seeks to provide financial assistance to those who are not legal citizens of New York or America. Citizenship has its privileges and

while we understand the necessity of education, providing scholarships and financial aid is an opportunity that must be reserved to those who are in this country legally. **CPNYS opposes** this bill.

11. S1505C-Budget/A.2005C-Budget: This bill enacts into law major components of legislation that includes criminal justice reforms that could ultimately endanger innocent citizens. CPNYS firmly believes that everyone is innocent until proven guilty and that a speedy **trail** is a component of the US Constitution, however, **CPNYS opposes** any and all bills that ignores the safety of its residents by disallowing a judge to use their discretion.

12. S.1509C Budget/A.2009C-Budget: This budget bill created a commission that allows non-elected citizens to make changes in election law. We firmly believe that only those elected to the NYS Legislature have the authority to change any law. **CPNYS opposes** this bill.

13. S.2072-Carlucci/A.2064-Englebright: This is another proposed constitutional amendment that seeks to protect public health and the environment by ensuring clean air and water. CPNYS certainly understands the problems associated with water contamination and air quality, but also believes that government has all the necessary safeguards to protect its habitants, and if something unforeseen happens has the means to correct the situation. **CPNYS opposes** this bill.

14. S.2374-Gianaris/A.2690-Paulin: This bill establishes an extension of time, up to thirty calendar days, for national instant background checks. CPNYS is certainly concerned about the increase of mass killings and individuals who have used guns to take the lives of others, however, it is not responsible people who commit the horrendous crimes this bill seeks to eliminate as evidenced by the increased use of black market guns and other alternative means of killing innocent people. **CPNYS opposes** this bill.

15. S.4399-Savino/A.1966-Dinowitz: This bill will create the state office of utility consumer advocate; appointed by the governor for a 6-year term. **CPNYS is opposed** to this new state office what would be redundant, costly and unnecessary. Any Utility Consumer Advocate appointed by the governor, no matter how long their term would be, would not be an independent voice for the consumer.

16. S4572-Kaminsky/A.6653-Lentol: This bill seeks to override a presidential pardon it considers a clearly defined conflict of interest. **CPNYS opposes** any bill based on pure political bias.

17. S.4573-Kennedy/A.6592-Ryan: This bill reduces the amount of time (from 49 days to 7 days) that workers on strike must wait prior to receiving unemployment insurance benefits. **CPNYS opposes** this legislation; unemployment insurance was designed to help those who lost their job due to unforeseen circumstances, not a self-imposed strike.

18. S.5072A-Hoylman/A.7194A-Buchwald: This bill seeks to require the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance to cooperate with investigations by certain committees of the United States Congress under certain circumstances. **CPNYS opposes** any bill based on pure political bias. It is not required by law for any president or presidential candidate to release their personal taxes.

19. S.2451-Kavanaugh/A.2689-Simon: This bill, now law, establishes the extreme risk protection orders (also known as "red flag" laws) to prevent individuals from accessing firearms, rifles and shotguns who have been deemed, through judicial process, to likely engage in conduct that would result in serious harm. CPNYS, a firm supporter of the US Constitution's 2nd Amendment, opposed this bill

because the judicial process to remove guns from a person who showed a potential for misusing a firearm, was already in place; this law, expanded those who could apply directly to the courts. **CPNYS opposes** this bill.

20. S.6458-Stewart- Cousins/A.8281-Heastie: This bill, now law, enacts the “housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act” that provides permanent rent regulation protection to covered buildings; extends tenant protections statewide; expands tenant protections for mobile and manufactured home owners and residents in manufactured home parks. **CPNYS opposes** this law that penalizes landlords; it expands rent regulations to all corners of NYS exasperating the housing shortage.

21. S.6532A-Kavanagh/A.8228B-Jacobson: This bill, now law, allows a voter to register and/or change their enrollment up to 10-days prior to the beginning of the petition period. **CPNYS opposes** this change in election law due to the possibility of fraud and party raiding which could prevent the political organization from choosing their own candidates.

22. S.6549-Carlucci/A.5308B-Crespo: This bill, now law, prohibits employers from seeking salary history from applicants. **CPNYS opposes** this law and believes employers should use the free market to set wages equal to the applicant’s ability and work history and within the legal established minimum wage laws.

23. S.6599-Kaminsky/A.8429-Englebright: This bill, now law, established the NYS Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act that will adopt measures to reduce greenhouse gas emission by 85% by 2020 and net zero emissions in all sectors of the economy. **CPNYS opposes** this impossible goal that will do more harm than good to our economy and society in general while wasting hard-earned taxpayer’s dollars.

24. S.6615-Krueger/A.8433-Weinstein: This bill, now law, enacts major components of legislation including, but not limited to, issuance of bonds and notes; capital grants; MTA’s reorganization; establishes the empire state entertainment diversity job training development fund, operation expenses of certain gaming facilities and increase the number of supreme court and county court judges in certain jurisdictions. **CPNYS opposes** any bill that lumps a variety of issues into one bill without thoughtful consideration of each element of the merits of the proposal.

25. A.4654A-Rozic/S1660A-Skoufis: This bill authorizes and directs the commissioner of education to develop a program for certain veterans to receive high school diplomas. **CPNYS supports** legislation that helps veterans.

All 25 bills passed both houses and have the full potential to become law.