



# 2024 END OF SESSION PRIORITIES

## ITEMS OF SUPPORT



### **Making Staging Construction Accident a Felony (S.8413-A/A.8981-A)**

Passing this law will protect taxpayers, workers, and business owners by establishing that the staging of a construction site accident is a crime. This is yet another example of a problem that only New York has, and this bill will help to stop bad actors from taking advantage of our workers' compensation system, saving New York millions of dollars in the process. **Not addressed in 2024.**



### **Consumer Litigation Funding Act (S.2594-A/A.2702)**

This common-sense bill would address these preventable situations by establishing that lawsuit lending loans be subject to state regulation and requirements regarding disclosure, licensing, funding company and attorney responsibilities and limitations, violations, and other critical items. Without comprehensive reform, these lenders will continue to cause irreparable economic harm to New Yorkers. **Not addressed in 2024.**



### **Pay Frequency Law (Fix Labor Law §191 - S.9811)**

Currently, business owners statewide are being faced with or forced to pay thousands if not millions of dollars in lawsuits for wages that were paid to their workers. We support Governor Hochul's proposal to correct the extreme and harmful interpretation of the pay frequency law (Labor Law §191) that protects workers and employers. **Not addressed in 2024.**





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## ITEMS OF OPPOSITION



### **Extended Producer Responsibility (S.4246-D/A.5322-D)**

This bill will not result in taxpayer savings, instead, it will pass increased prices onto consumers for a wide range of common packaged goods including foods, beverages, electronics, personal care items, and more. Albany must seek stakeholder input and more workable proposals before advancing this overly aggressive policy. ***Passed in Senate, Died in Assembly.***



### **Expanded Bottle Bill (S.237-C/A.6353-A)**

This bill would expand the scope of the bottle bill, raise the deposit to 10 cents per container, and impose reuse and recycling mandates on bottle distributors. With New York State already operating two statewide recycling programs - and the legislature's appetite to adopt EPR, we believe this proposal to be redundant, burdensome and complicated for businesses to comply with. ***Died in Senate & Assembly.***



### **New York HEAT Act (S.2016-B/A.4592-B)**

This bill would remove consumer choice on how they heat/power their homes and businesses while increasing costs and reducing reliability. Additionally, by eliminating fossil fuels sooner than there would be alternative options to replace them, the more than 60% of New Yorkers who use natural gas to heat their homes would be put at risk. ***Passed in Senate, Died in Assembly.***



### **New York Health Act (S.7590/A.7897)**

This bill would eliminate the current health care coverage system in New York State and substitute it with a multi-billion-dollar, government-run single-payer system paid for by the state's taxpayers should be rejected by the Legislature. ***Died in Senate & Assembly.***





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### **Prevailing Wage on Custom Prefab Work (S.5475-B/A.373-B)**

This bill would place prevailing wage mandates on custom fabrication work, leading to a disastrous loss of New York manufacturing jobs and increasing construction costs for critical projects that benefit the quality of life for New York residents statewide. ***Died in Senate, Passed Assembly.***



### **Prevailing Wage on Brownfields (S.5868-B/A.7491-B)**

This bill would mandate prevailing wages on brownfield construction projects, meaning many of these contaminated sites will sit idle instead of developing into job-creating businesses. While it is important to promote affordable housing, prevailing wage will add significant construction costs making these projects less affordable to complete. ***Passed Senate & Assembly.***

