

# THE EMPLOYER ALLIANCE for Affordable Health Care

## Press Release

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### Report Card Grades Lawmakers on Health Care Votes

SYRACUSE — Legislators continue to hamper New York's ability to purchase affordable health care coverage, according to results of the Employer Alliance for Affordable Health Care's 2001 Legislative Report Card.

The Employer Alliance for Affordable Health Care, is the largest, single-issue business coalition in New York State. With more than 1,200 members that employ more than 90,000 people across the state, Alliance members are dedicated to maintaining quality, affordable health care for all New Yorkers.

The 2001 report card, released on Feb. 28, shows that 16 voted consistently against mandates that would raise health insurance premiums. According to Alliance Board Chairman Scott Miller, grades for the 2001 Report Card were based on votes cast on seven pieces of key legislation, bill introduction record and other factors that demonstrate a commitment to affordable health care.

Senator Neil Breslin (D-42) and Assembly member Robert Warner (R-124) were the only two legislators to receive a perfect score of A+.

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Other lawmakers receiving a grade of “A-” or higher include: assembly members Anthony Casale, Thomas Kirwin and John Faso, Robin Schimminger, Thomas Barraga, and senators James L. Seward, Richard Dollinger, James W. Wright and Raymond Meier.

On the other end of the spectrum, Assemblyman Thomas DiNapoli (D-16) and Senator Kenneth LaValle (R-1) each received a D- for their voting and introduction record pertaining to health care issues.

“The Employer Alliance for Affordable Health Care continues believes that it is important for every person in New York State to have access to basic, affordable health insurance coverage,” said Scott Miller, chairman of the Employer Alliance. “As the economy weakens, it becomes increasingly difficult for small businesses to provide this benefit to employees and lawmakers add to an increasingly difficult burden by approving mandates that affect our basic insurance costs. We applaud those legislators whose voting record reflects a commitment to giving all New Yorkers a chance at affordable health care.”

The grades of New York State lawmakers and contact information for regional spokes people are attached. To obtain a copy of the 2001 Legislative Report Card issued by the Employer Alliance for Affordable Health Care, contact Public Relations Coordinator Pamela Finch at 315.363-9657.

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*2001 Grades Listed by District*

Assembly Member	District	Grade			
Patricia Acampora	R-1	C-	Helene Weinstein	D-41	C
Fred Thiele	R-2	C	Rhoda S. Jacobs	D-42	C
Patricia Eddington	D-3	C	Clarence Norman, Jr.	D-43	C
Steve Englebright	D-4	C	James F. Brennan	D-44	C
Steve Levy	D-5	C	Steven Cymbrowitz	D-45	C
Robert C. Wertz	R-6	B+	Adele Cohen	D-46	C-
Thomas F. Barraga	R-7	A-	William Colton	D-47	C
Philip Boyle	R-8	C	Dov Hikind	D-48	C
John J. Flanagan	R-9	B+	Peter J. Abbate, Jr.	D-49	C
James D. Conte	D-10	C	Joseph R. Lentol	D-50	B+
Robert Sweeney	D-11	C+	Felix Ortiz	D-51	C
Steven Labriola	R-12	C	Joan L. Millman	D-52	C
David Sidikman	D-13	C	Vito J. Lopez	D-53	C
Marc Herbst	R-14	C	Darryl C. Towns	D-54	INC
Donna Ferrara	R-15	C	William F. Boyland	D-55	C
Thomas P. DiNapoli	D-16	D-	Albert Vann	D-56	C
Maureen C. O'Connell	R-17	C	Roger L. Green	D-57	C
Earlene Hill-Hooper	D-18	C	Nick Perry	D-58	C
Kathleen P. Murray	R-19	C	John W. Lavelle	D-59	C
Harvey Weisenberg	D-20	C+	Eric N. Vitaliano	D-60	B+
Robert D. Barra	R-21	C	Robert A. Straniere	R-61	B+
Thomas W. Alfano	R-22	C	Sheldon Silver	D-62	C
Audrey Pheffer	D-23	C	Steven Sanders	D-63	C
Mark Weprin	D-24	C	Richard N. Gottfried	D-64	C
Brian McLaughlin	D-25	C	Alexander B. Grannis	D-65	B+
Ann Margaret E. Carrozza	D-26	C	Deborah J. Glick	D-66	C-
Nettie Mayersohn	D-27	C	Scott M. Stringer	D-67	C
Michael Cohen	D-28	C	Adam Clayton Powell IV	D-68	C
William Scarborough	D-29	C	Edward C. Sullivan	D-69	C
Margaret M. Markey	D-30	C	Keith L. Wright	D-70	C
Pauline Rhodd-Cummings	D-31	C	Herman D. Farrell, Jr.	D-71	C
Vivian E. Cook	D-32	C	Adriano Espaillat	D-72	C
Barbara M. Clark	D-33	C	John A. Ravitz	R-73	C
Ivan C. Lafayette	D-34	C	Carmen Arroyo	D-74	C
Jeffrion L. Aubry	D-35	C	Ruben Diaz, Jr.	D-75	C
Michael N. Gianaris	D-36	C-	Peter M. Rivera	D-76	C
Catherine T. Nolan	D-37	C	Aurelia Greene	D-77	C
Anthony S. Seminerio	D-38	B-	Jose Rivera	D-78	C
Frank Seddio	D-39	C+	Gloria Davis	D-79	C
Diane Gordon	D-40	C	Jeffrey Klein	D-80	C

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Jeffrey Dinowitz	D-81	C	Clifford Crouch	R-122	B-
Stephen B. Kaufman	D-82	C	Jay J. Dinga	R-123	B+
Carl E. Heastie	D-83	C	Robert J. Warner	R-124	A+
James Gary Pretlow	D-84	C	Martin A. Luster	D-125	C-
Ronald C. Tocci	D-85	C	Gary D. Finch	R-126	B
Richard L. Brodsky	D-86	C-	George H. Winner, Jr.	R-127	B-
Michael J. Spano	R-87	C	Robert C. Oaks	R-128	B-
Amy R. Paulin	D-88	C	Brian Kolb	R-129	B-
Naomi Matusow	D-89	D+	James Bacalles	R-130	B-
Sandra R. Galef	D-90	C	Susan V. John	D-131	C-
Willis H. Stephens, Jr.	R-91	B	Joseph D. Morelle	D-132	B
Alexander J. Gromack	D-92	C	David F. Gantt	D-133	C
Samuel Colman	D-93	C	Joseph E. Robach	D-134	C
Nancy Calhoun	R-94	B-	David Koon	D-135	C
Howard D. Mills, III	R-95	C	Joseph Errigo	R-136	B+
Thomas Kirwin	R-96	A-	Charles H. Nesbitt	R-137	B-
Joel M. Miller	R-97	B-	Francine DelMonte	D-138	C
Jacob E. Gunther	D-98	B-	David Seaman	R-139	B-
Patrick R. Manning	R-99	B-	Robin Schimminger	D-140	A
Robert D'Andrea	R-100	B-	Arthur O. Eve	D-141	C
Kevin A. Cahill	D-101	C	James P. Hayes	R-142	B-
John J. Faso	R-102	A-	Paul A. Tokasz	D-143	C
James Tedisco	R-103	B+	Sam Hoyt	D-144	B
John J. McEneny	D-104	C+	Brian M. Higgins	D-145	C
Paul D. Tonko	D-105	C	Richard A. Smith	D-146	C
Ronald Canestrari	D-106	C	Daniel J. Burling	R-147	B-
Robert G. Prentiss	R-107	B+	Sandra Lee Wirth	R-148	B-
Pat M. Casale	R-108	A	Catharine M. Young	R-149	B-
Elizabeth O'C Little	R-109	B+	William L. Parment	D-150	B-
Chris Ortloff	R-110	B			
William Magee	D-111	C+			
Dierdre K. Scozzafava	R-112	B			
Marc Butler	R-113	B+			
H. Robert Nortz	R-114	C			
David R. Townsend, Jr.	R-115	B+			
RoAnn M. Destito	D-116	C			
Frances T. Sullivan	R-117	B+			
Michael J. Bragman	D-118	C			
Joan K. Christensen	D-119	C			
William B. Magnarelli	D-120	C			
Harold C. Brown, Jr.	R-121	B-			

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*NYS Senate*

<b>Senator</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Grade</b>			
Kenneth P. LaValle	R-1	D-	Neil Breslin	D-42	A+
James J. Lack	R-2	C	Joseph L. Bruno	R-43	B
Caesar Trunzo	R-3	B-	Hugh T. Farely	R-44	B-
Owen H. Johnson	R-4	B-	Ronald B. Stafford	R-45	C
Carl Marcellino	R-5	C	James W. Wright	R-46	A-
Kemp Hannon	R-6	B	Raymond Meier	R-47	A-
Michael Balboni	R-7	C	Nancy Lorraine Hoffman	R-48	C
Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr.	R-8	C	John DeFrancisco	R-49	C
Dean G. Skelos	R-9	C	James L. Seward	R-50	A
Malcolm Smith	D-10	C	Thomas W. Libous	R-51	C
Frank Padavan	R-11	C	John R. Kuhl, Jr.	R-52	A-
Ada L. Smith	D-12	C	Michael F. Nozzolio	R-53	C
Daniel R. Hevesi	D-13	C	Richard A. Dollinger	D-54	A-
George Onorato	D-14	B	James S. Alesi	R-55	C+
Serphin R. Maltese	R-15	C	Patricia K. McGee	R-56	B+
Toby Ann Stavisky	D-16	C	Byron W. Brown	D-57	C
Nellie Santiago	D-17	C	William T. Stachowski	D-58	C
Velmanette Montgomery	D-18	C	Dale M. Volker	R-59	B
John Sampson	D-19	C	Mary Lou Rath	R-60	B
Marty Markowitz	D-20	C	George Maziarz	R-61	C
Carl Kruger	D-21	D			
Seymour P. Lachman	D-22	C-			
Vincent J. Gentile	D-23	C			
John J. Marchi	R-24	C			
Martin Connor	D-25	C			
Roy M. Goodman	R-26	D			
Thomas K. Duane	D-27	C			
Olga A. Mendez	D-28	C			
David Paterson	D-29	C			
Eric T. Schneiderman	D-30	D+			
Efrain Gonzalez, Jr.	D-31	C			
Pedro Espada	D-32	INC			
Ruth Hassel-Thompson	D-33	C			
Guy J. Veleva	R-34	C			
Nicholas A. Spano	R-35	C			
Suzi Oppenheimer	D-36	C			
Vincent L. Leibell	R-37	C			
Thomas P. Morahan	R-38	C			
William J. Larkin, Jr.	R-39	B			
John J. Bonacic	R-40	C+			
Stephen M. Saland	R-41	C			

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