

NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PREVENTION TASK FORCE

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Hon. Sheldon Silver, Speaker
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RE: A 10899

Dear Mr. Silver:

We are writing you in support of Bill A 10899 and its companion bill in the Senate, S 7018.

It is our position that underage alcohol and other drug use is one of the most pressing public health issues facing New York State today. One of the more effective tools we have in prevention is our partnership with law enforcement and the judiciary. Research has proven that the combination of increased enforcement, limiting access and education is an effective way of addressing the issue.

The above cited bill(s) are a meaningful way of insuring that the message the State of New York sends to youth who drink and or use marijuana is one of 'zero tolerance.' An important component of any education and/or enforcement program is the clarity of the message that those who break the law are held equally accountable. Bills A 10899 and S 7018 do just that.

We urge you to support and promote passage of the above cited legislation.

Sincerely yours,

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