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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



MATT SCHLAPP
CHAIRMAN, CPAC

The CPAC Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our Ratings of the States. Like our Ratings of Congress, CPAC's Foundation's Ratings of the States are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy (conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person) and then apply the proper role of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).

The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

President Lincoln once said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." The Left's agenda dismantles the vision of our founders when they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

We hope these Ratings will empower each and every American to hold their officials accountable and to rally behind the conservative champions who defend our freedoms in stateSenates around the country.

Sincerely,

Matt Schlapp
Chairman, CPAC

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The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the CPAC Foundation, is the premier organization for holding lawmakers accountable. The CLA produces the longest-running conservative congressional scorecard and our state program is the only one in the nation that scores all 8,000 lawmakers in the 50 states across every policy area.

In 1971, ACUF launched its Ratings of Congress to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the voting records of every Member of Congress. The Ratings quickly became considered the “gold standard” and over the following decades have been utilized by activists, voters, academics and elected officials to determine which lawmakers best adhere to conservative principles.

In 2011, these Ratings were expanded into state legislatures as part of a five-state pilot program. By 2015, Ratings of the States grew to include all 50 states and all 99 legislative chambers. Today, the CLA annually analyzes over 105,000 pieces of legislation to issue scores for all of America’s federal and state lawmakers and presents awards to lawmakers who score 80% or better in recognition of their conservative voting records.

In order to depict how closely a lawmaker adheres to conservative principles, the CLA selects from the full spectrum of issues relating to the economy, culture, national security and government integrity. Some key areas include taxation, spending, education, labor, licensure, regulation, environment, life, free speech, Second Amendment rights, foreign aid, defense priorities and global organizations, including the United Nations. All congressional and state analyses are conducted after the adjournment of a legislative session to ensure that no issue is neglected.

To determine legislative rankings, the CLA annually evaluates over 105,000 bills that were introduced in Congress and every convening state legislature running from January 1 to December 31.

Of those bills, the CLA ultimately selects roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that best illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The CLA calculates individual scores for a total of nearly 8,000 federal and state lawmakers based on over 157,000 votes cast on the 2,000 bills selected.

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**90-100% - AWARD FOR
CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE**

ROBERT AUTH
ERIK PETERSON
PARKER SPACE

**80-89% - AWARD FOR
CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT**

GERALD SCHARFENBARGER
JAY WEBBER
HAROLD WIRTHS



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NEW JERSEY SENATE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE
18%

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

48%



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

0%



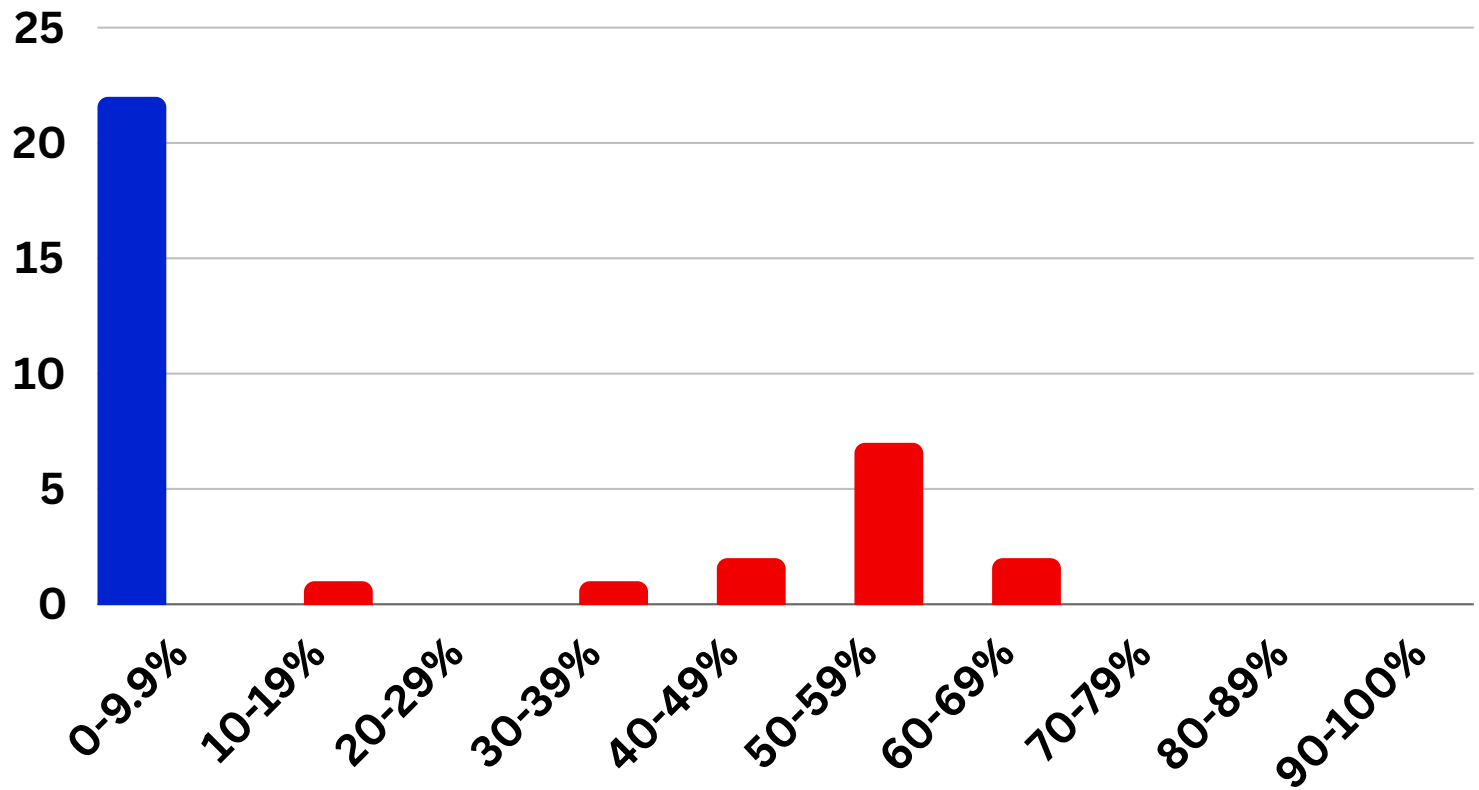
LOWEST REPUBLICAN
VINCENT POLISTINA
19%



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
SAMUEL THOMPSON
9%



Democrat (22 Members) Republican (13 Members)





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NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE
24%

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

57%



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

0%



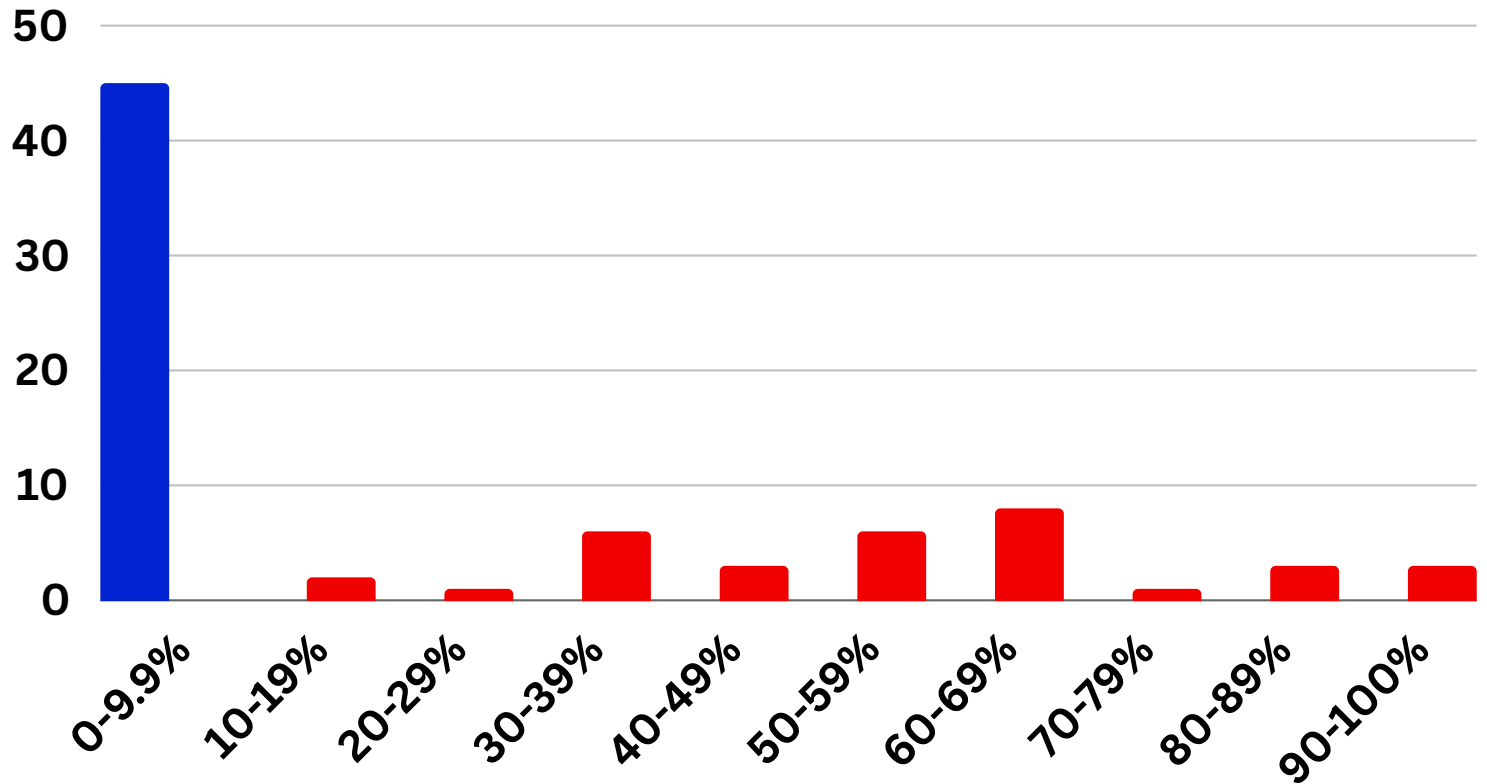
LOWEST REPUBLICAN
BETHANNE M. PATRICK
18%



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
N/A



Democrat (45 Members) Republican (34 Members)





NEW JERSEY SENATE SCORES

	Party	2023%	2022%	Life time%	A 649	A 1474	A 3690	A 4682	A 4752	A 4772	A 5086	A 5209	A 5415	S 777	S 2857	S 3044	S 3275	S 3317	S 3748	S 3977
James Beach	D	0%	0%	2%	-	x	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jon Bramnick	R	31%	41%	36%	-	+	x	+	-	+	-	-	-	x	-	x	-	-	-	+
Anthony Bucco	R	50%	47%	79%	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+
Renee Burgess	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richard Codey	D	0%	0%	2%	x	-	-	-	x	x	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	x	-	-
Christopher Connors	R	50%	58%	74%	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+
Kristin Corrado	R	47%	59%	64%	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	x	-	-	+
Nilsa Cruz-Perez	D	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jeseoph Cryan	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sandra Cunningham	D	N/A	0%	2%	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Patrick Diegnan	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edward Durr	R	64%	58%	61%	x	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	x	-	+
Nia Gill	D	N/A	0%	1%	-	-	x	x	-	-	-	x	x	-	x	x	x	-	x	x
Vin Gopal	D	0%	0%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Linda Greenstein	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Holzapfel	R	N/A	59%	74%	x	+	x	x	x	+	-	-	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	+
Gordon Johnson	D	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joseph Lagana	D	0%	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fred Madden	D	0%	0%	3%	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Declan O'Scanlon	R	60%	56%	75%	x	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+

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Steven Oroho	R	50%	61%	78%	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+
Joseph Pennacchio	R	56%	58%	81%	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Vincent Polistina	R	19%	28%	23%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Nellie Pou	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teresa Ruiz	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nicholas Sacco	D	0%	5%	7%	x	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	x	-	-
Paul Sarlo	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-
Holly Schepisi	R	50%	40%	75%	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	x	x	-	+
Nicholas Scutari	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Singer	R	44%	56%	60%	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+
Troy Singleton	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-
Bob Smith	D	N/A	0%	2%	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	x	x	-	x	-	x	-	x	x
Brian Stack	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jean Stanfield	R	N/A	33%	54%	x	+	x	+	x	-	-	-	-	x	-	x	+	x	-	-
Douglas Steinhardt	R	53%	N/A	53%	-	+	+	+	-	x	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Michael Testa	R	50%	53%	65%	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-
Samuel Thompson	D	9%	59%	70%	x	+	-	x	x	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	x	-	-
Shirley Turner	D	0%	0%	5%	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-
Joseph Vitale	D	0%	0%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-
Andrew Zwicker	D	0%	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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A 649 Taking Your Stuff for the Left's Woke Agenda.

This bill allows the government to use funds seized through civil asset forfeiture to pay for diversity training for police officers and minority recruitment and selection programs. CPAC opposes this wild abuse of the civil asset forfeiture system and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on December 11, 2023 by a vote of 32-0 and the bill later became law.

A 1474 Piling More Mandates onto New Jersey Employers.

This bill creates a lengthy list of protections and rights that New Jersey's employers are to accord to temporary laborers. CPAC opposes the expansion of employment mandates beyond those required by federal law and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 2, 2023 by a vote of 21-15 and the bill later became law.

A 3690 Taking Steps Toward Giving Minors the Vote.

This bill allows 17-year-olds to vote in primary elections if they will turn 18 by the time of the next general election. CPAC opposes this obvious step toward giving minors the ability to vote in general elections and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on December 21, 2023 by a vote of 24-11 and the bill later became law.

A 4682 Killing Contract Law in the Name of Unions.

This bill requires certain employers that are taking over the work of another employer to retain the services of pre-existing employees. CPAC believes that this provision is ridiculously detrimental to the interests of employers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 21-14 and the bill later became law.

A 4752 Competing with Private Consulting Firms.

This bill establishes a program designed to help small businesses "establish their presence on the Internet." CPAC believes that government resources should not be used to assist favored businesses and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on December 11, 2023 by a vote of 34-0 and the bill later became law.

A 4772 Subsidizing Striking Workers on Behalf of Unions.

This bill makes it easier for workers to collect unemployment benefits during labor disputes. CPAC recognizes that this provision encourages laborers to strike, further recognizes that this provision will severely damage employers, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 20, 2023 by a vote of 25-11 and the bill later became law.



A 5086 Raising Benefits Offered through the SNAP Program.

This bill nearly doubles the minimum monthly benefits that may be apportioned through New Jersey's Minimum Benefits program. CPAC opposes the continued expansion of the welfare state and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 2, 2023 by a vote of 39-0 and the bill later became law.

A 5209 Sustaining Agritourism in New Jersey.

This bill sets up an "Agritourism Fund" to subsidize, as the name implies, agritourism. CPAC believes that the private sector should subsidize agritourism instead of the government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 37-0 and the bill later became law.

A 5415 Throwing Money At First-Time Homebuyers and Wealthy Developers in New Jersey.

This bill creates a program designed to give zero-interest, forgivable loans to first-time homebuyers such that they may make a down payment on their first home. The bill also creates the Resilient Home Construction Pilot Program, the likes of which will fund developers hoping to rehabilitate existing homes. CPAC opposes the taxpayer-funded enrichment of wealthy developers, does not believe that taxpayers should be forced to subsidize other people's down payments, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 36-0 and the bill later became law.

S 777 Championing DEI at New Jersey's Department of Health.

This bill creates the New Jersey Commission on Health Equity at the Department of Health. CPAC opposes the proliferation of equity nonsense throughout the government, recognizes that the notion of "health equity" is a foolish and dangerous goal, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on December 11, 2023 by a vote of 22-11 but the bill had not become law as of the end of 2023.

S 2857 More Funds for ESG Initiatives.

This bill creates the Sustainable New Jersey Fund, the likes of which will appropriate grants to help advance "environmental, economic, and social sustainability." CPAC believes that taxpayers should not be forced to fund such initiatives and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 35-1 and the bill later became law.



S 3044 Dumping Millions into an Expensive Electric School Bus Program.

This bill apportions \$15,000,000 to the government such that it may purchase electric school buses. CPAC recognizes that electric school buses are far more expensive than gas-powered school buses, opposes measures that raise costs for taxpayers, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on December 21, 2023 by a vote of 22-12 and the bill later became law.

S 3275 Forcing Taxpayers to Promote Abortion.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Health to establish a website that educates people about the fictitious right to abortion created under New Jersey state law. The bill also requires the website to depict the locations of abortion clinics in New Jersey and how one can receive health insurance coverage for such abortions. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, believes that the state should not promote its practice, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 23-11 and the bill later became law.

S 3317 Cramming DEI Trainings Down the Throats of Prospective Real Estate Appraisers.

This bill requires real estate appraisers to take anti-bias trainings. CPAC opposes these types of draconian mandates and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on December 11, 2023 by a vote of 29-3 but the bill did not advance in the Assembly.

S 3748 Further Enriching Wealthy Movie Producers in New Jersey.

This bill raises the amount of film and movie production tax credits that may be awarded by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority from \$100,000,000 to \$250,000,000. It also increases the amount of money that may be made available to studio partners from \$350,000,000 to \$400,000,000. CPAC believes that taxpayers should not be forced to fund movie productions and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 33-1 and the bill later became law.

S 3977 More Money for a Glitzy New Crony Fund.

This bill establishes the Social Impact Investment Fund, the likes of which will subsidize projects that the state deems socially beneficial. For example, the state hopes to pay into affordable housing developments and early childhood education facilities. CPAC believes that the government should extricate itself from these verticals, believes that it should not involve itself further in the housing industry, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 25-12 and the bill later became law.



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Reginald Atkins	D	0%	0%	0%	-	x	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Auth	R	93%	82%	89%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+
Christian Barranco	R	69%	94%	81%	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Daniel Benson	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brian Bergen	R	73%	56%	69%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	x	+	-	+
Clinton Calabrese	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Linda Carter	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Catalano	R	69%	78%	81%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Annette Chaparro	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Clifton	R	31%	43%	64%	+	-	+	-	x	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	x
Herb Conaway	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Craig Coughlin	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joe Danielsen	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wayne DeAngelo	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DeAnne DeFuccio	R	N/A	64%	64%	+	+	x	-	+	-	x	+	x	x	-	x	+	x	x	x
Christopher DePhillips	R	38%	67%	57%	+	-	+	-	x	-	x	+	-	-	-	-	x	+	-	+
John DiMaio	R	67%	82%	88%	+	x	+	-	+	-	+	x	-	+	+	+	x	x	-	+
Aura Dunn	R	67%	60%	58%	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	x	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
Joseph Egan	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-
Kim Eulner	R	38%	31%	34%	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-

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Victoria Flynn	R	42%	56%	49%	+	x	+	-	-	-	+	x	-	-	x	-	x	+	-	+
Roy Freiman	D	0%	0%	6%	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thomas Giblin	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DiAnne Gove	R	67%	54%	80%	+	+	+	-	x	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Louis Greenwald	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donald Guardian	R	19%	44%	31%	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Shama Haider	D	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sadaf Jaffer	D	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mila Jasey	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Angelica Jimenez	D	N/A	0%	3%	x	-	x	-	-	-	x	-	x	x	-	x	-	x	x	x
Robert Karabinchak	D	0%	0%	3%	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	x	-	x	-	-	-
Sean Kean	R	58%	67%	73%	+	x	+	x	-	-	-	+	-	+	x	-	x	+	+	+
James Kennedy	D	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pamela Lampitt	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yvonne Lopez	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michele Matsikoudis	R	50%	60%	55%	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+
Bethanne Patrick	R	18%	56%	37%	+	x	+	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	x	x	x	-
Antwan McClellan	R	43%	59%	59%	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	x	-	-	+	x	-	-
Gregory McGuckin	R	69%	76%	85%	+	x	+	-	+	-	+	x	-	+	-	+	x	+	+	+
John McKeon	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Angela McKnight	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pedro Mejia	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
William Moen	D	0%	0%	3%	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	x	-	x	-	-	-
Paul Moriarty	D	0%	0%	2%	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gabriela Mosquera	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	x	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	x	-	-
Raj Mukherji	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nancy Munoz	R	50%	57%	73%	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+
Carol Murphy	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ellen Park	D	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erik Peterson	R	94%	94%	95%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Eliana Pintor Marin	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marilyn Piperno	R	38%	31%	34%	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Annette Quijano	D	0%	0%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Verlina Reynolds-Jackson	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Rooney	R	57%	71%	64%	+	x	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	x	-	+	+
Brian Rumpf	R	69%	65%	82%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
William Sampson	D	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alex Sauickie	R	67%	N/A	67%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	x	-	+	+	-	+
Beth Sawyer	R	38%	53%	46%	+	x	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	x	x	-	+
Gary Schaer	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	x	x

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	Party	2023%	2022%	Life time%	A 2937	A 3690	A 4682	A 4752	A 4772	A 5086	A 5159	A 5166	A 5209	A 5415	A 5693	S 2857	S 3044	S 3275	S 3748	S 3977
Gerald Scharfenberger	R	80%	79%	76%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Erik Simonsen	R	56%	N/A	67%	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-
Parker Space	R	93%	94%	90%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
William Spearman	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shanique Speight	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sterley Stanley	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shavonda Sumter	D	0%	0%	2%	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lisa Swain	D	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claire Swift	R	21%	44%	33%	+	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	-	-
Edward Thomson	R	53%	60%	67%	+	X	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+
Britnee Timberlake	D	0%	0%	3%	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael Torrissi	R	42%	38%	40%	+	X	+	X	-	-	+	+	X	-	-	-	X	+	-	-
Cleopatra Tucker	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Tully	D	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brandon Umba	R	33%	60%	47%	+	X	+	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	X	-	X	+	-	-
Anthony Verrelli	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jay Webber	R	88%	94%	93%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Benjie Wimberly	D	0%	0%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harold Wirths	R	88%	88%	81%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jacqueline Yustein	D	0%	N/A	0%	X	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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A 2937 (Motion to Defeat) Preventing the Creation of a Democrat-Backed Gas Stove Ban.

This bill prohibits the state from requiring households to use electric heating and water systems. CPAC supports all forms of energy, opposes these types of energy mandates, and supported this bill. The Assembly tabled (killed) this bill on February 27, 2023 by a vote of 41-34.

A 3690 Taking Steps Toward Giving Minors the Vote.

This bill allows 17-year-olds to vote in primary elections if they will turn 18 by the time of the next general election. CPAC opposes this obvious step toward giving minors the ability to vote in general elections and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on December 21, 2023 by a vote of 47-19 and the bill later became law.

A 4682 Killing Contract Law in the Name of Unions.

This bill requires certain employers that are taking over the work of another employer to retain the services of pre-existing employees. CPAC believes that this provision is ridiculously detrimental to the interests of employers and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 44-33 and the bill later became law.

A 4752 Competing with Private Consulting Firms.

This bill creates a program designed to help small businesses “establish their presence on the Internet.” CPAC believes that government resources should not be used to assist favored businesses and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on December 7, 2023 by a vote of 72-1 and the bill later became law.

A 4772 Subsidizing Striking Workers on Behalf of Unions.

This bill makes it easier for workers to collect unemployment benefits during labor disputes. CPAC recognizes that this provision encourages laborers to strike, further recognizes that this provision will severely damage employers, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on March 30, 2023 by a vote of 54-19 and the bill later became law.

A 5086 Raising Benefits Offered through the SNAP Program.

This bill nearly doubles the minimum monthly benefits that may be apportioned through New Jersey’s Minimum Benefits program. CPAC opposes the continued expansion of the welfare state and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on January 26, 2023 by a vote of 72-5 and the bill later became law.



A 5159 Needlessly Expanding the Bureaucracy to Accommodate the Complexity of New Jersey’s Already-Bloated Government.

This bill establishes the Office of Financial Assistance to help businesses access financial assistance offered by the government. CPAC believes that this expansion of the bureaucracy is completely unnecessary and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 53-24 but the bill had not become law as of the end of 2023.

A 5166 Expanding the State’s Paid Family Leave Mandates.

This bill requires businesses with 5 or more employees to extend paid family leave privileges to their employees. CPAC opposes the extension of this type of mandate and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on December 21, 2023 by a vote of 44-27 but the bill had not become law as of the end of 2023.

A 5209 Sustaining Agritourism in New Jersey.

This bill sets up an “Agritourism Fund” to subsidize, as the name implies, agritourism. CPAC believes that the private sector should subsidize agritourism instead of the government and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on May 25, 2023 by a vote of 68-4 and the bill later became law.

A 5415 Throwing Money At First-Time Homebuyers and Wealthy Developers in New Jersey.

This bill creates a program designed to give zero-interest, forgivable loans to first-time homebuyers such that they may make a down payment on their first home. The bill also creates the Resilient Home Construction Pilot Program, the likes of which will fund developers hoping to rehabilitate existing homes. CPAC opposes the taxpayer-funded enrichment of wealthy developers, does not believe that taxpayers should be forced to subsidize other people’s down payments, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 56-21 and the bill later became law.

A 5693 Promoting the Businesses of the Government’s Favorite Minority Groups.

This bill directs the Board of Public Utilities to implement a program designed to promote women-owned, minority-owned, and/or LGBT+-owned energy businesses. CPAC opposes government favoritism toward particular industries, opposes government favoritism toward particular racial groups, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on December 21, 2023 by a vote of 66-7 but the bill had not become law as of the end of 2023.



S 2857 More Funds for ESG Initiatives.

This bill creates the Sustainable New Jersey Fund, the likes of which will appropriate grants to help advance “environmental, economic, and social sustainability.” CPAC believes that taxpayers should not be forced to fund such initiatives and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 68-9 and the bill later became law.

S 3044 Dumping Millions into an Expensive Electric School Bus Program.

This bill apportions \$15,000,000 to the government such that it may purchase electric school buses. CPAC recognizes that electric school buses are far more expensive than gas-powered school buses, opposes measures that raise costs for taxpayers, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on December 21, 2023 by a vote of 47-19 and the bill later became law.

S 3275 Forcing Taxpayers to Promote Abortion.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Health to establish a website that educates people about the fictitious right to abortion created under New Jersey state law. The bill also requires the website to depict the locations of abortion clinics in New Jersey and to explain how one can receive health insurance coverage for such abortions. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, believes that the state should not promote its practice, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 48-23 and the bill later became law.

S 3748 Further Enriching Wealthy Movie Producers in New Jersey.

This bill raises the amount of film and movie production tax credits that may be awarded by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority from \$100,000,000 to \$250,000,000. It also increases the amount of money that may be made available to studio partners from \$350,000,000 to \$400,000,000. CPAC believes that taxpayers should not be forced to fund movie productions and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 63-13 and the bill later became law.

S 3977 More Money for a Glitzy New Crony Fund.

This bill establishes the Social Impact Investment Fund, the likes of which will subsidize projects that the state deems socially beneficial. For example, the state hopes to pay into affordable housing developments and early childhood education facilities. CPAC believes that the government should extricate itself from these verticals, believes that it should not involve itself further in the housing industry, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 53-23 and the bill later became law.