



News from
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SENATOR ANTOINE THOMPSON HONORED FOR HIS LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE ENVIRONMENT

Buffalo, NY – Senator Antoine M. Thompson (D-parts of Erie & Niagara counties) was recognized today at a reception in celebration of his recent honor by the Environmental Advocates of New York, recognizing him as ‘Legislator of the Year’. The organization hands out this award annually to lawmakers who have done the most to advance environmental policy.

Senator Thompson is the first legislator from Western New York to receive the ‘Legislator of the Year’ award from Environmental Advocates of NY.

Robert Moore, executive director, EPL Environmental Advocates of NY, explained at an Albany news conference why the honor was bestowed on Senator Thompson. “Senator Thompson went the extra mile this year on behalf of New York’s environment. He was a true champion of the environment and showcased his dedication to environmental protection.

“Senator Thompson worked to usher e-waste recycling legislation in the Senate, passed a ban on BPA in children’s plastic bottles and sippy cups and worked to limit phosphorus content in detergents and lawn fertilizers.” Moore continued, “Senator Thompson was the primary force behind making sure the Senate passed a timeout on hydraulic fracturing. This is probably the biggest environmental issue facing New York currently and Senator Thompson took this very seriously; putting in place legislation that would allow the current governor and the next governor to fully consider how New York should proceed before any permits are issued.”

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THOMPSON AWARD CONTINUED

Senator Thompson, who chairs the Environmental Conservation Committee said, “I take great pride in chairing such an important committee. This year was challenging because there were so many issues that languished in the state Senate for years. There are a number of bills we were able to get passed and signed by Governor Paterson, and we still have a number of bills we need to get on the floor of the Senate like climate change legislation.”

Commenting on the e-waste recycling legislation that Senator Thompson sponsored, he said, “After we passed this bill, we received a number of calls throughout the country because lawmakers who have similar bills want to make their bills stronger. Those who don’t currently have such a bill, want to know how they can do the same in their state.”

Senator Thompson continued, “This year and last year I focused a great deal on how to protect our environment, and at the same time, use environmental policy to create long-term, sustainable jobs.” Senator Thompson recognizes that Net Metering and other policy issues, protects the globe and the planet for years to come.

Throughout his career, Senator Thompson has received various awards, which include the Solar Industries Association, The 2009 WNY Climate Action Coalition Leadership Award and the Buffalo Audubon Society Government Award for Leadership and Conservation.

For more information on legislation sponsored by Senator Thompson, please visit <http://www.nysenate.gov/senator/antoine-m-thompson>

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