

Emerging Environmental Leaders

Swimming Against the Tide

While NJ's Legislature overall has failed to do its job to advance environmental bills that protect public health and the environment, there are some individual legislators who have been willing to stand up for clean air and water. Legislative leaders would be wise to give these pro-environment lawmakers more opportunities to advance this popular agenda. Clean Water Action especially appreciates these legislative leaders (in district order):

SENATE

Senator Linda Greenstein (D-14): Vice chair of the Senate Environment Committee, has her hands in pushing all of the critical environmental bills and is prime sponsor of the Green Amendment

Senator Shirley Turner (D-15): A long-time environmental champion currently leading the fight against the PennEast frack gas pipeline and the prime sponsor of Safe Playing Fields

Senator Kip Bateman (R-16): The strongest Republican on the environment, a co-prime sponsor of the Green Amendment, a co-sponsor of 100% Clean Energy by 2035, and a leading opponent of the PennEast and NESE fracked gas projects

Senator Bob Smith (D-17): The long time chair of the Senate Environment Committee currently pushing for passage of his Electric Vehicles and Plastic Bag Ban bills.

Senator Patrick Diegnan (D-18): The prime sponsor of 100% clean energy by 2035, as well as a co-sponsor of the Green Amendment and Electric Vehicles

Senator Dick Codey (D-27): A key member of the Senate Environment Committee and co-sponsor of Green Amendment, 100% Clean Energy by 2035, and Electric Vehicles

Senator Nia Gill (D-34): A strong independent voice in the Senate who has spoken truth to power especially regarding the millionaire's tax and appointments, and is a cosponsor of Green Amendment, Plastic Bag Ban, and Electric Vehicles

Senator Loretta Weinberg (D-37): A long time environmental, justice, and public health champion, currently prioritizing the climate fight as a leading opponent of the Meadowlands gas plants and prime sponsor of a fossil fuel moratorium resolution¹

ASSEMBLY

Assemblyman Dan Benson (D-14): A lifelong Clean Water Action environmental hero, currently prime sponsor and champion of Electric Vehicles and Safe Playing Fields

Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D-15):

A new legislator who was an early sponsor of Green Amendment, Electric Vehicles, and also opposes the Penn East fracked gas pipeline

Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker (D-16): A long-time environmental champion who is a key sponsor of Green Amendment, a climate leader, and a strong opponent of the proposed NESE and PennEast fracked gas projects

Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin (D-18): The chair of the Assembly Environment Committee and prime sponsor of Green Amendment and Plastic Bag Ban

Assemblywoman Linda Carter (D-22): A new legislator who is already a co-sponsor of Electric Vehicles, Plastic Bag Ban, as well as Green Amendment

Assemblywoman Mila Jasey (D-27): A champion from a champion district, the co-prime sponsor of the fossil fuel moratorium resolution to stop projects in her district like the Pilgrim oil pipeline and the Roseland compressor station, and a millionaire's tax advocate

Assemblyman John McKeon (D-27): An environmental champion from day one of his 1st term, currently prime sponsor of Environmental Justice and fossil fuel moratorium resolution, and involved in helping virtually every environmental policy proposed in Trenton

Assemblyman Raj Mukherj (D-33): A sponsor of Green Amendment and five different bills to tackle the climate crisis

Assemblywoman Britnee Timberlake (D-34): A new legislator who is the co-prime sponsor of Environmental Justice, a co-sponsor of the Electric Vehicles, and a co-sponsor of the fossil fuel moratorium resolution

Assemblyman Clinton Calabrese (D-36): A climate champion who in his first term has already taken a leadership role in facing the climate emergency from opposing the Meadowlands fracked gas plants to sponsoring Rail Car Safety, Plastic Bag Ban, Electric Vehicles, and the fossil fuel moratorium resolution

Assemblyman Valerie Vainieri Huttel (D-37): A co-prime sponsor of Environmental Justice and Rail Car Safety, an advocate for 100% Clean Energy by 2035, and an opponent of the proposed Meadowlands fracked gas plants

1. SR151 / AR266: Urges Governor Murphy to impose a moratorium on all new fossil fuel projects in NJ.