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NJ Legislative Scorecard 2023

✓ Pro-Freedom ✗ Anti-Freedom — Did not Vote

Vote

1. Exempts sales of investment metal bullion and investment coins from sales and use tax.



Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · A5294 · 01/08/2024

2. Increases the minimum monthly benefit under State SNAP Minimum Benefits Program from \$50 to \$95 and authorizes Department of Human Services (DHS) to increase program benefit amount.



Estimated cost per household: **-\$10.00/year.**

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · A5086 · 02/02/2023

3. Empowers the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) and New Jersey film-lease partner facilities to determine investment terms collectively.



Estimated cost per household: **-\$74.00/year.**

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · S3748 · 06/30/2023

4. Establishes the "Sustainable New Jersey Fund" in the Department of Environmental Protection to support certain sustainability initiatives.



Estimated cost per household: **-\$0.29/year.**

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · S2857 · 06/30/2023

5. Supports New Jersey's offshore wind projects by allowing owners and investors of these wind projects to keep certain federal tax benefits.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · A5651 · 06/30/2023

6. Requires the establishment of a new state website with information on "rights" related to "health benefits" coverage for reproductive "health care" services, meaning abortion services.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · S3275 · 06/30/2023

Scorecard Votes: 50%

Why do these votes matter?

1. Sound Money

A5294 exempts sales of investment metal bullion and investment coins from sales and use tax.

The New Jersey State Assembly passed A5294 on January 8, 2024 by a vote of 71 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill is a strong step toward restoring constitutional money and the gold standard.

2. Welfare Increase

A5086 increases the minimum monthly benefit under State SNAP Minimum Benefits Program from \$50 to \$95 and authorizes Department of Human Services (DHS) to increase program benefit amount.

The New Jersey State Assembly passed A5086 on February 2, 2023 by a vote of 72 to 5. We have assigned pluses to the nays because the U.S. Constitution does not permit federal social-welfare programs and propping people up via government support. This expands the size of government and promotes socialist ideologies.

3. Movie Tax Credits

S3748 empowers the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) and New Jersey film-lease partner facilities to determine investment terms collectively. The EDA can annually allocate \$250 million each for New Jersey studio partners and film-lease production companies for fiscal years 2023-2025.

The New Jersey State Assembly passed S3748 on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 63 to 13. We have assigned pluses to the nays because providing tax credits to a specific industry, particularly the film industry, is not appropriate. Most of the film industry supports woke Marxist ideology and taxpayers should not be financially responsible for supporting movie productions that are associated with leftists. Furthermore, government should not intervene in the marketplace by selectively granting tax incentives to specific industries.

4. Sustainable New Jersey Fund

S2857 establishes the "Sustainable New Jersey Fund" in the Department of Environmental Protection to support certain sustainability initiatives and allocates \$1 million for enforcement.

The New Jersey State Assembly passed S2857 on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 68 to 9. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation expands government and exceeds constitutional limits. States should push back against the Marxist climate change agenda. Moreover, this legislation aligns with the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, imposing unconstitutional globalist policies that undermine national and state sovereignty.

5. Green Tax Credits

A5651 supports New Jersey's offshore wind projects by allowing owners and investors of these wind projects to keep certain federal tax benefits. It acknowledges challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic and global economic instability.

The New Jersey State Assembly passed A5651 on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 46 to 30. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation creates more government interference in the free market economy. Additionally, tax credits are a misuse of tax dollars and represent unnecessary interference in the free market, advancing a Marxist climate change agenda.

6. State Abortion Information

S3275 requires the establishment of a new state website with information on "rights" related to "health benefits" coverage for reproductive "health care" services, meaning abortion services.

The New Jersey State Assembly passed S3275 on June 30, 2023 by a vote of 48 to 23. We have assigned pluses to the nays because states should do the opposite and act to ban abortion and guarantee the right to life for all persons. Taxpayers should not fund anything that has to do with aiding or providing information for abortion services. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the 5th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.