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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Conservatives,

We are pleased to present the American Conservative Union Foundation's ratings for the 2016 meeting of the New Jersey Legislature. Like our Congressional Ratings, our State Ratings reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The New Jersey legislators with the highest scores voted most consistently with the ideals articulated in the U.S. Constitution: limited and transparent government, individual rights, personal responsibility, and lasting cultural values.

In 2015, ACU Foundation was proud to make history by being the first organization to rate every single state legislature across the full spectrum of issues, helping each voter understand how his or her state ranks among the rest.

Ultimately, we are trying to help people understand what conservatism is and how it improves the lives of everyday Americans. Conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person. We think that understanding this idea is essential if Americans are to successfully govern themselves again.

Working with our policy centers and fellows, the ACU Foundation engages in deep policy analysis to help create our annual state scorecards. We have enhanced the vote descriptions this year to show this effort more clearly.

By examining all 50 of our State Ratings, we can see which states have most effectively promoted conservative solutions and which have struggled. Our ratings also help identify legislators who have courageously fought against liberal majorities. We hope that this guide helps you learn how well, or poorly, your legislators work to preserve the values we share.

Sincerely

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SELECTING THE VOTES

ACU researched and selected a range of bills before the New Jersey Legislature that determine a member's adherence to conservative principles. We selected bills that focus on Ronald Reagan's philosophy of the "three-legged stool": 1) fiscal and economic: taxes, budgets, regulation, spending, healthcare, and property; 2) social and cultural: 2nd amendment, religion, life, welfare, and education; and 3) government integrity: voting, individual liberty, privacy, and transparency. This wide range of issues are designed to give citizens an accurate assessment that conveys which of New Jersey's elected leaders best defend the principles of a free society: Life, Liberty and Property.

2016 WINNERS & LOSERS

90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE



SENATE PENNACCHIO

ASSEMBLY	
AUTH	PETERSON
BRAMNICK	PHOEBUS
BUCCO	RUMANA
DiMAIO	RUSSO
MUÑOZ	SPACE
O'SCANLON	WEBBER

80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT



SENATE BUCCO CARDINALE **CONNORS** DOHERTY HOLZAPFEL **KYRILLOS** O'TOOLE

THOMPSON

ASSEMBLY CARROLL DeCROCE GOVE **HANDLIN HOWARTH RUMPF SCHEPISI** WOLFE

<= 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT



SENATE	
Beach	Ruiz
Codey	Sacco
Cunningham	Sarlo
Diegnan	Scutari
Gill	Smith
Gordon	Stack
Greenstein	Sweeney
Lesniak	Turner
Madden	Vitale
Pou	Weinberg
Rice	Whelan

ASSEMBLY	
Barclay	Kennedy
Benson	Lagana
Caputo	Lampitt
Caride	Marin
Chaparro	Mazzeo
Chiaravalloti	McKeon
Conaway	McKnight
Coughlin	Moriarty
Danielsen	Mosquera
DeAngelo	Mukherji
Egan	Muoio
Eustace	Oliver
Giblin	Pinkin
Green	Prieto
Greenwald	Quijano
Gusciora	Schaer
Holley	Singleton
Huttle	Sumter
Jasey	Tucker
Jimenez	Wimberly
Johnson	Wisniewski
Jones	Zwicker
Karabinchak	

NEW JERSEY SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. S 984 Solar Roof Installation Warranty Program. This bill provides a taxpayer-funded warranty program that indemnifies building owners against damage if they install rooftop solar equipment. ACU believes that taxpayers should not be liable for damage from products people buy and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 11, 2016 by a vote of 23-11.
- 2. S 1707 Renewable Energy Mandate. This bill requires New Jersey utility companies to obtain at least 80 percent of their electricity from renewable energy sources by the year 2050. ACU supports all forms of energy, does not believe government should favor one form of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 14, 2016 by a vote of 23-15.
- 3. SCR 101 State Police Handgun Rule. This resolution rejects a rule issued by the state police, which expands the ability of people in New Jersey to carry a firearm under its "justifiable need" requirement. ACU supports the Founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this resolution. The Senate passed the resolution on May 9, 2016 by a vote of 22-17.
- 4. S 359 Smoking Age Increase. This bill categorizes electronic cigarettes as regular cigarettes and raises the minimum age for both from 19 to 21. ACU believes that both tobacco and e-cigarettes are a personal liberty issue, and government regulations on products are only appropriate when their use substantially impacts others, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 26, 2016 by a vote of 23-14.
- 5. A 15 Minimum Wage Increase. This bill increases the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2021 and increases it automatically each year without legislative approval. An increase in the minimum wage results in higher unemployment. High rates of unemployment hinder family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes such artificial wages, which hurt people who need help the most, such as students and inexperienced workers, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 23, 2016 by a vote of 21-18.
- 6. S 2041 Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant Tax Credits. This bill adds \$90 million in tax credits to a grant program for businesses who meet certain government criteria, such as being in a certain location or including a theater for the performing arts. ACU opposes such interference in the free market, which lends itself to political influence, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 23, 2016 by a vote of 25-14.

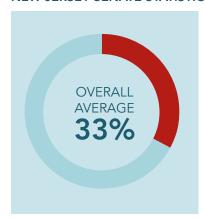
- 7. A 1877 Grocery Store Subsidies. This bill provides taxpayer subsidies to small food retailers who agree to sell what the government has deemed to be "fresh and nutritious food." ACU opposes such interference in the free market and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 23, 2016 by a vote of 31-2.
- 8. A 30 Welfare Benefits. This bill increases cash welfare benefits by ten percent per year for three years and then automatically increases them each year without legislative approval. An overreliance on welfare diminishes recipients' employment prospects, keeping families out of the workforce and unable to prosper, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes such fiscally irresponsible proposals, which increases spending separately from the state budget and provide no funding offsets, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 27, 2016 by a vote of 24-14.
- 9. A 3591 Voting Age Disparity. This bill creates a new voting age for primary elections, allowing persons 17 years old to vote if they turn 18 by the next general election. ACU sees no sense in having a different voting age requirement for primaries and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 27, 2016 by a vote of 31-8.
- 10. A 3689 Gun Ownership Restrictions. This bill codifies into law a regulation requiring an individual to prove to the government that he or she has a "justifiable need" to carry a handgun. ACU supports the Founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 27, 2016 by a vote of 22-17.
- 11. S 2277 Taxpayer Funding of Abortion. This bill makes a \$7.4 million supplemental appropriation to the Department of Health for "family planning services." ACU opposes using taxpayer funds to support Planned Parenthood and other organizations that perform abortions, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 27, 2016 by a vote of 25-14.
- 12. S 2044 Shark Fin Ban. This bill prohibits the possession, sale, trade, or distribution of shark fins. ACU opposes a ban that both criminalizes an Asian delicacy (shark fin soup) and creates a black market, further threatening shark populations, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 27, 2016 by a vote of 32-7.
- 13. S 17 State Budget. This bill calls for hundreds of millions of dollars in new spending for Fiscal Year 2017 with no reforms to reduce spending or prevent a budget shortfall. The bill also uses budget gimmicks, claiming there will be \$300 million more in revenue than predicted by the legislative budget office. ACU opposes this fiscally irresponsible budget and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 27, 2016 by a vote of 28-11.

- 14. S 1017 Obamacare Implementation. This bill authorizes the expansion of Medicaid under Obamacare. Expanding Medicaid has a negative impact on the economy and family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes expanding a program rife with waste and fraud with no new reforms, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 27, 2016 by a vote of 28-9.
- 15. A 1944 Automatic Voter Registration. This bill automatically registers or renews voter registration when someone applies for or renews a driver's license. ACU opposes measures that threaten the integrity of the ballot and make it easier to commit voter fraud, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 27, 2016 by a vote of 22-16.
- 16. S 816 "Personalized" Handgun Mandate. This bill requires firearms dealers to purchase and stock "personalized" handguns that can only be used by the owner, regardless of whether there is a demand for these products. ACU opposes this burden on small businesses to pay for products people don't want and use technology not yet available, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 27, 2016 by a vote of 23-14.
- 17. A 3410 Family Cap on Welfare Funds. This bill lifts the cap on cash welfare assistance to the size of the family at the time of the application. The bill allows additional children born in later years to be considered when deciding the amount of welfare to be given out. ACU supports reasonable restrictions on welfare benefits and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 30, 2016 by a vote of 25-14.

- 18. S 2160 Unemployment Compensation During Labor Disputes. This bill authorizes unemployment compensation for workers during labor disputes under a complex set of guidelines. ACU opposes such distortions of the unemployment compensation program which leads to increased litigation over its provisions, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 1, 2016 by a vote of 22-15.
- 19. S 1593 Foreclosure Rules. This bill allows for the government to interfere in a home foreclosure by requiring a lender to postpone a foreclosure proceeding for six months while a borrower attempts to renegotiate or modify their loan. ACU opposes government interference in the free market that increases the risk for lenders and makes it harder to obtain loans to purchase homes, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 15, 2016 by a vote of 30-4.
- 20. A 2574 Property Taxes for Sports Stadiums. This bill exempts all sports stadiums and arenas owned by local government entities from property taxation. As a result, private companies and organizations that lease government property are now tax exempt. ACU opposes such special exemptions which raise the tax burden on those not favored by the government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on October 7, 2016 by a vote of 27-2.

NEW JERSEY SENATE SCORES

NEW JERSEY SENATE STATISTICS











NEW JERSEY SENATE VOTE DETAIL

	Party	District	S 984	S 1707	SCR 101	S 359	A 15	S 2041	A 1877	A 30	A 3591	A 3689	S 2277	S 2044	S 17	S 1017	A 1944	\$ 816	A 3410	S 2160	S 1593	A 2574	ACU Votes	Votes Cast	2016 %	2015 %	LIFETIME AVG
ADDIEGO	R	8	Х	+	+	+	+	+	Х	+	-	+	+	-	+	Х	+	+	Х	+	-	-	12	16	75%	75%	85%
ALLEN	R	7	+	+	+	+	+	+	Х	Х	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	Х	-	13	17	76%	91%	71%
Barnes†	D	18	-	-	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	0	2	n/a	0%	0%
BATEMAN	R	16	-	-	+	+	Х	Х	Х	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	10	17	59%	57%	65%
Beach	D	6	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	0	18	0%	0%	0%
BECK	R	11	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	14	20	70%	64%	76%
BUCCO	R	25	+	+	+	Х	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	Х	Х	-	14	17	82%	85%	91%
CARDINALE	R	39	+	+	+	+	+	+	Х	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	16	19	84%	91%	91%
Codey	D	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	0	19	0%	0%	0%
CONNORS	R	9	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	Х	16	19	84%	85%	82%
Cruz-Perez†	D	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	-	-	-	-	0	11	n/a	0%	0%
Cunningham	D	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	0%	0%	0%
Diegnan†	D	18	Х	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	18	0%	0%	3%
DOHERTY	R	23	Х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	17	19	89%	93%	94%
Gill	D	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	19	0%	0%	0%
Gordon	D	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	0%	0%	2%
Greenstein	D	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	0%	0%	0%
HOLZAPFEL	R	10	Х	+	+	Х	+	+	Х	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	Х	14	16	88%	73%	83%
KEAN	R	21	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	15	20	75%	86%	82%

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Lesniak	D	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	0	19	0%	0%	0%
Madden	D	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	0%	0%	0%
OROHO	R	24	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	Х	15	19	79%	79%	92%
O'TOOLE	R	40	Х	+	+	Х	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	Х	+	+	Х	Х	12	15	80%	77%	87%
PENNACCHIO	R	26	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	20	95%	79%	95%
Pou	D	35	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	19	0%	0%	0%
Rice	D	28	-	Х	Х	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	1	17	6%	0%	4%
Ruiz	D	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	0	19	0%	0%	0%
Sacco	D	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	Х	-	-	0	18	0%	0%	6%
Sarlo	D	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	0	19	0%	0%	0%
Scutari	D	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	0	19	0%	0%	0%
SINGER	R	30	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	Х	-	+	-	-	11	19	58%	71%	70%
Smith	D	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	0%	0%	0%
Stack	D	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	0	19	0%	0%	0%
Sweeney	D	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	0%	0%	0%
THOMPSON	R	12	+	+	+	+	+	+	Х	+	-	+	+	-	-	Х	+	+	+	+	Х	Х	13	16	81%	77%	90%
Turner	D	15	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	1	19	5%	0%	1%
Van Drew	D	1	-	Х	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	6	19	32%	33%	32%
Vitale	D	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	0%	0%	0%
Weinberg	D	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	0%	0%	0%
Whelan	D	2	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	20	5%	0%	1%

[†] Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result the 2016 percentage was not rated.

NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. A 152 "Personal Needs" Allowance. This bill increases the "personal needs" allowance to a minimum of \$50 per month given to people in nursing homes and psychiatric hospitals who already receive other forms of welfare. The allowance is not counted as income for determining welfare eligibility. ACU opposes programs that duplicate other welfare programs and do not count as income what is clearly income, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 14, 2016 by a vote of 57-17.
- 2. A 30 Welfare Benefits. This bill increases cash welfare benefits by ten percent per year for three years and then automatically increases them each year without legislative approval. An overreliance on welfare diminishes recipients' employment prospects, keeping families out of the workforce and unable to prosper, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes such fiscally irresponsible proposals, which increases spending separately from the state budget and provide no funding offsets, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 14, 2016 by a vote of 51-22.
- 3. A 2048 Home-buying Subsidies for Government Employees. This bill provides taxpayer-funded down-payment assistance for certain government employees, including police, firefighters, teachers, correction officers, and sanitation workers. ACU opposes this type of government favoritism and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 14, 2016 by a vote of 49-26.
- 4. A 883 State Contractor Qualifications. This bill requires every bidder on a state contract to be evaluated by a government report on how they measure up to government standards of gender pay equity and to be given a rating by the government showing how well they adhere to these standards. ACU opposes such arbitrary requirements that have nothing to do with how well a contractor can perform the job he or she is hired for, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 7, 2016 by a vote of 46-17.
- 5. A 2374 Gun Buyback Program. This bill requires the Attorney General to establish a gun buyback program which rewards those who give a firearm to the government. ACU opposes such a wasteful program that does nothing to prevent gun violence and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 7, 2016 by a vote of 52-17.
- 6. A 1869 Minority and Women-Owned Businesses. This bill creates a new bureaucracy, the Division of Minority and Women Business Development, to "monitor" efforts to promote participation in state contracting. ACU opposes such programs which in the past have been rife with corruption and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 7, 2016 by a vote of 47-22.

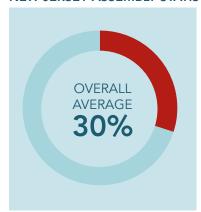
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- 8. A 15 Minimum Wage Increase. This bill increases the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2021 and increases it automatically each year without legislative approval. An increase in the minimum wage results in higher unemployment. High rates of unemployment hinder family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes such artificial wages, which hurt people who need help the most, such as students and inexperienced workers, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 26, 2016 by a vote of 42-31.
- 9. A 3591 Voting Age Disparity. This bill creates a new voting age for primary elections, allowing persons 17 years old to vote if they turn 18 by the next general election. ACU sees no sense in having a different voting age requirement for primaries and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 26, 2016 by a vote of 57-17.
- 10. A 3440 Employer Mandate. This bill prohibits an employer from considering an applicant's employment status when hiring an employee. ACU opposes this government interference in the hiring process and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 16, 2016 by a vote of 54-22.
- 11. A 3689 Gun Ownership Restrictions. This bill codifies into law a regulation requiring an individual to prove to the government that he or she has a "justifiable need" to carry a handgun. ACU supports the Founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 16, 2016 by a vote of 46-28.
- 12. SCR 101 State Police Handgun Rule. This resolution rejects a rule issued by the state police which expands the ability of people in New Jersey to carry a firearm under its "justifiable need" requirement. ACU supports the Founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this resolution. The Assembly passed the resolution on June 16, 2016 by a vote of 46-29.
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- 14. A 2574 Property Taxes for Sports Stadiums. This bill exempts all sports stadiums and arenas owned by local government entities from property taxation. As a result, private companies and organizations that lease government property are now tax exempt. ACU opposes such special exemptions which raise the tax burden on those not favored by the government and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 27, 2016 by a vote of 59-9.
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- 20. A 210 Solar Panel Mandate. This bill prohibits homeowner associations from banning solar rooftop panels on properties covered by the association. ACU opposes such government interference in the right of contract, which is being done to promote a program favored by the government, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 15, 2016 by a vote of 55-20.

- 21. S 2160 Unemployment Compensation During Labor Disputes. This bill authorizes unemployment compensation for workers during labor disputes under a complex set of guidelines. ACU opposes such distortions of the unemployment compensation program which leads to increased litigation over its provisions, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 29, 2016 by a vote of 49-24.
- 22. A 2863 State Contractor Rules. This bill requires those workers involved in a state contract that fall under the "prevailing wage" law to be registered in an apprenticeship program approved by the federal government. ACU opposes such complex rules that aim to keep any non-union workers from participating in state contracts and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 29, 2016 by a vote of 69-2.
- 23. A 224 Licensing Pool and Spa Contractors. This bill sets up a new bureaucracy, the Pool and Spa Builders and Installers Advisory Committee, to license pool and spa contractors. When entrepreneurship is suppressed, the resulting decline in economic growth leads to a reduction in family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes the proliferation of such licenses, which is primarily designed to restrict competition, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on October 20, 2016 by a vote of 53-13.
- 24. A 2297 Health Insurance Mandate. This bill requires insurance companies to cover female contraceptives with 12-month prescriptions. ACU opposes such insurance mandates which drive up the cost of health care for everyone, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on October 20, 2016 by a vote of 50-22.
- 25. A 783 Music Therapist Licensing. This bill creates a new bureaucracy, the Music Therapy Advisory Committee, to administer licensing for music therapists. Licensees must complete education requirements established by the American Music Therapy Association and pass certified examinations. When entrepreneurship is suppressed, the resulting decline in economic growth leads to a reduction in family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes the proliferation of such licenses, which is primarily designed to restrict competition, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on November 21, 2016 by a vote of 59-13.
- 26. A 3721 Auto Insurance Mandate. This bill prohibits an automobile insurance company from considering a "gap," or a period of time in which an individual did not have coverage, when calculating a rate for automobile insurance. ACU opposes such mandates, which increase the risk to insurance companies and drive up the cost of insurance for everyone, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on November 21, 2016 by a vote of 52-19.

NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY SCORES

NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY STATISTICS







DEMOCRAT AVERAGE 2%





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Andrzejczak	D	1	-	-	-	Χ	-		-	+		-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-		χ	-	-	-	4	24	17%	7%	17%
AUTH	R	39	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Χ	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Χ	+	+	+	+	24	24	100%	86%	95%
Barclay	D	5	-	-	-	-	-		-			-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	0	26	0%	n/a	0%
Benson	D	14	-	-	-	-	-	•	-			-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-	Χ	0	25	0%	0%	2%
BRAMNICK	R	21	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Χ	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		χ	+	Χ	Χ	21	22	95%	92%	98%
BROWN	R	2	-	-	-	-	-	•	-	+		-	-	+	-	-	+	+		+	+	-	-		-	-	-	-	6	26	23%	36%	59%
BUCCO	R	25	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	24	26	92%	83%	93%
Burzichelli	D	3	-	-	-	-	-	•	-			-	+	+	-	-	+	-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	3	26	12%	0%	6%
Caputo	D	28	-	-	-	-	-		-			-	Χ	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	0	25	0%	0%	0%
Caride	D	36	Х	Х	Χ	-	-	•	-			-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	0	23	0%	0%	0%
CARROLL	R	25	+	+	+	+	Χ	+	+	+		Χ	Χ	χ	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Χ	χ	+	Χ	Χ	16	18	89%	93%	95%
Chaparro	D	33	-	-	-	-	-	•	-			-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	Χ	Χ	-	-	-	-	0	24	0%	n/a	0%
Chiaravalloti	D	31	-	-	-	-	-		-			-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	0	26	0%	n/a	0%
CIATTARELLI	R	16	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+		-	+	Χ	Χ	17	24	71%	64%	78%
CLIFTON	R	12	-	Х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	Χ		-	+	-	+	18	24	75%	50%	80%
Conaway	D	7	-	-	-	-	-	•	-			-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	χ	-		-	-	-	-	0	25	0%	0%	0%
Coughlin	D	19	-	-	-	-	-		-			-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	0	26	0%	0%	0%
DANCER	R	12	-	Х	+	Χ	+	+	Χ	+		-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	Χ	-	+	13	22	59%	46%	74%
Danielsen	D	17	-	-	-	-	-		-	Χ		-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	1	25	4%	0%	2%
DeAngelo	D	14	-		-	-	-		-	Х	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	0	23	0%	0%	4%

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DeCROCE	R	26	+	+	+	Х	Х	χ	Χ	χ	χ	+	+	+	+	Х	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	16	19	84%	83%	86%
DiMAIO	R	23	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Х	χ	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	22	24	92%	100%	95%
Downey	D	11	-	-	-	Х	-	+	+	+		-	-		+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-		-	-	5	25	20%	n/a	20%
Egan	D	17		-		Х	Х	Х	Χ	-	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	0	22	0%	n/a	3%
Eustace	D	38	Х	-	Х	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Χ	Х	0	22	0%	8%	3%
Giblin	D	34		-		Х	-	Х	Χ	-	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-	Χ	χ	-	-	0	21	0%	n/a	0%
GOVE	R	9	-	+	+	Х	Х	Χ	Χ	+	+	+	+	+	+	Х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	18	21	86%	77%	91%
Green	D	22	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	0	26	0%	0%	0%
Greenwald	D	6	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	0	26	0%	0%	0%
Gusciora	D	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	Χ	Χ	-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	0	24	0%	0%	0%
HANDLIN	R	13	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	21	26	81%	71%	88%
Holley	D	20		-			-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-	Χ		-	-	0	25	0%	0%	0%
Houghtaling	D	11	-	-	-	Х	-	+	+	+	-	-	-		+	-		-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-		-	-	5	25	20%	n/a	20%
HOWARTH	R	8		Х	+	Х	Х	Х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	Χ	+	-	-	16	20	80%	n/a	80%
Huttle	D	37	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	0	26	0%	0%	0%
Jasey	D	27		-			-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	0	26	0%	0%	0%
Jimenez	D	32	-	-	Х	-	-	-		-	-	Х	Χ	χ	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	0	22	0%	0%	0%
Johnson	D	37	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	0	26	0%	0%	0%
Jones	D	5	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	0	26	0%	n/a	0%
Karabinchak	D	18	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	-	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	0	19	0%	n/a	0%
KEAN	R	30	+	+	+	Х	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	19	25	76%	71%	88%
Kennedy	D	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	-		-			-	-	Х	-	-	-	-	-	Х	Х	-		-	-	0	23	0%	n/a	0%
Lagana	D	38	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	0	26	0%	7%	5%
Lampitt	D	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	-		-			-	Х	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-		-	-	0	24	0%	0%	0%
Land	D	1	-	-	-	Х	-	-		+		-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Χ		-	-	4	24	17%	n/a	17%
Marin	D	29	Х	Х	Х	-	-	-	•	-		-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	0	23	0%	0%	0%
Mazzeo	D	2	-	-	-	-	-	-		+	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	1	26	4%	7%	12%
McGUCKIN†	R	10	Х	Х	Х	Х	+	Х	Χ	+	+	+	+	+	+	Х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Х	Χ	Χ	+	+	16	16	n/a	91%	98%
McKeon	D	27	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	0	26	0%	0%	0%
McKnight	D	31		-			-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	0	26	0%	n/a	0%
Moriarty	D	4	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	0	26	0%	0%	0%
Mosquera	D	4		-			-	-		Χ	Χ	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	0	24	0%	0%	0%
Mukherji	D	33	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	-	-	0	22	0%	0%	0%
MUÑOZ	R	21	Х	+	+	+	Х	+	Χ	+	+	+	+	+	+	Х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	20	22	91%	79%	92%
Muoio	D	15	-	-	-	Х	Х	Х	Χ	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	0	22	0%	0%	0%
Oliver	D	34	-	-		-		-	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-			-	-			-	-		-	0	26	0%	0%	0%

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O'SCANLON	R	13		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	votes 24	Cast 26	92%	62%	88%
PETERSON	R	23		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Χ	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	25	100%	100%	98%
PHOEBUS	R	24		+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	24	26	92%	n/a	92%
Pinkin	D	18	-	-			-		-	-		-	-				-	-			-	-		-		-	-	-	0	26	0%	0%	0%
Prieto	D	32	-	-	-	-			-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-		-	-		-	-		-		0	26	0%	0%	0%
Quijano	D	20	-	-		Х	Х	Χ	Χ	-		-	-	-		-		-			-	-	-	-		-	Х	Х	0	20	0%	0%	0%
RIBLE	R	30	+	+	+	Х	+	+	χ	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	18	24	75%	n/a	92%
RODRIGUEZ-GREGG†	R	8	-	Х	+	Х	Х	Χ	+	+	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	Х	Х	Х	Х	11	15	n/a	75%	82%
RUMANA	R	40	Χ	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	Х	Х	Х	Х	19	21	90%	92%	96%
RUMPF	R	9	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	Χ	Х	+	+	+	+	Χ	+	Χ	Χ	+	Χ	+	+	-	+	+	Х	Х	16	18	89%	79%	92%
RUSSO	R	40	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Χ	Χ	Χ	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	Χ	Х	Χ	+	+	+	+	19	20	95%	86%	94%
Schaer	D	36	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-	0	25	0%	0%	2%
SCHEPISI	R	39	-	+	+	+	Х	Х	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Χ	+	+	Χ	Х	Χ	Х	+	+	+	17	19	89%	89%	90%
Singleton	D	7	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	Χ	Χ		-	Χ	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	23	0%	0%	0%
SPACE	R	24	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	Х	Х	+	+	22	24	92%	93%	93%
Spencer†	D	29	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Χ	Χ	-		-	-	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Х	Χ	Х	0	17	n/a	0%	0%
Sumter	D	35	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	٠	-	-		-	-	Х	Χ	-	-	-	-	0	24	0%	0%	0%
Taliaferro	D	3	-	-	-	-	-		-	-		-	+	+	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	19	11%	0%	5%
Tucker	D	28	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	24	0%	0%	0%
Watson†	D	29	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	7	n/a	n/a	n/a
WEBBER	R	26		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	24	26	92%	100%	98%
Wimberly	D	35	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	26	0%	0%	0%
Wisniewski	D	19	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	26	0%	0%	0%
WOLFE	R	10		+	+	Х	Х	Х	Χ	+	+	+	+	+	-	Χ	+	+	+	+	Х	Χ	+	-	+	+	+	-	16	19	84%	90%	91%
Zwicker	D	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	26	4%	n/a	4%

[†] Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result the 2016 percentage was not rated.