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## Senator Daphne Jordan Earns 2020 Oil Slick Award

*Central New York Senator Rachel May Earns Legislator of the Year*

Albany, NY – Today, Environmental Advocates Action (EA Action) released the *2020 Environmental Scorecard* that tracks the records of every New York State legislator with respect to their votes on environmental legislation. The Environmental Scorecard offers a clear, uncluttered look into the environmental priorities of state legislators and is the definitive guide for New York voters, helping them make informed decisions about who is truly green or not when they exercise their right to vote.

The full *2020 Environmental Scorecard* is available for download at [eaaction.org](http://eaaction.org).

Every year, EA Action presents an “Oil Slick Award” to a lawmaker that has repeatedly voted against the environment and put the priorities of polluters ahead of public health and safety. For her consistently poor environmental record, **Senator Daphne Jordan** (R-Halfmoon) has earned this year’s dubious Oil Slick Award.

Peter M. Iwanowicz, executive director of Environmental Advocates Action said, “Every vote on environmental legislation is an opportunity to stand up for the health and safety of New Yorkers. Unfortunately, time and again, Senator Jordan turns her back on her constituent’s health and safety and chooses to prop up polluters instead. During her short time in office, she has voted against measures that fight climate change, protect kids from toxics toys, and keep dangerous chemicals out of food. Voters should vote NO on Senator Jordan this November.”

Each year Environmental Advocates Action also recognizes a lawmaker who has gone above and beyond protecting the environment. **Senator Rachel May** was the lead sponsor of legislation that reclassified fracking waste as hazardous waste, thus closing a long-standing loophole that allowed out-of-state fracking waste to be dumped in landfills across New York. She was also successful in banning future garbage incinerators from the Finger Lakes. For her work to protect clean water, air, and public health, Environmental Advocates Action is proud to acknowledge Senator Rachel May (D-Syracuse) as the 2020 Legislator of the Year.

Iwanowicz said, “Central NY is lucky to be represented by such a dedicated advocate for the environment. In just two short years, Senator May has proven to her constituents that positive change for the environment is not only possible, but achievable. To finally close the door on dangerous and toxic fracking waste is a laudable accomplishment that will have a long-lasting impact on our state’s drinking water. Environmental Advocates Action is pleased to award Senator May our 2020 Legislator of the Year award and encourages voters to return her to work for them this election day.”

## 2020 Overview

The 2020 legislative session saw several green bills pass, including legislation that would:

- re-classify more than 40,000 miles of waterways as streams, which will afford them greater protections
- ban food packaging that contains toxic PFAS “forever” chemicals and ban plastic foam food and beverage containers
- provide more transparency from water corporations with 1,000 or more connections
- protect endangered species from federal rollbacks
- prohibit fracking waste from being dumped into municipal landfills
- prohibit internal combustion vehicles from parking in EV parking spaces
- ban the herbicide glyphosate from being used on state lands
- reduce the use of road salt in the Adirondacks
- reduce food waste by encouraging supermarkets to donate edible, excess food
- ban certain uses of trichloroethylene (TCE), a toxic degreaser

Environmental Advocates Action’s 2020 *Environmental Scorecard* exists as a means to draw attention to State Legislators’ records on the environment and hold them accountable for their actions or inaction. For the complete *Scorecard*, visit [eaaction.org](http://eaaction.org).

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*Environmental Advocates Action (formerly known as EPL/Environmental Advocates) was founded in 1969 as one of the first organizations in the nation to advocate for the future of a state’s environment and the health of its citizens. It is the sister organization of Environmental Advocates NY.*

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