



## The Employer Alliance for Affordable Health Care

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### Lawmakers Recognized for Keeping Health Care Affordable

SYRACUSE — The Employer Alliance for Affordable Health Care, the largest single-issue grassroots coalition in New York State, recently presented 12 state legislators with the organization's highest honor for their effort in keeping health care affordable for small business owners and sole proprietors in New York State.


Chairman Scott Miller presented The "A" List Award to Assembly members **Thomas Barraga (R-7)**, **Pat M. Casale (R-108)**, **John Faso (R-102)**, **Thomas Kirwin (R-96)**, **Robin Schimminger (D-140)** and **Robert Warner (R-124)**. Senators receiving the award were **Neil Breslin (D-42)**, **Richard Dollinger (D-54)**, **John R. Kuhl (R-52)**, **Raymond Meier (R-47)**, **James Seward (R-50)** and **James Wright (R-46)**.

The "A" List Award is based on a lawmaker's voting and bill introduction record, and commitment to affordable health care. Grades were determined in The Employer Alliance for Affordable Health Care's 2001 Legislative Report Card.

"The track record of these lawmakers show that they truly understand the plight of New York's sole proprietors and small businesses when it comes affordable health insurance," Miller said. "Understanding and action are the first steps to reducing the number of New Yorkers who are working, yet uninsured. Their support is a strong first step in giving New Yorkers a choice when it comes to affordable health insurance coverage. This is good for small business owners, their employees, their families and New York State."

With more than 1,200 members employing more than 90,000 people across the state, Employer Alliance members are dedicated to maintaining quality, affordable health care for all New Yorkers. For more information about The Employer Alliance for Affordable Health Care, go to [www.employeralliance.com](http://www.employeralliance.com).

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