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EXECUTIVE SYNOPSIS

DOSSIER NOTES

In preparing this background report, we undertook an examination of all readily available and relevant electronic and online records, several hundred Nexis and news articles, dozens of active and archived web pages, and several dozen public records from Nexis and the resources of various federal, state, and municipal government offices. The results of our analysis are contained below.

Typographical Note: There are a number of articles quoted in this report that contain typographical errors. These are from the original text of the article and have not been corrected when being quoted directly.

TOP HITS

Legal

Divorce

- In June 2005, Zwicker’s then-wife, Tracey, petitioned for divorce against him, accusing Zwicker of “extreme cruelty.”
 - Tracey claimed that “since the end of 1996, [Zwicker] had been engaging in extensive contact with many other woman” and the conduct “coincided with [Tracey’s] pregnancy with their first child.”
 - Tracey claimed in 2004, she “discovered that [Zwicker] was having an inappropriate emotional relationship with another woman” to which they went to counseling for.
 - When Tracey asked Zwicker about the state of their relationship, Zwicker “responded by expressing ambivalence as to whether he wanted to remain married to [Tracey]” and Zwicker has been indicating that “it was his intention to vacate the marital residence over the course of several months.”
 - Tracey also alleged “since the parties’ separation, [Zwicker] had begun to see another woman.”
 - In May 2006, the divorce was granted with the parties agreeing to joint custody and Zwicker agreeing to pay Tracey \$1,500 per month in alimony for 15 years and \$250 per week in child support payments.
 - Tracey also received sole possession of their property and resumed his maiden name of Zwicker (he changed his name to Post-Zwicker during the marriage).

Political

Voting History

- Since 2003, Zwicker has failed to vote in at least twelve elections including eight primaries.

Campaign Finance

- Thus far for Zwicker has largely been funded by labor and public sector unions across the state such as the Plumber & Pipefitters, the NJ State Laborers, and the Greater NJ Carpenters.
 - Zwicker has also received thousands of dollars from liberal special interest groups like the New Jersey Education Association and the New Jersey Association for Justice.
 - Zwicker has received thousands of dollars from fellow candidates in New Jersey.
- Between 2014 and 2021, Zwicker was largely funded by unions in New Jersey, such as the Communications Workers Association, Sheet Metal Workers, and the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters.
 - Zwicker’s largest contributor during this time period was the New Jersey Education Association, who gave nearly \$50,000 to Zwicker.
 - Zwicker has received thousands of dollars from liberal special interest groups and fellow Democratic candidates.

Partisan Ties

- Zwicker has multiple connections the democratic establishment – including Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.
- Zwicker has engaged in partisan behavior unbecoming of a public official.

Electioneering

- Zwicker has supported the left’s electioneering power-grab:
 - Zwicker supported a bill to scale back police presence at polling places.
 - In 2020, Zwicker supported the “the ballot cure act” – which “makes a number of changes to the procedure of the certification of mail-in ballots that weaken election integrity”.
 - In 2023, Zwicker touted his repeated efforts to push legislation allowing some 17 year old residents to vote in primaries so long as they turned 18 by the general election.

- Zwicker has consistently supported bills that implement automatic voter registration.

Policy

Fiscal And Economic

- Zwicker has supported fiscally irresponsible state budgets:
 - In 2020, Zwicker supported New Jersey’s FY 2021 “fiscally irresponsible budget bill [that] spends \$32.7 billion over nine months and places state solvency at risk by taking on \$4.5 billion in new debt through bonds”.
 - In 2023, Zwicker supported New Jersey’s FY 2024 state budget, which is “7 percent higher than last year’s”.
 - According to Rowan University’s Steve Sweeny Center for Public Policy, “multibillion-dollar budget gaps are likely within a few years, under the state’s current tax and spending policies”.
- Zwicker supported a scheme to “pressure certain school districts to raise local taxes”.
- Zwicker voted to double the state the payroll tax.
- Zwicker supported increasing the tax burden on New Jersey’s higher-earners and corporations.
- Zwicker supports the imposition of a new local payroll tax.
- Zwicker supported the imposition of a new tax on vaping.
- Zwicker has supported expanding New Jersey’s debt burden.
- Zwicker led an effort to restore cuts to local education but the result was described as only a “bad aid”.
- Zwicker has voted to expand the welfare state in New Jersey.
- Zwicker has supported increasing the state’s burdensome regulatory regime:
 - In 2022, Zwicker supported legislation that “would prohibit sports organizations that operate primarily from sovereign wealth funds from hosting sporting events in the garden state”.
 - In 2022, Zwicker noted his support for banning smoking in Atlantic City over the objections of the local business community.
- Zwicker has voted to reduce property rights in New Jersey.
- Zwicker has union ties and supports union priorities.

- Zwicker has expressed support for Biden’s federal economic agenda – including the Build Back Better Act.

Energy And Environment

- In 2023, Zwicker was forced to pull a bill that sought to overhaul and install radical building electrification regulations.
- Zwicker has been steadfast in his support for giveaways to the wind energy industry.
- Zwicker opposes the development of the Ironbound Gas Plant.
- Zwicker has supported the left’s anti-growth environmental agenda:
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 - On social media, Zwicker expressed his opposition to fracking.
 - On social media, Zwicker promoted content calling for environmental justice.
 - Zwicker has promoted the left’s climate change alarmism:
 - Zwicker supported several bills that force New Jersey to join climate change initiatives.
 - On social media, Zwicker stated has promoted climate change alarmism content.
 - Zwicker enjoys support from prominent environmental organizations.

Healthcare, Covid

- As a legislator, Zwicker has worked to protect Obamacare.
- Zwicker increased taxes on health maintenance organizations.
- Zwicker supported the left’s big-government reaction to covid:

- In 2020, Zwicker voted to table a bill that “places a critical check on executive power by limiting the governor’s ability to declare an emergency to 14 days unless a longer period is approved by the legislature through concurrent resolution”.
- In 2021, Zwicker supported a bill that ACU described as “preserving Gov. Murphy’s overreaching covid-19 executive orders including mask mandates and the eviction moratorium”.
- In 2020, Zwicker supported legislation that “enacts a partial furlough program that disincentivizes employment at a time when the country is starting to reopen following the covid-19 pandemic”.
- On social media, Zwicker supported the initial school closures.
- On social media, Zwicker was hesitant for students to return to in person learning.
- On social media, Zwicker promoted the covid vaccine and is known to have received the vaccine himself.

Public Safety, Immigration

- Zwicker appears to support New Jersey’s status as a sanctuary state for illegal immigrants and generally oppose enforcement against illegal immigration.
- Zwicker supports providing state benefits to illegal immigrants:
 - In 2019, Zwicker supported legislation that “permits those who reside in the country illegally to obtain driver’s licenses and state-issued identification cards”.

Curriculum And Content In Schools, Books, Parental Rights

- Zwicker has defended controversial sex ed standards in New Jersey schools:
 - In an April 2022 Senate hearing, New Jersey Commissioner of Education Angelica Allen-McMillan strongly defended New Jersey’s sex ed standards.
 - Zwicker agreed with Allen McMillan’s remarks that transparency was key in rolling out the standards.
 - In April 2022, Zwicker praised Allen McMillan’s remarks defending New Jersey’s sex ed standards as “outstanding” and broadly defends New Jersey’s sex ed standards as “age appropriate”.
 - “Opponents say the sample materials are too graphic and warn the incoming state standards will lead to children being taught sensitive subjects at too young an age, undermining the rights of parents”.
- Zwicker spearheaded legislation requiring libraries to adopt the American Library Association Bill of Rights - which bans book removals:

- In 2023, Zwicker sponsored legislation requiring libraries to adopt the American Library Association Bill of Rights, which bans book removals, or else risk losing state funding.
- “New Jersey Republican lawmakers are blasting the proposal to fine libraries and schools, saying it would override parental rights and deprive schools of much-needed funding”.
- On social media, Zwicker promoted his anti-book-ban efforts and thus his own support for numerous controversial books – including ‘Gender Queer’.
- Zwicker has voted to undermine parental transparency in education:
 - In 2021, Zwicker supported legislation that “permits school districts to administer student health surveys after prior written notification to parents and legal guardians”.
- Zwicker appears closely tied to teachers’ unions.

DEI, Woke Ideology

- Zwicker supports the promotion of DEI and other aspects of woke ideology:
 - In 2021, Zwicker supported legislation that “expands powers and duties of state chief diversity officer to promote diversity in state government and public contracting”.
 - In 2021, Zwicker supported legislation that “requires certain health care professionals to undergo explicit and implicit bias training”.
 - On social media, Zwicker appeared to express his support for sexual identity to be a protected class.
 - Zwicker has proposed prohibiting prejudice on the basis of weight or height.
 - On social media, Zwicker has openly supported DEI and ESG.

Racial Politics

- Zwicker promotes the left’s divisive racial politics:
 - On social media, Zwicker stated that he intends to “create new public policies that fundamentally dismantle a system that perpetuates racism and education and economic inequalities”.
 - On social media, Zwicker expressed his support for the summer 2020 protests.
 - On social media, Zwicker stated “societal racism is rooted so deep” in America.
 - On social media, Zwicker promoted the idea of ‘systemic racism’.
 - On social media, Zwicker expressed his support for Black Lives Matter.

- On social media, Zwicker promoted the use of the term “latinx”
- On social media, Zwicker once went on a rant viewing the covid pandemic through a racial lens.

Traditional Social Issues

- Zwicker has acted as an LGBTQ activist.
- Zwicker is unapologetically pro-abortion:
 - Zwicker has regularly supported legislation that seeks to drive funds to Planned Parenthood.
 - On social media, Zwicker expressed his opposition to the Dobbs Supreme Court decision.
- Zwicker has worked to undermine the Second Amendment:
 - In 2018, Zwicker supported legislation that “restricts second amendment rights unless citizens prove ‘specific threats’ against them”.
 - In 2019, Zwicker supported legislation that “imposes a series of draconian mandates on which ‘smart guns’ may be available for purchase and how firearms retailers must stock the product”.
 - In 2019, Zwicker supported legislation that “would significantly infringe the privacy rights of law-abiding New Jersey residents by establishing a government database to track the ammunition purchases of individuals”.
 - In 2019, Zwicker supported legislation that “would impose burdensome and costly restrictions on the ability of law-abiding New Jersey residents to exercise their second amendment rights by imposing a series of new mandates”.
 - In 2022, Zwicker supported legislation that “requires firearm owners who become New Jersey residents to obtain firearm purchaser identification card and register handguns acquired out-of-state”.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION: ANDREW ZWICKER

Full Name: Andrew Paul Zwicker (formerly Post-Zwicker)

DOB: May 17, 1964 (59)

Social Security: 145-70-XXXX

Home Address: 6 Spruce Lane
Princeton, NJ 08540
Middlesex County
(2008-Pres.)

Marital Status: Married

Spouse: Barbara A. Golden
DOB: July 23, 1965 (58)

Ex-Spouse: Tracey L. Post (m. July 4, 1992; d. May 30, 2006)
DOB: October 11, 1964 (58)

Children: Three

Voter Registration: Registered Democrat – Middlesex County, New Jersey

Education: 1987 – 1992 Ph.D., Physics, Johns Hopkins University
1982 – 1986 B.A., Physics, Bard College

Employment: 2022 – Pres. Head of Strategic Partnerships and Public Engagement,
Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory
2022 – Pres. State Senate, New Jersey State Senate, LD-16
2016 – 2022 Assemblyman, New Jersey General Assembly, LD-16
2016 – 2022 Head of Communications & Public Outreach, Princeton
Plasma Physics Laboratory
2003 – 2021 Head, Science Education Department, Princeton Plasma
Physics Laboratory
2000 – 2003 Lead Scientist, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory
1998 – 2000 Senior Program Leader, Princeton Plasma Physics
Laboratory
1993 – 1998 Postdoctoral Researcher, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Associations: Member, American Physical Society



Member, American Association of Physics Teachers
Member, American Association for the Advancement of Science
Member, National Science Foundation
Member, Sigma XI Research Society
Member, Contemporary Physics Education Project
Member, Coalition for Plasma Science
Member, Liberty Science Center

Military Service: N/A

Election Results: 2021 New Jersey State Senate, LD-16 (General, Won)
2019 New Jersey General Assembly, LD-16 (General, Won)
2017 New Jersey General Assembly, LD-16 (General, Won)
2015 New Jersey General Assembly, LD-16 (General, Won)
2014 U.S. House of Representatives, NJ-12 (Primary, Lost)

Web Sites: <https://andrewzwicker.com/>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/>
<https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>
<https://www.njsendems.org/>
<https://ballotpedia.org/>
<https://www.njlcv.org/>

Social Media: [Facebook](#) (Personal)
[Facebook](#) (Campaign)
[Facebook](#) (Official)
[Twitter](#) (Campaign)
[Instagram](#) (Campaign)
[Instagram](#) (Official)
[LinkedIn](#) (Personal)
[YouTube](#) (Personal)
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ELECTION RESULTS

Andrew Zwicker has been serving in the New Jersey State Senate for District 16 since winning his 2021 election. Zwicker previously served in the New Jersey General Assembly for District 16 between 2015 and 2021; Zwicker was re-elected in 2017 and 2019. Zwicker first ran for office in 2014, running for the U.S. House of Representatives for New Jersey's twelfth congressional district, coming in last in the Democratic Party primary election.

2021 General Election, New Jersey State Senate, LD-16**General Election Results (November 2, 2021)**

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Andrew Zwicker	DEM	41,837
Mike Pappas	REP	36,632

(Official Election Results, [New Jersey Secretary Of State](#), 11/2/21)

2019 General Election, New Jersey General Assembly, LD-16**General Election Results (November 5, 2019)**

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Andrew Zwicker	DEM	27,732
Roy Freiman	DEM	26,466
Mark Caliguire	REP	22,276
Christine Madrid	REP	22,068

(Official Election Results, [New Jersey Secretary Of State](#), 11/5/19)

2017 General Election, New Jersey General Assembly, LD-16**General Election Results (November 7, 2017)**

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Andrew Zwicker	DEM	34,233
Roy Freiman	DEM	32,714
Donna Simon	REP	29,674
Mark Caliguire	REP	29,041

(Official Election Results, [New Jersey Secretary Of State](#), 11/7/17)

2015 General Election, New Jersey General Assembly, LD-16**General Election Results (November 3, 2015)**

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Jack Ciattarelli	REP	16,577
Andrew Zwicker	DEM	16,308
Donna Simon	REP	16,230
Maureen Vella	DEM	16,043

(Official Election Results, [New Jersey Secretary Of State](#), 11/3/15)

2014 Primary Election, U.S. House Of Representatives, NJ-12

Democratic Primary Election Results (June 3, 2014)

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Bonnie Watson	DEM	15,603
Linda Greenstein	DEM	10,089
Upendra Civukula	DEM	7,890
Andrew Zwicker	DEM	2,668

(Official Election Results, [New Jersey Secretary Of State](#), 6/4/14)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Thus far for Andrew Zwicker has received an aggregate of \$331,683.92 in total contributions for his campaign for the New Jersey State Senate for District 16. Zwicker has largely been funded by labor and public sector unions across the state such as the Plumber & Pipefitters, the NJ State Laborers, and the Greater NJ Carpenters. To that effect, Zwicker has received thousands of dollars from liberal special interest groups like the New Jersey Education Association and the New Jersey Association for Justice. Zwicker has also received thousands of dollars from fellow candidates in New Jersey. Zwicker has disbursed an aggregate of \$449,560.73 to date, primarily spending his funds on campaign contributions and consulting.

Between 2014 and 2021, Zwicker received an aggregate of \$1,857,421 in total contributions for his campaigns for elected office in New Jersey. Similar to his current campaign, Zwicker was largely funded by unions in New Jersey, such as the Communications Workers Association, Sheet Metal Workers, and the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters. Interestingly, Zwicker’s largest contributor during this time period was the New Jersey Education Association, who gave nearly \$50,000 to Zwicker. It should also be noted that Zwicker has received thousands of dollars from liberal special interest groups and fellow Democratic candidates.

Individually, Zwicker has contributed an aggregate of \$9,183.56 to federal and statewide campaign committees. Federally, Zwicker has contributed \$6,575 giving to various Democrats, primarily from New Jersey including Bill Foster, Tom Malinowski, and Bonnie Watson Coleman; Zwicker has also contributed to his own campaign. Zwicker additionally gave to Joe Biden’s presidential campaign in 2020. At the state level, Zwicker has contributed \$2,608.56 to campaign committees in the state of New Jersey; however, nearly \$1,000 has gone to his own campaigns. Zwicker has also given to various Democrats in New Jersey including Phil Murphy’s re-election campaign.

Zwicker For New Jersey (2023)

Notable Contributions

Thus Far, Zwicker Has Received An Aggregate Of \$331,683.92 In Total Contributions For Her Campaign For The New Jersey State Senate. (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)

- **Between 2022 And 2023, Zwicker Received \$8,200 From Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union No. 9 PAC.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2022 And 2023, Zwicker Received \$8,200 From The Greater NJ Carpenters PAC.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2022 And 2023, Zwicker Received \$8,200 From The Committee To Elect Charles Carley.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2022 And 2023, Zwicker Received \$8,200 From The NJ State Laborers PAC.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2022 And 2023, Zwicker Received \$8,200 From CWA NJ PAC.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2022 And 2023, Zwicker Received \$8,200 From Scutari For Senate.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2022 And 2023, Zwicker Received \$8,200 From The New Jersey Association For Justice.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2022 And 2023, Zwicker Received \$7,967.38 From The Realtors PAC.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2022 And 2023, Zwicker Received \$7,600 From The Sheet Metal Workers Local 19.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2022 And 2023, Zwicker Received \$6,500 From The New Jersey Education Association.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2022 And 2023, Zwicker Received \$5,611.90 From The New Jersey Senate Democratic Majority.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2022 And 2023, Zwicker Received \$5,00 From The United Food And Commercial Workers International PAC.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2022 And 2023, Zwicker Received \$5,000 From IBEW Local 456.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2022 And 2023, Zwicker Received \$3,600 Steamfitters Local 475.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)

Notable Expenditures

Thus Far, Zwicker Has Disbursed An Aggregate Of \$449,560.73 For His Campaign For The New Jersey State Senate. (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/2/23)

- **Between 2022 And 2023, Zwicker Disbursed \$182,000 To The 16th District Democrats.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/2/23)

- **In 2023, Zwicker Transferred \$144,504.62 To His General Election Fund.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/2/23)
- **In 2023, Zwicker Disbursed \$12,000 To Petra Gaskins For Consulting.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/2/23)

Zwicker For New Jersey (2014-2021)

Notable Contributions

Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received An Aggregate Of \$1,857,421 In Total Contributions For His Campaigns For Elected Office In New Jersey. ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)

- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$41,900 From The New Jersey Education Association.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$37,600 From The Middlesex County Democratic Central Committee.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$36,585 From The Communications Workers New Jersey District 1.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$34,800 From The Craig Coughlin Campaign Committee.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$22,900 From The Northeast Regional Council Of Carpenters.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$21,400 From The New Jersey Association For Justice.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$20,700 From Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield Of New Jersey.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$19,600 From Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 9.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$16,473 From The Election Fund Of Senator Bob Smith.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$16,400 From United Food & Commercial Workers International Union.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$16,400 From The New Jersey State Laborers.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$16,400 From The Wayne Deangelo Campaign Committee.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)

- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$15,755 From The New Jersey Association Of Realtors.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$15,700 From Schaer For Assembly.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$13,200 From The Joseph Vitale Campaign Committee.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$12,050 From The New Jersey Business & Industry Association.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$11,500 From The New Jersey Blue Victory Fund.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$9,400 From CWA Local 1037.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$9,200 From IBEW.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$4,800 From Johnson & Johnson.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2021, Zwicker Received \$4,750 From SEIU Local 722.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 8/4/23)

Individual Contributions

Federal Election Commission

According To The Federal Election Commission, Zwicker Has Contributed An Aggregate Of \$6,575 To Federal Campaign Committees. ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/4/23)

- **Between 2014 And 2022, Zwicker Contributed \$1,750 To Bonnie Watson Coleman For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2020, Zwicker Contributed \$1,500 To Bill Foster For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2020 And 2022, Zwicker Contributed \$1,500 To Tom Malinowski For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **Between 2014 And 2018, Zwicker Contributed \$325 To ActBlue.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
 - **In 2015, Zwicker Earmarked \$100 To The 314 PAC.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
 - **In 2018, Zwicker Earmarked \$100 To Ellen Lipton For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/4/23)

- **In 2018, Zwicker Earmarked \$100 To Neill For Illinois.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **In 2014, Zwicker Earmarked \$25 To His Campaign.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **In 2023, Zwicker Contributed \$500 To Altman For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **In 2020, Zwicker Contributed \$500 To Amy Kennedy For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/4/23)
- **In 2020, Zwicker Contributed \$500 To Biden For President.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/4/23)

New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission

According To The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Zwicker Contributed An Aggregate Of \$2,608.56 To Campaign Committees In The State Of New Jersey. (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)

- **In 2015, Zwicker Contributed \$839.22 To His Campaign.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **In 2021, Zwicker Contributed \$500 To Phil Murphy.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **In 2022, Zwicker Contributed \$500 To John Kashwick.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **In 2022, Zwicker Contributed \$500 To Humphrey & Padmos For Clinton Council.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **In 2014, Wicker Contributed \$179.34 To The Middlesex County Democratic Organization.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)
- **In 2021, Zwicker Contributed \$90 To The Hillsborough Democratic Organization.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 8/4/23)

VOTING RECORDS

Andrew Zwicker has been an actively-registered voter in Middlesex County, New Jersey since April 21, 2003; Zwicker has been a registered Democratic Party member since February 2008. Since 2003, Zwicker has failed to vote in at least twelve elections including eight primaries.

Middlesex County, NJ

According To The Middlesex County Superintendent Of Elections, Zwicker Has Been An Actively-Registered Voter In Middlesex County, New Jersey Since April 21, 2003. (Voter Profile Report: Andrew Zwicker, Middlesex County Superintendent Of Elections, Filed 4/21/03, New Jersey Open Records Law Request, Filled 7/11/23)

Voter Information:

Voter Name: ANDREW P ZWICKER
DOB: 05/17/1964
Voter ID: I5020351548
Legacy ID: 104620989

Residence Address:

County: Middlesex
Street Number: 6
Street Name: Spruce Ln
Address Line 2:
Municipality: South Brunswick Township
City: Princeton
State: NJ
Zipcode: 085409584

Party Information:

Current Party: Democratic
Party Privilege Date: 02/05/2008

Miscellaneous:

Gender: Male
Registration Date: 04/21/2003
Registration Type: Agency

Status Information:

Voting Privilege Date: 05/20/2003
Date Last Voted: 06/06/2023
Current Status: Active
Poll Worker Status:

Mailing Address:

Address:

Inactive Confirmation Address:

Address:

(Voter Profile Report: Andrew Zwicker, Middlesex County Superintendent Of Elections, Filed 4/21/03, New Jersey Open Records Law Request, Filled 7/11/23)

- **Zwicker Registered As A Democratic Party Voter In February 2008.** (Voter Profile Report: Andrew Zwicker, Middlesex County Superintendent Of Elections, Filed 2/5/08, New Jersey Open Records Law Request, Filled 7/11/23)

Since 2003, Zwicker Has Failed To Vote In At Least 12 Elections: The 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, And 2012 Primary Elections; As Well As The 2007, 2010, 2011, And 2021 General Elections. (Voter Profile Report: Andrew Zwicker, Middlesex County Superintendent Of Elections, Filed 4/21/03, New Jersey Open Records Law Request, Filled 7/11/23)

Election Name	Election Date	Election Type	Election Code	Ballot Type	County Voted In	Municipality Voted In	Party Affiliation	Memo User Scanned	Date Scanned	Date Counted	Ballot Status
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/06/2023	Primary	STATE PE	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township	Democratic	miboelpalu001	06/06/2023	06/06/2023	
GENERAL ELECTION	11/08/2022	General	STATE GE	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township		LINDA PALUGHI	11/06/2022	11/06/2022	
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/07/2022	Primary	STATE PE	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township	Democratic	LINDA PALUGHI	06/03/2022	06/03/2022	
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/08/2021	Primary	STATE PE	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township	Democratic	miboebmcea001	06/29/2021	06/08/2021	
GENERAL ELECTION	11/03/2020	General	STATE GE	Mail In	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township	Democratic	miboelpalu001	12/11/2020	11/03/2020	Accepted
PRIMARY ELECTION	07/07/2020	Primary	STATE PE	Mail In	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township	Democratic	miboelpalu001	08/05/2020	07/07/2020	Accepted
GENERAL ELECTION	11/05/2019	General	STATE GE 2019	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township		GKESSELM	12/02/2019	11/05/2019	
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/04/2019	Primary	STATE PE 2019	Mail In	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township	Democratic	FCASEY	06/14/2019	06/14/2019	Accepted
FIRE ELECTION	02/16/2019	Fire	F 119	Mail In	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township		FCASEY	03/05/2019	03/05/2019	Accepted
GENERAL ELECTION	11/06/2018	General	STATE GE 2018	Mail In			Democratic	LPINO	10/18/2018	12/12/2018	Accepted
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/05/2018	Primary	STATE PE 2018	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township	Democratic	MATHEL	06/15/2018	06/05/2018	

GENERAL ELECTION	11/07/2017	General	STATE GE 2017	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township		ZPARADA	11/20/2017	11/07/2017
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/06/2017	Primary	STATE PE 2017	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township	Democratic	JKUSHNER	06/28/2017	06/06/2017
GENERAL ELECTION	11/08/2016	General	STATE GENERAL 2016	Mail In	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township		FCASEY	12/21/2016	12/21/2016 Accepted
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/07/2016	Primary	STATE PE 2016	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township	Democratic	FCASEY	07/11/2016	06/07/2016
GENERAL ELECTION	11/03/2015	General	STATE GE 2015	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township		FCASEY	12/18/2015	11/03/2015
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/02/2015	Primary	STATE PE 2015	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township	Democratic	FCASEY	06/22/2015	06/02/2015
GENERAL ELECTION	11/04/2014	General	STATE GE 2014	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township		MGOLLIVE	12/16/2014	11/04/2014
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/03/2014	Primary	STATE PE 2014	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township	Democratic	JPINO	06/24/2014	06/03/2014
GENERAL ELECTION	11/05/2013	General	STATE GE 2013	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township		FCASEY	01/02/2014	11/05/2013
SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR US SENATE	10/16/2013	General	STATE SPECIAL GE 2013	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township		FCASEY	01/29/2014	10/16/2013
SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR US SENATE	08/13/2013	Primary	STATE SPECIAL PE 2013	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township	Democratic	FCASEY	09/17/2013	08/13/2013
GENERAL ELECTION	11/06/2012	General	GE 2012	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township		FCASEY	11/29/2012	11/06/2012
STATE SCHOOL ELECTION	04/27/2011	Annual School	STATESCHOOL11	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township		FCASEY	06/01/2011	04/27/2011
STATE-SCHOOL ELECTION	04/20/2010	Annual School	STATESCHOOL10	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township		MGOLLIVE	06/03/2010	04/20/2010
STATE GENERAL ELECTION	11/03/2009	General	STATE GE 110309	Mail In	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township		LPINO	11/06/2009	11/03/2009 Accepted
GENERAL ELECTION	11/04/2008	General	00004	Machine	Middlesex	South Brunswick Township		FCASEY	01/27/2009	11/04/2008
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY	02/05/2008	Primary	PRESIDENTIALPRIMARY	Machine			Democratic	FCASEY	02/05/2008	02/05/2008
GENERAL 11/07/2006	11/07/2006	General	00040	Machine				FCASEY	01/25/2007	11/07/2006
GENERAL 11/08/2005	11/08/2005	General	00040	Machine				CONV	11/08/2005	11/08/2005
GENERAL 11/02/2004	11/02/2004	General	00040	Machine				CONV	11/02/2004	11/02/2004
SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION	12/09/2003	Special School	00004	Machine				CONV	12/09/2003	12/09/2003
GENERAL 11/04/2003	11/04/2003	General	00040	Machine				CONV	11/04/2003	11/04/2003

(Voter Profile Report: Andrew Zwicker, Middlesex County Superintendent Of Elections, Filed 4/21/03, New Jersey Open Records Law Request, Filled 7/11/23)

PUBLIC COMPENSATION

Since 2016, Andrew Zwicker has received an aggregate of \$367,500 in taxpayer-funded compensation while serving in the New Jersey State Legislature.

New Jersey State Legislature (2016-Pres.)

Since 2016, Zwicker Has Received An Aggregate Of \$367,500 In Taxpayer-Funded Compensation While Serving In The New Jersey State Legislature. ([NJ Open Data Center](#), Accessed 8/4/23)

Full Name	Year	Qtr	Department	Section	Title	Employee Relations Group (ERG)	Annual Salary	YTD Regular Payments	YTD Overtime Payments	YTD Other Payments	YTD Total Payments
ZWICKER, ANDREW P	2023	2	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE-SENATORS	SENATOR	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,500.01	\$24,500.01
ZWICKER, ANDREW P	2022	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
ZWICKER, ANDREW P	2021	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
ZWICKER, ANDREW P	2020	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
ZWICKER, ANDREW P	2019	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
ZWICKER, ANDREW P	2018	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.01	\$49,000.01
ZWICKER, ANDREW P	2017	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
ZWICKER, ANDREW P	2016	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00

([NJ Open Data Center](#), Accessed 8/4/23)

CRIMINAL RECORDS

Andrew Zwicker has received at least two traffic citations for which he has paid \$264 in aggregate fines.

Traffic Citations

In May 2019, Zwicker Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding In Northampton County, Virginia. (Case No. GT19008592-00, Northampton County General District Court, Filed 5/13/19)

Northampton General District Court [\(details\)](#)

Case #: **GT19008592-00**

Defendant: **ZWICKER, ANDREW P**

Case/Charge Information		
Defendant Status: RELEASED ON SUMMONS	Filed Date: 05/13/2019	Locality: EASTVILLE
Code Section: G.46.2-870	Charge: 70/55 SPEED	
Case Type: INFRACTION	Class:	
Offense Date: 05/09/2019	Arrest Date:	Complainant: BRADY, J
Amended Code Section:	Amended Charge:	
Amended Case Type:	Amended Class:	

Appeal Information
Appeal Date:

Hearing Information				
Date	Time	Result	Type	Courtroom
06/13/2019	01:30 PM	WAIVED		

(Case No. GT19008592-00, Northampton County General District Court, Filed 5/13/19)

- Zwicker Paid A \$156 Fine For The Citation.** (Case No. GT19008592-00, Northampton County General District Court, Filed 5/13/19)

In May 2014, Zwicker Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding In South Brunswick, New Jersey. (Case No. E14 4676, South Brunswick Municipal Court, Filed 6/11/14)

Case:	E14 4676	Court:	1221	Type:	Moving	Defendant:	ANDREW P ZWICKER	Status:	Disposed
Defendant Information									
Name:	ANDREW P ZWICKER			Gender:	Male	Eyes:	Blue	Commercial License:	N
Court Information									
Court Date:	06/11/2014			Court Time:	09:00 AM	Court Room:			
Assessed Totals									
Assessed Total:	\$108.00			Fine Amount:	\$81.00	Cost Amount:	\$24.00	Misc Amount:	\$3.00
Balance Due:	\$0.00			Payable Ind:	Y	Last Payment Date:	05/30/2014		
Ticket Information									
Ticket Number:	E14 4676			Issue Date:	05/28/2014	Offense Date:	05/28/2014 02:25 PM		
Court:	1221 - SOUTH BRUNSWICK TWP COURT			Agency & Officer ID:	1221 0491	Location:	PROMEADE BLVD/		
Mun. Of Offense:	1221			Municipality:	SOUTH BRUNSWICK TWP COURT				
Transferred To:						Transferred From:			
Status:	Disposed			Time Payment:			Warrant:	Bail:	
Entered Date:	05/28/2014								
Offense Information									
Offense:	39:4-98 . 19 - SPEEDING (. 19 INDICATES EXCEEDING BY 15-19 MPH)								
Death/Serious Injury:	N			Personal Injury:	N		Excess Weight:	00000	
Speed:	51 MPH			In MPH:	35 MPH		Equipment Used:		
Vehicle Information									
Make of Vehicle:	Mazda			Year of Vehicle:	2012		Type of Vehicle:	Station Wagon	
							Color:	Black	
Disposition Information									
Plea:	Guilty			Plea Date:	05/30/2014		Disposition Date:	05/30/2014	
License Surrendered:				Method:			Disposition Type:	Disposed	
							Finding:	Accident Disp. Code:	
Item	Assessed			Num	Miscellaneous Fees		Amount		
Fine	581.00			1	Web Fee		\$3.00		
Cost	524.00			Miscellaneous Total		\$3.00			
Misc Total	3.00								
Total	\$108.00								

(Case No. E14 4676, South Brunswick Municipal Court, Filed 6/11/14)

- Zwicker Paid A \$108 Fine For The Citation.** (Case No. E14 4676, South Brunswick Municipal Court, Filed 6/11/14)

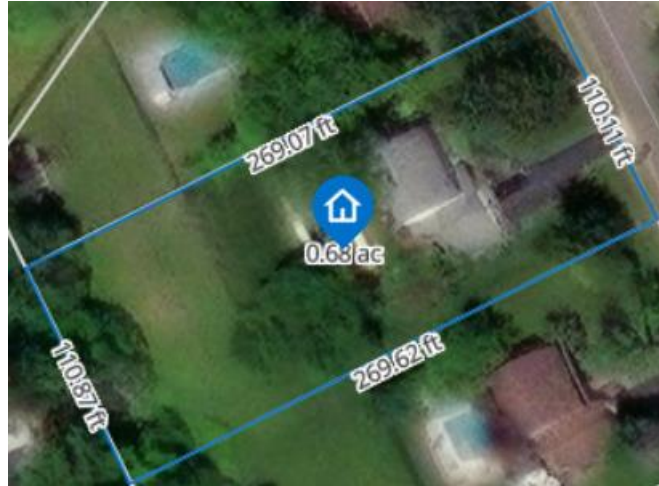
POLICE RECORDS

NOTE: No immediately actionable information relating to Andrew Zwicker could be gleaned from municipal law enforcement records.

REAL PROPERTY RECORDS

6 Spruce Lane, Princeton, NJ, Middlesex County

This is the primary residence owned by Andrew Zwicker and his wife, Barbara Golden. This single-family residence has a 2022 assessed value of \$218,200. Zwicker and his wife had owned the property since October 2008.



([NJ Property Search](#), Accessed 8/4/23)

Property Information

Full Address: 6 Spruce Lane, Princeton, NJ 08540
 County: Middlesex County
 Parcel ID: 1221_97.12_4
 Property Type: Single-Family Residential
 Owner: GOLDEN BARBARA & ZWICKER ANDREW
 Sale Date: 10/16/2008
 Sale Price: \$490,000
 Year Built: 1973
 Total Bedrooms: -
 Total Bathrooms: -
 Total Square Footage: 1,910
 2022 Assessed Value: \$218,200

([NJ Property Search](#), Accessed 8/4/23)

Tax Information

In 2022, Zwicker Paid \$11,156.56 In Total Municipal Property Taxes. ([NJ Property Search](#), Accessed 8/4/23)

Taxes		\$
Taxes 1 / Taxes 2	\$11,156.56 / \$0.00	
Tax Code	F03	
Rate (2022) ▼	5.011	
Ratio (2022) ▼	40.82	
Calc Tax (2022) ▼	\$11,156.57	

([NJ Property Search](#), Accessed 8/4/23)

BANKRUPTCIES, JUDGMENTS, & LIENS RECORDS

NOTE: No bankruptcies, judgments, or lien records could be found for Andrew Zwicker.

LEGAL ISSUES

In June 2005, Andrew Zwicker's then-wife, Tracey, petitioned for divorce against him, accusing Zwicker of "extreme cruelty." Specifically, Tracey claimed that "since the end of 1996, [Zwicker] had been engaging in extensive contact with many other woman" and the conduct "coincided with [Tracey's] pregnancy with their first child." Tracey additionally claimed in 2004, she "discovered that [Zwicker] was having an inappropriate emotional relationship with another woman" to which they went to counseling for. When Tracey asked Zwicker about the state of their relationship, Zwicker "responded by expressing ambivalence as to whether he wanted to remain married to [Tracey]" and Zwicker has been indicating that "it was his intention to vacate the marital residence over the course of several months." Tracey also alleged "since the parties' separation, [Zwicker] had begun to see another woman." In May 2006, the divorce was granted with the parties agreeing to joint custody and Zwicker agreeing to pay Tracey \$1,500 per month in alimony for 15 years and \$250 per week in child support payments. Tracey also received sole possession of their property and resumed his maiden name of Zwicker (he changed his name to Post-Zwicker during the marriage).

Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker

In June 2005, Zwicker's Then-Wife, Tracey, Petitioned For Divorce Against Zwicker In Middlesex County, New Jersey. (Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 6/10/05)

<p>TRACEY POST-ZWICKER,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Plaintiff,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">vs.</p> <p>ANDREW POST-ZWICKER,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Defendant.</p>	<p>: SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY</p> <p>: CHANCERY DIVISION-FAMILY PART</p> <p>: MIDDLESEX COUNTY</p> <p>: DOCKET NO. FM-12 249805 F</p> <p>: Civil Action</p> <p>: COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE</p>
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TRACEY POST-ZWICKER, residing at Two Basin Street, Kingston, Middlesex County, New Jersey, by way of Complaint says:

1. She was lawfully married to the Defendant, Andrew Post-Zwicker, on July 4, 1992, in a religious ceremony in Marriotsville, Maryland. This is a first marriage for each party.
2. She was a bona fide resident of the State of New Jersey when this cause of action arose and has ever since and for more than one year next preceding the commencement of this action continued to be such bona fide resident.
3. The Defendant presently resides at Two Faculty Road, Magie Apartment 3D, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

(Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 6/10/05)

- **Zwicker Was Accused Of “Extreme Cruelty” By Tracey.** (Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 6/10/05)

4. The Defendant has been guilty of extreme cruelty to the Plaintiff commencing in approximately 1996 and continuing from that time until March 16, 2005, at which time the Plaintiff was compelled to discontinue cohabitation with the Defendant on account of Defendant’s extreme cruelty toward Plaintiff.

Particularly specifying the acts of extreme cruelty committed by Defendant, Plaintiff says that:

SEE SCHEDULE A ATTACHED

The above-named acts of extreme cruelty endangered the safety and health of the Plaintiff and made it improper and unreasonable to expect the Plaintiff to continue to cohabit with the Defendant.

More than three months have elapsed since the last act of extreme cruelty complained of as constituting the cause of action herein. The acts of extreme cruelty occurring within three months of the filing of the within Complaint are alleged not as constituting in whole or in part the cause of action set forth hereunder, but as relating back to qualify and characterize the acts constituting said cause of action.

(Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 6/10/05)

Tracey Claimed That “Since The End Of 1996, [Zwicker] Had Been Engaging In Extensive Contact With Many Other Woman” And The Conduct “Coincided With [Tracey’s]

Pregnancy With Their First Child.” (Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 6/10/05)

1. Since the end 1996, the Defendant has been engaging in extensive contact with many other women through the parties' computer. The Defendant had also been in contact with other women via the telephone. This conduct coincided with the Plaintiff's pregnancy with the parties' first child.

2. In the summer of 2004, the Plaintiff discovered that the Defendant was having an inappropriate emotional relationship with another women. The parties went into counseling in an attempt to deal with this issue.

(Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 6/10/05)

- **Tracey Additionally Claimed In 2004, Tracey “Discovered That [Zwicker] Was Having An Inappropriate Emotional Relationship With Another Woman” To Which They Went To Counseling For.** (Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 6/10/05)

When Tracey Asked Zwicker About The State Of Their Relationship, Zwicker “Responded By Expressing Ambivalence As To Whether He Wanted To Remain Married To [Tracey]” And Zwicker Has Been Indicating That “It Was His Intention To Vacate The Marital Residence Over The Course Of Several Months.” (Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 6/10/05)

3. When the Plaintiff asked Defendant about the state of their relationship, Defendant responded by expressing ambivalence as to whether he wanted to remain married to the Plaintiff.

4. The Defendant had been indicating that it was his intention to vacate the marital residence over the course of several months. He ultimately vacated the marital residence on March 16, 2005.

5. Since the parties' separation, the Defendant has begun to see another woman.

6. All of the Defendant's conduct caused the Plaintiff to become upset and anxious.

(Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 6/10/05)

- **“Since The Parties’ Separation, [Zwicker] Has Begun To See Another Woman.”** (Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 6/10/05)

In May 2006, The Divorce Was Granted. (Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 5/30/06)

TRACEY POST-ZWICKER,)	SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
)	CHANCERY DIVISION
Plaintiff,)	FAMILY PART
)	MIDDLESEX COUNTY
vs.)	
)	DOCKET NO.: FM-12-2498-05F
ANDREW POST-ZWICKER,)	
)	CIVIL ACTION
Defendant.)	
<hr/>		FINAL JUDGMENT OF DIVORCE

THIS MATTER coming to be heard on May 30, 2006, before the Honorable Jessica R. Mayer, presiding in the presence of Kenneth M. Denti, Esq., Margolis Edelstein, counsel for the Plaintiff, and Wayne F. Jentis, Esq., counsel for the Defendant, upon Complaint and upon proofs being taken in open Court, and the Court having heard and considered the Complaint, and proofs, and it appearing that the Plaintiff and Defendant were married on July 4, 1992, and the Plaintiff having pleaded and proved a cause of action for divorce as alleged in the Complaint under the statute in such case made and provided, and the Plaintiff having been a bonafide resident of this State for more than one year next preceding the commencement of this action, and jurisdiction having been acquired over the Defendant pursuant to the Rules governing the Courts of this State, and it further appearing that the parties have executed a Property Settlement Agreement dated May 30th, 2006, a copy of which agreement is marked J-1 in evidence, ^{and J-1 A}

(Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 5/30/06)

- **Zwicker Resumed His Maiden Name Of Zwicker (He Changed His Name To Post-Zwicker During The Marriage).** (Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 5/30/06)

ORDERED that the Plaintiff shall resume her maiden name of POST and defendant shall resume his maiden name of zwicker *SPZ*

(Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 5/30/06)

- **The Parties Agreed To Joint Custody Of Their Children.** (Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 5/30/06)

I. JOINT CUSTODY

1. It is hereby agreed that the parties shall have joint, legal custody of the

infant children of the marriage, to wit: Maximillian Charles and Louisa Rose. It is agreed that

(Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 5/30/06)

- **Zwicker Agreed To Pay Tracey \$1,500 Per Month In Alimony For 15 Years.** (Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 5/30/06)

II. ALIMONY

1. Husband agrees to pay Wife, as and for alimony, the sum of \$1,500.00 per month for a term of fifteen (15) years, with the first payment due on June 1, 2006. Husband's alimony obligation shall terminate upon the earliest of the following: the death of the Husband (except any amounts due prior to the date of Husband's death shall remain due and payable to Wife); Wife's remarriage; or the expiration of the fifteen (15) year term set forth herein.

(Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 5/30/06)

- **Zwicker Agreed To Pay \$250 Per Week (\$1,000 Per Month) In Child Support.** (Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 5/30/06)

III. CHILD SUPPORT/DAYCARE

1. Husband agrees to pay to the Wife the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 (\$250.00) DOLLARS per week as and for Child Support for the parties' unemancipated Children.

2. These payments shall be made through the Middlesex County Probation Department ("Probation"). Until such time as an account can be established with Probation,

(Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 5/30/06)

- **Tracey Received Sole Possession Of The Property.** (Case No. FM 12 249805F, *Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker*, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 5/30/06)

C. Real Property

The parties agree that the Wife shall retain sole possession of the marital premises known and designated as 2 Basin Street, Kingston, New Jersey. ~~The Husband will convey his interest in the property to Wife. Any outstanding property taxes as of the date of entry of the Final Judgment of Divorce shall be divided and paid equally by the parties.~~ ^{PK} Wife agrees to promptly take whatever action is necessary to refinance the home in order to pay off all current mortgages on the property and also so as to remove the Husband's name from the present mortgage loans and home equity loan. In return, the parties agree that Husband shall receive, after deducting the expenses incidental to the sale, one-half of the remaining equity in the marital home, which he shall receive by retaining his full interest in his pension/IRA accounts. The parties have agreed, for purposes of this Agreement, that the value of the "expenses incidental to the sale" is equivalent to 6% of the value that the parties have agreed to place on the residence which is FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$445,000.00) and ZERO (00/100) DOLLARS. The parties acknowledge that they arrived at this value by mutual agreement and that no appraisals were performed to arrive at this value. In the event that the difference between the parties' respective pensions is insufficient to afford Husband his one-half interest in the equity of the home, then Wife shall pay husband the remaining funds due him at the time refinancing of the marital home. Wife shall hereinafter be solely responsible for all costs related to the marital residence. Husband agrees to promptly execute all documents necessary to effectuate the above-

(Case No. FM 12 249805F, Tracey Zwicker V. Andrew Zwicker, Middlesex County Chancery Court, Filed 5/30/06)

BUSINESS RECORDS

NOTE: No business records could be found for Andrew Zwicker.

NON-PROFIT RECORDS

Andrew Zwicker has served as a trustee of the Research and Development Council since 2016.

Research And Development Council Of New Jersey

Zwicker Has Served As A Trustee Of The Research And Development Council Since 2016.

([ProPublica](#), Accessed 8/4/23)

Person	Title	Organization Name	Fiscal Year	Org. City	Compensation From W-2 or 1099-MISC	Compensation From Related Orgs.
Andrew Zwicker PhD	Trustee	RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY INC	2021	CHATHAM, NJ	\$0	\$0
Andrew Zwicker PhD	Trustee	RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY INC	2020	CHATHAM, NJ	\$0	\$0
Andrew Zwicker PhD	Trustee	RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY INC	2018	CHATHAM, NJ	\$0	\$0
Andrew Zwicker PhD	Trustee	RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY INC	2017	CHATHAM, NJ	\$0	\$0
Andrew Zwicker PhD	Trustee	RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY INC	2016	CHATHAM, NJ	\$0	\$0

([ProPublica](#), Accessed 8/4/23)

PROFESSIONAL & RECREATIONAL LICENSES

NOTE: No professional or recreational licenses could be found for Andrew Zwicker.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

On his 2022 Financial Disclosure Statement, Andrew Zwicker declared he received between at least \$74,999 and \$99,999 in earned income from two sources while his wife received more than \$50,000 in income serving on a board of education; Zwicker also declared receiving less than \$10,000 from investment income. Zwicker disclosed his mortgage liability, valued over \$50,000 while listing he did not hold any business interests, fiduciary positions, and received no gifts.

2022 Financial Disclosure Statement

Earned Income

In 2022, Zwicker Declared He Received More Than \$50,000 In Income From Princeton University. (2022 Financial Disclosure Statement, [New Jersey State Legislature](#), Filed 4/28/23)

In 2022, Zwicker Declared He Received Between \$24,999 And \$49,999 In Income From The State Of New Jersey. (2022 Financial Disclosure Statement, [New Jersey State Legislature](#), Filed 4/28/23)

In 2022, Zwicker Declared His Wife Received More Than \$50,000 In Income From The Hillsborough Board Of Education. (2022 Financial Disclosure Statement, [New Jersey State Legislature](#), Filed 4/28/23)

I. EARNED INCOME: List the name, address and amount for each source of earned income. (Earned income includes salaries, bonuses, royalties, commissions, profit sharing, fees, pensions and Social Security.)

	Name of Employer	Address of Employer	Amount Code				Self	Spouse	Child
			1	2	3	4			
1)	Princeton University	PO Box 1, Princeton, NJ. 08543	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2)	State of NJ	125 West State St. Trenton, NJ. 08608	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3)	Hillsborough Board of Ed	379 S. Branch Road, Hillsborough NJ. 08844	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(2022 Financial Disclosure Statement, [New Jersey State Legislature](#), Filed 4/28/23)

Income From Investments

In 2022, Zwicker Declared He Received Less Than \$10,000 In Investment Income From NVE Bank. (2022 Financial Disclosure Statement, [New Jersey State Legislature](#), Filed 4/28/23)

C. INCOME from investments, trusts and estates (including capital gains).

	Name	Address	Amount Code				Self	Spouse	Child
			1	2	3	4			
1)	NVE Bank	535 Grand Avenue, Englewood, NJ. 07631	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(2022 Financial Disclosure Statement, [New Jersey State Legislature](#), Filed 4/28/23)

Gifts

In 2022, Zwicker Declared He Did Not Receive Any Gifts. (2022 Financial Disclosure Statement, [New Jersey State Legislature](#), Filed 4/28/23)

V. GIFTS: List the name, address, nature and amount for each source of gift to you, your spouse or minor child from a named donor connected to the legislative process.

	Name & Nature of Gift	Address	Amount Code				Self	Spouse	Child
			1	2	3	4			
1)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(2022 Financial Disclosure Statement, [New Jersey State Legislature](#), Filed 4/28/23)

Liabilities

In 2022, Zwicker Declared He And His Wife Had A Mortgage Liability Valued Over \$50,000 To Princeton Federal Credit Union. (2022 Financial Disclosure Statement, [New Jersey State Legislature](#), Filed 4/28/23)

VI. LIABILITIES: List the name and address of each creditor for you or your spouse and the nature and amount of each liability except for liabilities which are: (a) less than \$15,000 and owed to a relative; (b) less than \$3,000 and owed to any other person; (c) loans secured by a personal motor vehicle or household furniture or appliances; or (d) revolving charge accounts.

	Name & Nature of Liability	Address	Amount Code				Self	Spouse
			1	2	3	4		
1)	Princeton Federal Credit Union - Mortgage	774 Alexander Road, Princeton, NJ. 08540	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2)	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3)	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4)	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(2022 Financial Disclosure Statement, [New Jersey State Legislature](#), Filed 4/28/23)

Business Interests

In 2022, Zwicker Declared He Did Not Hold Any Business Interests. (2022 Financial Disclosure Statement, [New Jersey State Legislature](#), Filed 4/28/23)

VIII. BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS: List the name and address of all business organizations in which you or your spouse held an interest.

	Name	Address	Self	Spouse
1)	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2)	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3)	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4)	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Fiduciary Positions

In 2022, Zwicker Declared He Did Not Hold Any Fiduciary Positions. (2022 Financial Disclosure Statement, [New Jersey State Legislature](#), Filed 4/28/23)

IX. OFFICES, TRUSTEESHIPS, OR DIRECTORSHIPS: List the title of each position held by you or your spouse in any firm, corporation, association, partnership or business and the name and address of the entity in which the position was held.

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ZWICKER’S SUPPORT FOR THE FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, ANTI-GROWTH AGENDA

ZWICKER HAS SUPPORTED FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE STATE BUDGETS

In 2020, Zwicker Supported New Jersey’s FY 2021 “Fiscally Irresponsible Budget Bill [That] Spends \$32.7 Billion Over Nine Months And Places State Solvency At Risk By Taking On \$4.5 Billion In New Debt Through Bonds”

In 2020, Zwicker Voted Yea On S 2021, The 2021 New Jersey State Budget. ([S 2021](#), Passed (51 - 27), New Jersey State Assembly, 9/24/20, Zwicker Voted Yea)

ACU: S 2021 “Fiscally Irresponsible Budget Bill Spends \$32.7 Billion Over Nine Months And Places State Solvency At Risk By Taking On \$4.5 Billion In New Debt Through Bonds.” “This fiscally irresponsible budget bill spends \$32.7 billion over nine months and places state solvency at risk by taking on \$4.5 billion in new debt through bonds. Furthermore, the bill exemplifies insider corruption in the budgetary process with ridiculous pork projects including funding for youth golf programs in Essex County and shade tree management in Metuchen.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Runaway Government Spending And Paving The Way For Even Greater Tax Burdens And Hikes, Opposes Indebting New Jersians At A Time Of Declining Tax Revenue Projections Due To COVID-19 And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes runaway government spending and paving the way for even greater tax burdens and hikes, opposes indebting New Jersians at a time of declining tax revenue projections due to COVID-19 and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 25-14 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2023, Zwicker Supported New Jersey’s FY 2024 State Budget, Which Is “7 Percent Higher Than Last Year’s”

In 2023, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 5669, The New Jersey FY 2023-2024 State Budget. ([A 5669](#), Passed (25-12), New Jersey State Senate, 6/30/23, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Appropriates \$54,357,547,000 in State funds and \$26,144,171,463 in federal funds for the State budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.” ([A 5669](#))

According To The New York Times, New Jersey’s 2023 State Budget Is “7 Percent Higher Than Last Year’s.” (“Gov. Murphy Looks To Burnish Legacy With A \$54.3 Billion Budget,” [New York Times](#), 7/1/23)

Gov. Murphy Looks to Burnish Legacy With a \$54.3 Billion Budget

New Jersey's election-year spending plan is 7 percent higher than last year's.

("Gov. Murphy Looks To Burnish Legacy With A \$54.3 Billion Budget," [New York Times](#), 7/1/23)

According To The New York Times, The State's 2023 Budget Does Not Lose Sight Of Social Justice Initiatives

The New York Times Appears To Claim The State's Budget Does Not Lose Sight Of Social Justice Initiatives. "On Friday night, he signed the state's \$54.3 billion budget, a spending plan that is 7 percent higher than last year's and was passed hours ahead of a constitutional deadline. In the coming weeks Mr. Murphy will meet with companies that grade the state's credit, hoping to use the new budget, among other measures, to burnish his legacy as a prudent money manager who paid down the state's costly debts without losing sight of social justice initiatives." ("Gov. Murphy Looks To Burnish Legacy With A \$54.3 Billion Budget," [New York Times](#), 7/1/23)

The Passed Budget Is "\$1.2 Billion Larger Than The Draft Mr. Murphy Proposed In February" And Was A "Feeding Frenzy Of Unexplained Pork"

State Senator, Declan O'Scanlon Jr., Noted The Passed Budget Is "\$1.2 Billion Larger Than The Draft Mr. Murphy Proposed In February" And Was A "Feeding Frenzy Of Unexplained Pork". "Senator Declan J. O'Scanlon Jr., a Republican on the budget committee, said that the budget, which is \$1.2 billion larger than the draft Mr. Murphy proposed in February, was a missed opportunity filled with a "feeding frenzy of unexplained pork." He called it a "failure to seize what may have been a unique opportunity to set New Jersey on a path to long-term, sustainable fiscal stability." The adopted budget, which comes four months before the state legislative elections in November, is 45 percent greater than the first budget Mr. Murphy signed in 2018, which was \$37.4 billion. By comparison, during Mr. Christie's eight years in office, New Jersey's budget grew by 18 percent." ("Gov. Murphy Looks To Burnish Legacy With A \$54.3 Billion Budget," [New York Times](#), 7/1/23)

- **Declan O'Scanlon Jr.: "[The Budget Is A] Failure To Seize What May Have Been A Unique Opportunity To Set New Jersey On A Path To Long-Term, Sustainable Fiscal Stability."** ("Gov. Murphy Looks To Burnish Legacy With A \$54.3 Billion Budget," [New York Times](#), 7/1/23)
- **"The Adopted Budget, Which Comes Four Months Before The State Legislative Elections In November, Is 45 Percent Greater Than The First Budget Mr. Murphy Signed In 2018".** ("Gov. Murphy Looks To Burnish Legacy With A \$54.3 Billion Budget," [New York Times](#), 7/1/23)

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According To Rowan University’s Steve Sweeny Center For Public Policy, “Multibillion-Dollar Budget Gaps Are Likely Within A Few Years, Under The State’s Current Tax And Spending Policies.” “A five-year budget forecast included in a report released on Thursday by Rowan University’s Steve Sweeney Center for Public Policy predicts multibillion-dollar budget gaps are likely within a few years, under the state’s current tax and spending policies. “New Jersey faces a looming fiscal crisis, with state revenues projected to fall \$3 billion to \$4 billion short annually of the amount needed to continue state programs and state aid at current service levels from Fiscal Year 2025 to Fiscal Year 2029,” according to the report.” (“Sobering Fiscal News For NJ Now And Long-Term,” [NJ Spotlight News](#), 6/16/23)

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ZWICKER SUPPORTED A SCHEME TO “PRESSURE CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO RAISE LOCAL TAXES”

In 2018, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Modifies School Funding Law To Eliminate Adjustment Aid ... Allows Adjustment To Tax Levy Growth Limitation For Certain School Districts”

In 2018, Zwicker Voted Yea On S 2, Which Allowed For The Imposition Of New Taxes And Redistributed School Aid. ([S 2](#), Passed (54 - 17), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/21/18, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Modifies school funding law to eliminate adjustment aid and State aid growth limit; allows adjustment to tax levy growth limitation for certain school districts.” ([S 2](#))

ACU: This Legislation “Is Designed To Pressure Certain School Districts To Raise Local Taxes By Reducing Their Portion Of State School Aid Funding And Transferring The Money To Schools Considered ‘Underfunded’”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Scheme To Increase Spending And Raise Taxes And Opposed This Bill”

ACU: S 2 “Is Designed To Pressure Certain School Districts To Raise Local Taxes By Reducing Their Portion Of State School Aid Funding And Transferring The Money To Schools Considered ‘Underfunded.’” “This bill is designed to pressure certain school districts to raise local taxes by reducing their portion of state school aid funding and transferring the money to schools considered "underfunded." Additionally, any municipality whose school loses aid and "underspends" is forced under the bill to increase local taxes.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Scheme To Increase Spending And Raise Taxes And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes this scheme to increase spending and raise taxes and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2018 by a vote of 54-17.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

ZWICKER VOTED TO DOUBLE THE STATE THE PAYROLL TAX

In 2019, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Reduces Employee Take-Home Pay Even Further In Order To Expand The State’s Existing Family Leave Insurance (FLI) Program”

In 2019, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 3975, Which Doubled The State’s Payroll Tax For Paid Leave. ([A 3975](#), Passed (53 - 21), New Jersey State Assembly, 1/31/19, Zwicker Voted Yea)

13. (New section) a. The division shall implement disability insurance goals for the timely determination and payment of temporary disability benefits and family temporary disability benefits under the State plan, as follows:

(1) for temporary disability benefits, in each calendar year:

(a) not less than 40 percent of the original benefit determinations shall be completed within seven days after the commencement of the disability, or the receipt of the benefit claims by the division, whichever is later;

(b) not less than 75 percent of the original benefit determinations shall be completed within 14 days after the commencement of the disability, or the receipt of the benefit claims by the division, whichever is later;

(c) not less than 85 percent of the original benefit determinations shall be completed within 21 days after the commencement of the disability, or the receipt of the benefit claims by the division, whichever is later; and

(d) not less than 90 percent of the original benefit determinations shall be completed within 28 days after the commencement of the disability, or the receipt of the benefit claims by the division, whichever is later; and

([A 3976](#))

ACU: A 3976 “Reduces Employee Take-Home Pay Even Further In Order To Expand The State’s Existing Family Leave Insurance (FLI) Program.” “This bill reduces employee take-home pay even further in order to expand the state’s existing Family Leave Insurance (FLI) program. This program, which is mandatory, is funded through an additional payroll tax on employee wages. This bill will result in an additional \$365 million in annual tax burdens by doubling the employee payroll deduction rate (from 0.08% to 0.16%) and applying the tax on all wages earned up to \$131,500 (previously \$34,400) representing a 684% increase. With this massive influx of new revenue, the duration of benefits is doubled from six weeks to 12 weeks and the maximum weekly payout is increased to \$860 (up from \$650) or 85% of an individual’s wage rate (previously 66%). Furthermore, employees are no longer required to first use their employer-provided paid time off or benefits before receiving the benefits under this program.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

- **“This Program, Which Is Mandatory, Is Funded Through An Additional Payroll Tax On Employee Wages.”** ([American Conservative Union](#))

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ZWICKER SUPPORTED INCREASING THE TAX BURDEN ON NEW JERSEY'S HIGHER-EARNERS AND CORPORATIONS

In 2020, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Further Soaks The Rich In Taxation By Imposing The State’s Top Income Tax Rate Of 10.75% Onto All Earnings Over \$1 Million”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Direct Wealth Redistribution Which Harms Economic Growth And Opposed This Bill”

In 2020, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 10, Which Expanded The ‘Millionaires Tax’. ([A 10](#), Passed (52 - 27), New Jersey State Assembly, 9/24/20, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Increases gross income tax rate from 8.97 percent to 10.75 percent on income between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000, and provides up to \$500 tax rebate to eligible taxpayers.” ([A 10](#))

ACU: A 10 “Further Soaks The Rich In Taxation By Imposing The State’s Top Income Tax Rate Of 10.75% Onto All Earnings Over \$1 Million.” “This bill further soaks the rich in taxation by imposing the state’s top income tax rate of 10.75% onto all earnings over \$1 million. Under existing law, earnings between \$1 million and \$5 million were taxed at a rate of 8.97%. Part of the new revenue will then be redistributed to those making under \$75,000 via a \$500 rebate check.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Direct Wealth Redistribution Which Harms Economic Growth And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes the state already punishes the “rich” with one of the highest income tax rates in the country, opposes this direct wealth redistribution which harms economic growth and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 52-27 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

On Social Media, Zwicker Promoted Content Expressing His Support For Increasing Corporate Taxes

In March 2023, Zwicker ‘Liked’ A Tweet Appearing To Express His Support For Increasing Corporate Taxes. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/21/23)



(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/21/23)

ZWICKER SUPPORTED THE IMPOSITION OF A NEW LOCAL PAYROLL TAX

In 2018, Zwicker Supported Legislation Which Permitted Certain Municipalities To Impose A New Payroll Tax

In 2018, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 4163, Which Permitted Certain Municipalities To Impose A New Payroll Tax. ([A 4163](#), Passed (46 - 28), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/21/18, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Allows municipality with population over 200,000 to impose employer payroll tax; requires employer payroll tax revenues to be paid to school district in certain circumstances.” ([A 4163](#))

ACU: This Legislation “Reduces Employment Opportunities And Places Further Burdens On Taxpayers By Permitting Jersey City To Impose An Employee Payroll Tax In Addition To The State's Countless Other Imposed Taxes”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This New Payroll Tax Which Reduces Employment Opportunities And Imposes Unnecessary Burdens On Taxpayers And Opposed This Bill”

ACU: A 4163 “Reduces Employment Opportunities And Places Further Burdens On Taxpayers By Permitting Jersey City To Impose An Employee Payroll Tax In Addition To The State's Countless Other Imposed Taxes.” “This bill reduces employment opportunities and places further burdens on taxpayers by permitting Jersey City to impose an employee payroll tax in addition to the state's countless other imposed taxes. This employer payroll tax, in conjunction with S 2, is a scheme to extract additional funding from communities and direct them to school districts. Higher tax burdens suppress economic growth, which reduces family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This New Payroll Tax Which Reduces Employment Opportunities And Imposes Unnecessary Burdens On Taxpayers And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes this new payroll tax which reduces employment opportunities and imposes unnecessary burdens on taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2018 by a vote of 46-28.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

ZWICKER SUPPORTS THE IMPOSITION OF A NEW TAX ON VAPING

In 2018, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Imposes A New Tax, In Addition To Existing Taxes, On Liquid Nicotine Which Is Used In Vaping Devices And E-Cigarettes”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes All ‘Sin Taxes’ Which Disproportionately Harm Certain Groups Of The Population, Especially Individuals Earning Low Incomes, And Opposed This Bill”

In 2018, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 4132, Which Imposed A New Tax On Vaping. ([A 4132](#), Passed (51 - 24), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/21/18, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Imposes \$0.10 per fluid milliliter tax related to sales of liquid nicotine.” ([A 4132](#))

ACU: A 4132 “Imposes A New Tax, In Addition To Existing Taxes, On Liquid Nicotine Which Is Used In Vaping Devices And E-Cigarettes.” “This bill imposes a new tax, in addition to existing taxes, on liquid nicotine which is used in vaping devices and e-cigarettes. The tax rate is set at 10 cents per fluid milliliter.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes All ‘Sin Taxes’ Which Disproportionately Harm Certain Groups Of The Population, Especially Individuals Earning Low Incomes, And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes all "sin taxes" which disproportionately harm certain

groups of the population, especially individuals earning low incomes, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2018 by a vote of 51-24” ([American Conservative Union](#))

ZWICKER HAS SUPPORTED EXPANDING NEW JERSEY’S DEBT BURDEN

In 2020, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Authorizes The State To Issue \$9.9 Billion In New Bonds (Debt) Instead Of Cutting Spending In Order To Make Up For Loss Revenue Due To The COVID-19 Pandemic”

The American Conservative Union “Supports Prudent Fiscal Policy To Protect The State During Financial Downturn, Believes The State Should Cut Spending And Streamline Operations As Opposed To Taking On Further Debt And Opposed This Bill”

In 2020, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 4175, Which Authorized The State To Issue New Debt. ([A 4175](#), Passed (45 - 26), New Jersey State Assembly, 7/16/20, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: ““New Jersey COVID-19 Emergency Bond Act,” authorizes issuance of State bonds totaling up to \$9.9 billion.” ([A 4175](#))

ACU: A 4175 “Authorizes The State To Issue \$9.9 Billion In New Bonds (Debt) Instead Of Cutting Spending In Order To Make Up For Loss Revenue Due To The COVID-19 Pandemic.” “This fiscally reckless bill authorizes the state to issue \$9.9 billion in new bonds (debt) instead of cutting spending in order to make up for loss revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill authorizes \$2.7 billion to be issued in FY 2020 and \$7.2 billion in FY 2021.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Supports Prudent Fiscal Policy To Protect The State During Financial Downturn, Believes The State Should Cut Spending And Streamline Operations As Opposed To Taking On Further Debt And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports prudent fiscal policy to protect the state during financial downturn, believes the state should cut spending and streamline operations as opposed to taking on further debt and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on July 16, 2020 by a vote of 45-26 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

ZWICKER LED AN EFFORT TO RESTORE CUTS TO LOCAL EDUCATION BUT THE RESULT WAS DESCRIBED AS ONLY A “BAD AID”

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In 2023, Under A Legislative Compromise Between Murphy And Legislators, A Bill Would Restore \$102.7 Million In State Aid, Reducing Originally Proposed State Aid Cuts By Two-Thirds In The NJ State Budget. “A host of New Jersey school districts slated to have their state aid cut in Gov. Phil Murphy's new state budget proposal would see smaller reductions than

originally planned under a deal the governor's administration just reached with top Democratic lawmakers. The bill would restore about \$102.7 million in state aid for districts in Murphy's budget plan for the fiscal year that begins in July. That means affected districts would ultimately see only one-third of the decreases they were originally scheduled to get. State Sen. Vin Gopal, D-Monmouth, said this will help several districts across the state help avoid layoffs and program cuts. "Hundreds of thousands of teachers have their jobs on the line," Gopal told NJ Advance Media. "These districts have higher inflation costs, mental health costs, technology costs. The state is sitting on a surplus right now. We should be helping these districts." Murphy said in a statement released late Friday that his administration "remains committed to providing New Jersey students with a world-class education, which is why we continue to dedicate historic levels of aid for our schools in each year's budget." (Star-Ledger, 3/18/23)

“The Bill's Two Sponsors, Gopal And State Sen. Andrew Zwicker, D-Middlesex, Are Both Running For Reelection In Competitive Districts”

“The Bill's Two Sponsors, Gopal And State Sen. Andrew Zwicker, D-Middlesex, Are Both Running For Reelection In Competitive Districts.” “Republicans have hammered Murphy in recent weeks for the cuts to some school districts. This comes in a big legislative election year. All 120 seats in the Legislature are up for grabs in November, with Democrats hoping to retain control as Republicans aim to take at least one house for the first time in 20 years. The bill's two sponsors, Gopal and state Sen. Andrew Zwicker, D-Middlesex, are both running for reelection in competitive districts. The allocation of state school aid is based on a series of formulas designed to bridge the gap between the amount of money a district can take in and the amount of money it needs to provide a good education. Factors like property tax revenues, enrollment size and number of students who need higher levels of support, like those from low-income families or English language learners, are taken into account when determining how much aid a district needs. Despite the current funding formula being developed in 2008, a provision that prevented any districts from losing aid stayed in place until 2017. The 2008 formula is on track to be fully funded by 2025, the governor's office has said.” (Star-Ledger, 3/18/23)

The School Aid Restoration Bill Passed In Late March 2023

The School Aid Restoration Bill Passed In Late March 2023. “Lawmakers have fast-tracked a bill that would restore two-thirds of the state aid that school districts were set to lose in the upcoming year. Schools throughout the state were collectively preparing for a loss of about \$157 million. The proposed legislation would restore \$102.8 million and provide a one-time payment to districts that were losing funding for the 2023-24 school year. The bill cleared committee Monday morning and unanimously passed the Senate on Monday afternoon. It is expected to move through the Assembly later this month. Gov. Phil Murphy has said he will sign the legislation. Although the bill garnered unanimous support, some said it did not go far enough. Sen. Declan O'Scanlon, R-Monmouth, proposed an amendment to increase the amount of aid to restore it completely. That was tabled. O'Scanlon called the process "policy malfeasance" and said it doesn't matter "where your district is or what your circumstances are," because "further cuts like this are a problem." "It's a shame we can't simply do the right thing," he said. "We have to continue to torture these districts for some reason. It's one percent of our overall surplus that could make these districts whole this year when we have agreed, apparently, that we are going to revisit this formula and fix this. And we do need to it. We cannot continue down this path." To

qualify, districts will have to send the commissioner of education a written plan explaining how they plan to use the funds and how they will fund operations in future school years.” (*Daily Record*, 3/22/23)

School Leaders Described The Relief Funding Bill As Only A “Band Aid”

School Leaders Described The Relief Funding Bill As Only A “Band Aid.” “More than 160 New Jersey school districts that have suffered through six years of state aid cuts will receive one-time payments totaling \$102 million this year through a last-minute bill signed last week in Trenton. But many of those districts' leaders say the extra money, which is separate from Gov. Phil Murphy's budgeted school funding, is just a "Band-Aid" and they need a sustainable solution to keep serving their students. Many of the districts face dropping enrollment, but the aid cuts are driving them to cut programs, increase class sizes, and lay off teachers and staff. For instance, 40 faculty and staff members in Sussex County's Vernon Township school district were informed March 23 that they would not be returning to their jobs this fall. The district lost \$8.5 million over six years, school officials said. The additional aid from last week's legislation provides a one-time payment of \$211,000. "We need a long-term systemic solution ... this is a Band-Aid. It's only a one-time allocation," said Jeanne Howe, superintendent of Jefferson Township Public Schools in Morris County, another affected district. Jefferson will receive \$1 million through the legislation, more than most other school districts in Passaic, Morris and Sussex counties receiving the payments. The Jefferson district's enrollment dropped 29% since 2010 but its state aid has fallen by 60%, she said. Jefferson Township will likely spend its \$1 million on district technology needs. It is "a one-year source of money, so it's not as though we can build this into our regular budget account," Howe said.” (North Jersey, 5/4/23)

As Of 2023, Funding For The Hillsborough Township School System, Located Within Zwicker’s District, Had Been Cut Five Years In A Row

As Of 2023, Funding For The Hillsborough Township School System, Located Within Zwicker’s District, Had Been Cut Five Years In A Row. “For the fifth year in a row, the township's school district has been targeted for significant cuts in state aid from Trenton. State lawmakers who represent local residents say enough is enough. Governor Phil Murphy's proposed \$53 billion state budget for 2023-24 includes direct property tax relief, full payment to the state's pension system, investments in pre-K education, assistance for first-time homebuyers and many other important investments in our communities, which pleases state Sen. Andrew Zwicker, whose district office is in Hillsborough, and Assemblyman Roy Freiman, who lives in Hillsborough. They released the following joint statement: "While we were glad to see that the budget includes an additional \$800 million in funding for K-12 education, how the money is distributed is unacceptable. "While many school districts will see an increase in their state aid, funding would actually decrease for about 20 percent of the state's school districts including South Brunswick, Hillsborough, High Bridge and Clinton. In those school districts alone, the proposed budget cuts aid by \$5.5 million - an unacceptable amount," Zwicker and Freiman said.” (Tap Into, 3/20/23)

As Noted In April 2023, South Brunswick Schools Were Slated To Lose \$1.2 Million In State Aid Even After The Passage Of The Relief Bill

As Noted In April 2023, South Brunswick Schools Were Slated To Lose \$1.2 Million In State Aid Even After The Passage Of The Relief Bill. “At a recent Board of Education meeting, State Senator Andrew Zwicker announced the state is planning to allocate \$103 million in state aid to school districts that have lost funding, resulting in around \$2.7 million for South Brunswick Schools. The district was set to lose \$4 million in state aid for the upcoming school year. Zwicker has said that Governor Murphy will sign this legislation on Monday. “Every single program that this school was proud of was potentially on the chopping blocks,” Zwicker said, “That’s not only true in South Brunswick but more than 150 school districts around the state woke up a few weeks ago to find out that the budget numbers they were expecting were not the numbers they were getting.” Last month, Superintendent Scott Feder announced that South Brunswick Schools were set to lose \$4 million in state aid for the 2023 - 2024 school year. The district had only been expected to lose \$1.2 million for the upcoming year. This change was due to a shift in the state’s formula for state aid, according to a presentation Feder made to the board of education. Since then, members of the school district, including Feder, Board President Lisa Rogers, and the teachers union, have testified multiple times before the state senate and assembly to advocate for more funding. The district also urged residents to contact their local lawmakers about the issue. “The goal is to work this year to put a systemic long-term solution into place,” Zwicker said, “My kids may be gone out of this school district, but I am so glad to have [the board members] here.” Feder also announced an additional Board of Education Meeting on May 4th, 2023, to discuss the budget for the 2024 - 2025 school year.” (Tap Into, 4/1/23)

Zwicker Was Criticized By Republicans For Failing To Vote For An Amendment To Restore Full Funding For All Districts Across The State – An Additional \$155 Million In Aid

Zwicker Was Criticized By Republicans For Failing To Vote For An Amendment To Restore Full Funding For All Districts Across The State – An Additional \$155 Million In Aid. “School funding formulas are now an issue in the 16th district State Senate race, where Republican Michael Pappas slammed Democratic incumbent Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick) for not supporting a plan to restore full funding for all districts across the state in Gov. Phil Murphy’s budget. Pappas, a former congressman, said he supports an amendment sponsored by Senate Republican Budget Officer Declan O’Scanlon (R-Shrewsbury) to eliminate school funding cuts. “Zwicker had the chance to vote for legislation that would eliminate any cuts in state education aid in this year’s budget and ensure our schools are fully funded,” said Pappas. He didn’t even bother to cast a vote.” O’Scanlon’s proposal was to spend roughly \$155 million out of the state’s \$10 billion to propose tax relief to every local school district in New Jersey. “Once again, Andrew Zwicker did not stand up for the people of central New Jersey,” Pappas said. A bill sponsored by Zwicker and State Sen. Vin Gopal (D-Long Branch) restored \$102 million as part of an accord with Gov. Phil Murphy. “While I intend to vote for this bill, it’s only a step in the right direction,” O’Scanlon stated on the Senate floor. “It is policy malfeasance that we haven’t solved the school funding issues that have existed for years now for these districts.”” (NJ Globe, 3/20/23)

ZWICKER HAS VOTED TO EXPAND THE WELFARE STATE IN NEW JERSEY

In 2019, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Harms The Ability Of New Jersey Residents To Become Self-Sufficient By Eliminating Previously Established Limits On The Amount Of Public Assistance An Individual May Receive”

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In 2019, Zwicker Voted Yea On S 3586, Which Eliminated Certain Welfare Limits. ([S 3586](#), Passed (66 - 10), New Jersey State Assembly, 3/25/19, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Allows individual to receive additional lifetime emergency assistance under certain circumstances, subject to annual allocation limits.” ([S 3586](#))

ACU: S 3586 “Harms The Ability Of New Jersey Residents To Become Self-Sufficient By Eliminating Previously Established Limits On The Amount Of Public Assistance An Individual May Receive.” “This bill harms the ability of New Jersey residents to become self-sufficient by eliminating previously established limits on the amount of public assistance an individual may receive. Under previous law, there was a 12- to 18-month cap on the amount of welfare benefits an individual was permitted to receive during their lifetime through the WorkFirst NJ Program. This bill permits an individual to receive another 12 months of benefits if they have not received benefits within the past seven years.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Believes Welfare Programs Should Be Temporary And Designed To Help And Encourage Individuals To Become Self-Sufficient And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, believes welfare programs should be temporary and designed to help and encourage individuals to become self-sufficient and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 25, 2019 by a vote of 66-10 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

ZWICKER HAS SUPPORTED INCREASING THE STATE’S BURDENSOME REGULATORY REGIME

In 2018, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Forces Hair Braiders To Become Licensed In The State...”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes The Proliferation Of Licensing Which Is Primarily Designed To Reduce Competition, Believes It Is Absurd That The Governor Thinks An Individual Must Be Licensed To Braid Hair And Opposed This Concurrence Vote”

In 2018, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 3754, Which Created A License To Braid Hair. ([A 3754](#), Passed (70 - 5), New Jersey State Assembly, 9/27/18, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires registration of hair braiding establishments.” ([A 3754](#))

ACU: A 3754 “Forces Hair Braiders To Become Licensed In The State By Concurring With The Governor's Conditional Veto Of The Bill.” “This vote forces hair braiders to become licensed in the state by concurring with the governor's conditional veto of the bill. Prior to the governor's veto, the original bill (which ACU supported) exempted hair braiders from the licensing requirement. Under the conditional veto, aspiring hair braiders must complete up to 50 hours of coursework and only those who have been licensed for three or more years may operate their own shops.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes The Proliferation Of Licensing Which Is Primarily Designed To Reduce Competition, Believes It Is Absurd That The Governor Thinks An Individual Must Be Licensed To Braid Hair And Opposed This Concurrence Vote.” “ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing which is primarily designed to reduce competition, believes it is absurd that the governor thinks an individual must be licensed to braid hair and opposed this concurrence vote. The Assembly concurred with the governor's conditional veto of the bill on September 27, 2018 by a vote of 70-5” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2022, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Would Prohibit Sports Organizations That Operate Primarily From Sovereign Wealth Funds From Hosting Sporting Events In The Garden State”

In 2022, A Bill “From State Sens. Andrew Zwicker And Richard Codey, Both Democrats, Would Prohibit Sports Organizations That Operate Primarily From Sovereign Wealth Funds From Hosting Sporting Events In The Garden State.” “Just a few weeks after former President Donald Trump hosted the controversial LIV Golf tour at his Bedminster club, a pair of state lawmakers have introduced a proposal that would ban such an event from ever happening again in New Jersey. The bill from state Sens. Andrew Zwicker and Richard Codey, both Democrats, would prohibit sports organizations that operate primarily from sovereign wealth funds from hosting sporting events in the Garden State. That would include LIV, the professional golf tour that aims to rival the PGA but has faced blowback because it's backed by the Public Investment Fund, Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund. In announcing their bill Tuesday, Zwicker and Codey pointed out that U.S. intelligence reports have said Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman approved the murder of Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi, which the prince denies. They also noted the country has been accused of human rights abuses. “New Jersey has long been fertile ground for producing top-quality athletes, and for hosting major sporting events known throughout the world,” said Zwicker, D-Middlesex. “Yet we do not need further recognition or notoriety from hosting competitions that are bankrolled by repressive governments or unsavory actors like Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. This legislation will prohibit the Saudi PIF or any other sovereign wealth fund from using New Jersey or its sporting organizations in any shameful sports-washing' endeavors.” (*South Jersey Times*, 8/17/22)

In 2022, Zwicker Noted His Support For Banning Smoking In Atlantic City Over The Objections Of The Local Business Community

In 2022, Zwicker Noted His Support For Banning Smoking In Atlantic City Casinos. “In response to that statement, Atlantic Prevention Resources, which deals with substance abuse in and near Atlantic City, resigned from the chamber on Thursday. “We highly value our membership in the Greater A.C. Chamber, but as a public health agency we cannot continue to be members of an organization that places financial interests above health,” its executive director, Bob Zlotnick, said. “As a member of the local community, we would stand to be impacted by any loss in local business, but we cannot in good conscience put a price tag on the health of our families and neighbors.” Nearly a third of the entire New Jersey state Senate has signed on as sponsors or cosponsors of a bill pending in the state Legislature that would close a loophole in the state's indoor smoking law specifically exempting casinos. “New Jersey should not allow any worker to be subjected to cancer-causing secondhand smoke while on the job,” said Sen. Andrew Zwicker, a central New Jersey Democrat.” (*The Associated Press*, 3/10/22)

- **“The Greater Atlantic City Chamber Said Efforts To Ban Smoking In The Casinos Should Be Dropped, Warning It Would Cost Jobs And Hurt Local Businesses.”** “The battle over whether smoking should be prohibited in Atlantic City's casinos heated up Thursday, with a major business group opposing a ban, and a public health agency resigning from the business group in protest. The Greater Atlantic City Chamber said efforts to ban smoking in the casinos should be dropped, warning it would cost jobs and hurt local businesses. “A smoking ban would have a negative impact on the casino industry, resulting in significant job losses (and) decline in revenues, which in turn would hurt local businesses and vendors that rely on the industry for their economic livelihood,” said Michael Chait, the group’s president. “We recognize the concerns of casino employees who support a smoking ban, but we also must keep in mind that thousands of employees and their families will be impacted by lost jobs if a ban is passed.” (*The Associated Press*, 3/10/22)

ZWICKER HAS VOTED TO REDUCE PROPERTY RIGHTS IN NEW JERSEY

In 2019, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Would Infringe Property Rights And Subject Landlords To Lawsuit Abuse By Adding Even More Restrictions Concerning Housing Applications”

The American Conservative Union “Believes The State Should Be Reluctant To Expand The Already-Stringent Statutes That Limit How An Individual Selects Another Person To Live In Their Home And Opposed This Bill”

In 2019, Zwicker Voted Yea On S 3538, Which Restricted Landlords And Tenants Property Rights. ([S 3538](#), Passed (54 - 16), New Jersey State Assembly, 11/25/19, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Expands provisions of Law Against Discrimination to rental of certain non-publicly assisted housing accommodations.” ([S 3538](#))

ACU: S 3538 “Would Infringe Property Rights And Subject Landlords To Lawsuit Abuse By Adding Even More Restrictions Concerning Housing Applications.” “This bill would infringe property rights and subject landlords to lawsuit abuse by adding even more restrictions concerning housing applications. Of course, landlords already evaluate many things when deciding whether to approve applications, including credit scores, job histories, timely rent payments and criminal conduct. Under this bill, landlords renting out spaces in their homes would be subjected to regulations designed for large-scale rental operations.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Believes The State Should Be Reluctant To Expand The Already-Stringent Statutes That Limit How An Individual Selects Another Person To Live In Their Home And Opposed This Bill.” “ACUF’s Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect the property rights of both housing providers and tenants. ACU believes the state should be reluctant to expand the already-stringent statutes that limit how an individual selects another person to live in their home and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on November 25, 2019 by a vote of 54- 16. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Weakens Property Rights And Ultimately Drives Up Housing Costs By Preventing Landlords From Reclaiming Their Properties From Nonpaying Tenants”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Infringing Property Rights, Opposes Measures Which Subject Landlords To Additional Risk, Further Drive Up Housing Costs And Reduce Available Rental Housing And Opposed This Bill”

In 2019, Zwicker Voted Yea On S 3124, Which Prevented Landlord From Reclaiming Their Properties From Nonpaying Tenants. ([S 3124](#), Passed (69 - 6), New Jersey State Assembly, 12/16/19, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires landlords to allow tenants to pay rent up to three business days after eviction order or lockout is executed and accept rent payments by any means.” ([S 3124](#))

ACU: S 3124 “Weakens Property Rights And Ultimately Drives Up Housing Costs By Preventing Landlords From Reclaiming Their Properties From Nonpaying Tenants.” “This bill weakens property rights and ultimately drives up housing costs by preventing landlords from reclaiming their properties from nonpaying tenants. Under existing law, a landlord must follow a stringent legal process that takes many weeks or months to obtain an eviction order or lockout against a nonpaying tenant. Under this bill, a landlord is forced to relinquish control of their property back to the tenant if a tenant submits a rent payment within three days after a lockout. Furthermore, when relinquishing the property, a landlord is now forced to accept nearly any type of payment from a tenant, including certified checks which may bounce if the tenant removes the funds from their account before a landlord cashes the check. Finally, the bill imposes a \$500 fine for every offense a landlord allegedly commits in failing to comply with the eviction process. ACUF’s Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect the property rights of both property owners and tenants.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Infringing Property Rights, Opposes Measures Which Subject Landlords To Additional Risk, Further Drive Up Housing Costs And Reduce Available Rental Housing And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes infringing property rights, opposes measures which subject landlords to additional risk, further drive up housing costs and reduce available rental housing and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on December 16, 2019 by a vote of 69-6 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

ZWICKER HAS UNION TIES AND SUPPORTS UNION PRIORITIES

In 2018, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Provides Public Employer Labor Union Bosses A Shocking List Of New Powers And Rights, Expanding Their Ability To Harass Employees And Forcefully Increase Membership”

The American Conservative Union “Believes It Is Absurd To Provide These Powers And Taxpayer-Funded Privileges, Opposes Enriching Greedy Union Bosses And Harassing Employees And Opposed This Bill”

In 2018, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 3686, Which Increased Union Powers. ([A 3686](#), Passed (50 - 22), New Jersey State Assembly, 4/12/18, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “the right to meet with individual employees on the premises of the public employer during the work day to investigate and discuss grievances, workplace-related complaints, and other workplace issues” ([A 3686](#))
- NOTE: “the right to conduct worksite meetings during lunch and other non-work breaks, and before and after the workday, on the employer’s premises to discuss workplace issues, collective negotiations, the administration of collective negotiations agreements, other matters related to the duties of an exclusive representative employee organization, and internal union matters involving the governance or business of the exclusive representative employee organization” ([A 3686](#))
- NOTE: “the right to meet with newly hired employees, without charge to the pay or leave time of the employees, for a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 120 minutes, within 30 calendar days from the date of hire, during new employee orientations, or if the employer does not conduct new employee orientations, at individual or group meetings.” ([A 3686](#))

ACU: A 3686 “Provides Public Employer Labor Union Bosses A Shocking List Of New Powers And Rights, Expanding Their Ability To Harass Employees And Forcefully Increase Membership.” “This bill provides public employer labor union bosses a shocking list of new powers and rights, expanding their ability to harass employees and forcefully increase membership. Under the bill, union bosses have the right to meet with newly hired government employees for up to two hours (on the taxpayer dime) and the right to obtain a wide range of employees' personal contact information, including home addresses, work and personal emails, and work, home and cellphone numbers. Additionally, union bosses are entitled to receive updated personal contact information every 120 days, and any communication is exempted from public record disclosure requirements. Furthermore, union bosses are granted the right to use

government property, including buildings and email systems, to communicate with members. Finally, the bill significantly increases the difficulty for employees to revoke their union membership, and declares unlawful any attempt by a public employer to discourage union membership.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Believes It Is Absurd To Provide These Powers And Taxpayer-Funded Privileges, Opposes Enriching Greedy Union Bosses And Harassing Employees And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU is aware of the rampant abuse associated with this type of scheme and believes it is absurd to provide these powers and taxpayer-funded privileges, opposes enriching greedy union bosses and harassing employees and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 50-22.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2022, 26 Elected Officials Including Zwicker “Signed A Letter Of Support For The Recent Unionization Efforts At Starbucks Stores In The State, Urging CEO Howard Schultz To Adhere To, And Sign, The Fair Election Principles”

In 2022, 26 Elected Officials Including Zwicker “Signed A Letter Of Support For The Recent Unionization Efforts At Starbucks Stores In The State, Urging CEO Howard Schultz To Adhere To, And Sign, The Fair Election Principles.” “Twenty-six New Jersey elected officials signed a letter of support for the recent unionization efforts at Starbucks stores in the state, urging CEO Howard Schultz to adhere to, and sign, the Fair Election Principles. Starbucks workers organizing a union drive gathered at the Hopewell store on Monday with legislators to support their campaign and other Starbucks union drives across the state. U.S. Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-12th Dist.) spoke at the event in solidarity with the workers, who launched their unionization effort in January, as the first New Jersey Starbucks to do so. “We stand in solidarity with Starbucks workers seeking to organize in our state and our communities,” Watson Coleman said. “New Jersey is stronger when workers have a collective voice in their pay and working conditions.” Watson Coleman was also one of the 26 New Jersey lawmakers who signed the letter addressed to Schultz. The letter lists nine fair election principles, including not making any implicit or explicit threats and giving equal space for pro-union materials if anti-union materials are posted on the premises. “All workers have the right to a union and to a collective voice in the conditions of their own employment,” part of the letter reads. “We believe that these organizing efforts will ultimately lead to a stronger and more sustainable future for Starbucks, the workers, and our State.” The signatories also include: Donald Norcross (D-1st Dist.); Andy Kim (D-3rd Dist.); Frank Pallone (D- 6th Dist.); Bill Pascrell (D-9th Dist.); Donald Payne Jr. (D-10th Dist.); Mikie Sherrill (D-11th Dist.); Teresa Ruiz (D-Essex); Fred Madden (D-Gloucester); Troy Singleton (D-Burlington); Vin Gopal (D-Monmouth); Shirley Turner (D-Mercer); Andrew Zwicker (D-Middlesex); Patrick Diegnan (D-Middlesex); Joseph Cryan (D-Union); Richard Codey (D-Essex); Brian Stack (D-Hudson); Daniel Benson (D-Mercer); Joseph Egan (D-Middlesex) Herb Conaway (D-Burlington); Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Woodbridge); Robert Karabinchak (D-Middlesex); Angela McKnight (D-Hudson); Ellen Park (D-Bergen), Anthony Verrelli (D-Mercer); and Thomas Giblin (D-Essex).” (*Star Ledger*, 4/4/22)

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In 2022, Zwicker Sponsored Legislation To Establish Employment Protections For Certain Service Employees During Changes Of Ownership. “The Senate Labor Committee advanced legislation Dec. 1 to establish employment protections for certain service employees during changes of ownership. Senate Bill 2389, which was released from committee by a 3-2 vote, would require any employer that enters into a service contract or subcontract with service employees to undertake certain actions to protect them in the event of the transfer of a service contract from one employer to another. The sponsors, state Sens. Troy Singleton, D-7th District, and Andrew Zwicker, D-16th District, say the measure improves employment protections for these employees. “When ownership of service contracts changes, employees and their needs can often be forgotten. It is important to ensure that employees have job stability, even in transitions of management,” said Singleton. “We are coming off of the heels of a pandemic that catalyzed mass layoffs across the board. This bill will protect employees and their jobs, easing any anxiety that may arise when ownership changes, and will lay out the provisions that will be afforded to service employees.” “Statewide, New Jersey workers employed by building-service contractors have no legal right to keep their jobs if the contractor changes and the incoming contractor decides not to retain the existing workforce,” said Zwicker.” (NJBIZ, 12/1/22)

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For Striking Union Members

In April 2016, Zwicker Posted To Instagram Expressing His Support For Striking Union Members. (Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 4/25/16)



(Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 4/25/16)

Zwicker Has Enjoyed Steady, Mutual Union Support

NOTE: *Additional union associations can be provided upon request.*

2023: “The New Jersey State Council Of The Service Employees International Union (Seiu) Endorsed Six Democratic State Legislators For The 2023 Elections Today – Two Of Whom, State Sens. Vin Gopal (D-Long Branch) And Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick), Are Running For Re-Election In Two Of The State’s Most Competitive Districts.” “The New Jersey State Council of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) endorsed six Democratic state legislators for the 2023 elections today – two of whom, State Sens. Vin Gopal (D-Long Branch) and Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick), are running for re-election in two of the state’s most competitive districts. Also getting the support of the union are State Sen. Linda Greenstein (D-Plainsboro), State Sen. Joe Vitale (D-Woodbridge), Assemblywoman Annette Quijano (D-Elizabeth), and Assemblywoman Britnee Timberlake (D-East Orange), who is running unopposed for her district’s Senate seat. “These legislators have stood with us in the statehouse and in the streets,” SEIU NJ Council President Megan Chambers said in a statement. “They have shown up for our members and for working people, and they deserve our strong support.” Of the six endorsees, only Vitale and Quijano face a contested primary next month. Vitale is the heavy favorite against solo off-the-line candidate Michelle Burwell, while Quijano and her running mates are being challenged by a slate associated with former Assemblyman Jamel Holley (D-Roselle), who seemingly recruited candidates to boost his mayoral comeback

campaign in Roselle. In November, the political limelight will be on Gopal and Zwicker, each of whom holds a competitive seat that Republicans hope to flip this year. The same could be true of Greenstein, though she is unlikely to be at serious risk of losing unless the GOP has a very strong year.” ([NJ Globe](#), 5/12/23)

In 2023, The NJEA Endorsed Zwicker, Gopal, Lagana, And Others. “Early endorsements from New Jersey’s largest public employee union went to Democrats in some of the state’s most politically competitive legislative districts – and in some Democrats in safe districts — allowing the New Jersey Education Association PAC to make early financial contributions. The NJEA is backing State Sen. Vin Gopal (D-Long Branch), the chairman of the Senate Education Committee, for re-election to a third term in the 11th district, along with two Democratic Assembly challengers: Ocean Township Councilwoman Margie Donlon and former Asbury Park Municipal Court Judge Luanne Peterpaul, who are seeing to unseat GOP incumbents Marilyn Piperno (R-Colts Neck) and Kim Eulner (R-Shrewsbury). The influential union also endorsed State Sen. Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick), Assemblyman Roy Freiman (D-Hillsborough), and Democrat Mitchell Drulis in the 16th, and State Sen. Joseph Lagana (D-Paramus), Assembly Appropriations Committee Chair Lisa Swain (D-Fair Lawn) and Assemblyman Christopher Tully (D-Bergenfield) in the 38th. “By acting early in these key races, we will have more time to do the grassroots work needed to elect our endorsed candidates. And our endorsement comes with our commitment to do that work,” said NJEA President Sean Spiller in a joint statement with his union leadership. “Every candidate endorsed in this first round has proven they deserve the support of NJEA members.” Endorsements from the NJEA also went to nine Democrats in Hudson County, including Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Brian P. Stack (D-Union City) in the 33rd, Assemblyman Raj Mukherji (D-Jersey City) in the 32nd, and Assemblywoman Angela McKnight (D-Jersey City) in the 31st. Stack and Mukherji are unopposed; McKnight faces a minimal primary challenger. The NJEA is backing two Middlesex County state senators with nominal primary opponents, Patrick Diegnan (D-South Plainfield) and Joseph Vitale (D-Woodbridge).” ([NJ Globe](#), 4/26/23)

In June 2023, Zwicker ‘Retweeted’ A Tweet Expressing His Support For SEIU. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/30/23)



(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/30/23)

ZWICKER HAS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR BIDEN’S FEDERAL ECONOMIC AGENDA

Zwicker Has Indicated Support For Biden’s Build Back Better Act

In February 2022, NJ Politicians Called For The Passage Of The Build Back Better Act And For The Measure To Include Funds For Affordable Housing. “Lawmakers from the New Jersey Congressional Delegation and the New Jersey Legislature this week called on members of Congress to commit to funding from the “Build Back Better Act” that would expand rental assistance, fund public housing repairs, and grow the national Housing Trust Fund to build more affordable homes. The announcements were part of an event hosted by the Housing and Community Development Network of NJ (the Network) in support of the Network’s HouseNJ campaign, which calls for federal- and state-level housing investments. With the “Build Back Better Act” stalled in the U.S. Senate, state and national housing advocates are urging lawmakers to support essential Build Back Better Act investments in any upcoming budget reconciliation bill. “It took us years to build back from the foreclosure crisis and now we run the risk of seeing all of our hard fought progress erased,” said U.S. Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ). “That’s why we must make the transformative investments in the President’s ‘Build Back Better’ plan to address our country’s affordable housing crisis. If this pandemic has taught us anything it’s that

housing is healthcare and at a time like this we should be doing everything we can to help families find a safe and affordable place to call home.” ([Insider NJ](#), 2/25/22)

- **Zwicker: “It Is Of Critical Importance That We Fully Fund The Trust Fund And Make Sure ‘Build Back Better’ Is Passed And In A Thoughtful Way.”** ““We need to continue to ensure that we have the tools so that the quantity and the quality of affordable housing is available to our residents,” said Senator Andrew Zwicker (D-Hunterdon/Mercer/Middlesex/Somerset). “It is of critical importance that we fully fund the Trust Fund and make sure ‘Build Back Better’ is passed and in a thoughtful way.”” ([Insider NJ](#), 2/25/22)

IN 2023, ZWICKER WAS FORCED TO PULL A BILL THAT SOUGHT TO OVERHAUL AND INSTALL RADICAL BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION REGULATIONS

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“Two months after a federal firestorm[1]erupted over fears the government would ban gas stoves, a New Jersey campaign deploying similar messaging successfully drove state lawmakers Thursday to yank a bill[2]that would have required the state to create a building electrification plan. Sen. Andrew Zwicker (D-Somerset), one of the bill's prime sponsors, pulled it from a scheduled vote by the Senate's environment and energy committee because he fielded so many calls about it he wanted to hear critics' concerns before proceeding. 'Let's make sure we get everything right before we run it through, because too often we run it through and find out there are concerns and then we try to fix it after the fact,' Zwicker told the New Jersey Monitor. Environmentalists denounced the delay, blaming the fuel industry for spreading 'lies' to kill the bill. 'If your business model is selling home heating oil, that is a business model that's in danger,' said Doug O'Malley, director of Environment New Jersey. 'Fossil fuels are volatile — we saw prices skyrocket — and electrification is increasingly becoming cost competitive with home heating oil. So it's very obvious why the fuel merchants are against electrification. They've been running a disinformation campaign for close to two years, including direct attacks against this bill.' SmartHeatNJ — an advocacy group backed by the Fuel Merchants Association of New Jersey — largely is behind the opposition. The group mounted a letter-writing campaign and advertising blitz against the bill with the slogan 'Don't Touch My Gas Stove!' — warning that state officials are 'trying to force' everyone to convert all their appliances to electric at enormous cost — messaging that echoes some of the alarmism Republicans circulated in January to protest President Biden's energy policies. The bill doesn't require residents to convert to electric.” (New Jersey Monitor, 3/10/23)

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The Bill “Would Direct The State Board Of Public Utilities To Establish Regulations On Building Electrification, Set Targets For Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Through Building Electrification, And Require Public Electric Utilities To Develop Plans To Meet Those Targets.” “The bill doesn't require residents to convert to electric. Instead, it would direct the state Board of Public Utilities to establish regulations on building electrification, set targets for greenhouse gas emission reduction through building electrification, and require public electric utilities to develop plans to meet those targets. Converting to electric would be voluntary — and its cost could be covered by incentives, said Eric Miller, the New Jersey energy policy director for the Natural Resources Defense Council. 'If you go on the PSE&G website, they'll help you put solar on your roof, install an electric vehicle charger, and get natural gas to your house, if you want it. But they won't really help you electrify your home or your business, if you want to. That was really what this bill would have done — create incentives to let people make that choice, if they want it,' Miller said.” (New Jersey Monitor, 3/10/23)

**ZWICKER HAS BEEN STEADFAST IN HIS SUPPORT FOR
GIVEAWAYS TO THE WIND ENERGY INDUSTRY**

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In 2022, Zwicker Sponsored Legislation To End Diverting Clean Energy Funds To NJ Transit’s Operating Budget. “Environment New Jersey issued the following joint news release with 36 organizations: The Jersey Renews coalition, representing 37 labor, environmental, community and faith organizations, greatly appreciates the efforts of over 10 legislators who support ending the raids on the Clean Energy Fund in the FY '23 Budget. Led by Senator Zwicker, the prime sponsor of Senate Budget Resolution S. 373, these legislators seek to end the diversion of \$83.6 million in the FY'23 Budget, which is more than 23% of the total Clean Energy Fund. The raiding of the Clean Energy Funds is apparently to support New Jersey Transit's operating budget, and the Department of Corrections, despite the State's budgetary surplus, which exceeds \$6.75 billion. Diverting these legislatively dedicated monies will stymie New Jersey's ability to meet climate policy goals, create good well-paying jobs, and protect vulnerable communities. Protecting these legislatively dedicated funds will tackle air pollution, develop clean and renewable sources of energy, lower rates for New Jerseyans, and improve public health, so Jersey Renews thanks the leaders below who seek to end these raids. Sen. Zwicker's Senate Budget Resolution S. 373 is co-primed by Sen. Vin Gopal (D-11); and co-sponsored by Sen. Linda Greenstein (D-14), Sen. Shirley Turner (D-15), Sen. Bob Smith (D-17), Sen. Gordon Johnson (D-38), Asm. John McKeon (D-27), Asm. Dan Benson (D-14), Asm. James Kennedy (D-22) and Asm. Clinton Calabrese (D-36). At the time of this press release, several other legislators also expressed support for this resolution to put an end to the raids. "It is time to end the Clean Energy Fund raids. Now is the time to commit the full \$344 million

contributed by ratepayers into the Clean Energy Fund. Doing so will invest in the health of the State's residents, and promote a more affordable, reliable, and cleaner energy future," said Senator Andrew Zwicker, (D-16)." (Environment NJ, 6/24/22)

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In 2023, Zwicker Ultimately Voted For The Offshore Wind Energy Law Allowing The “Energy Company Ørsted To Keep Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars In Federal Tax Incentives That The Company Otherwise Would Be Required To Pass Along To State Utility Customers.” “Gov. Phil Murphy signed a bill Thursday to save New Jersey's first offshore wind farm from financial uncertainty. The governor held an event in Paulsboro and signed the offshore wind legislation along with two other economic development bills, including one with tax credits for the film industry, to emphasize a narrative about the "21st Century economy" he's had since taking office. "We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity right now to bring tens of thousands of overwhelmingly union jobs and billions of dollars of investment to our state with offshore wind," Murphy said. The marine terminal in Paulsboro and the wind port in Salem County, Murphy added, are "literally building the foundation of our nation's entire wind industry." The offshore wind law will allow energy company Ørsted to keep hundreds of millions of dollars in federal tax incentives that the company otherwise would be required to pass along to state utility customers. Without the deal, the company and Murphy administration officials said the wind farm would not be built. In exchange for the relief, Ørsted agreed - and now by law will be obligated - to spend \$200 million at the Paulsboro port where Murphy signed the bill. The bill cleared the Senate and Assembly on the same day as the state budget last week. An odd coalition got the bill through the Senate. Senate Republican Minority Leader Steve Oroho helped get it to the floor by voting the bill out of committee, though he ultimately voted against final passage. Sen. Andrew Zwicker, a Middlesex County Democrat in what could be a tight race this fall, abstained in committee then voted for the bill on the floor.” (Politico, 6/13/23)

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“Critics Call The Bill A Giveaway To Ørsted. The Murphy Administration And Other Supporters Argue The Tax Incentives The Company Is Keeping Would Have Gone To Waste If The Project Were Not Built.” “Critics call the bill a giveaway to Ørsted. The Murphy administration and other supporters argue the tax incentives the company is keeping would have gone to waste if the project were not built. Much of Murphy's climate change and economic development goals are tied up in the creation of an offshore wind industry in the state. Ørsted is expected to begin construction on its project, known as Ocean Wind 1, this fall.” (Politico, 6/13/23)

Critics Protested The Bill Claiming It Put Special Interests Over The Jersey Shore And Its Tourism Economy

Critics Protested The Bill Claiming It Put Special Interests Over The Jersey Shore And Its Tourism Economy. “For the past year, critics of New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy's long-fought effort to bring offshore wind to New Jersey have largely focused on its feared impact on whales, dolphins, and other marine life, as well as people who rely on the sea for a living or for leisure. But since last week, critics have a new target — fast-tracked legislation that would allow the multinational companies racing to build turbines off the coast to reap millions in federal tax incentives. Tuesday, they packed the Statehouse to urge legislators to block the bill, which they warned would hike rates for ratepayers and allow wind developers like rsted to double-dip tax incentives. 'I can't believe that I have to be here. I'm the mayor of a 4,500-person town, one and a half square miles, and you guys are about to spend more taxpayer money on giving an international corporation who can't manage their own budget the ability to come in and destroy my town at the Jersey Shore and our entire tourism economy,' said Point Pleasant Beach Mayor Paul M. Kanitra. He added: 'Enough is enough. I know some of you have doubts. I'm asking you to stop putting special interests and campaign donors over New Jersey residents. Stop doing the bidding with this tailor-made bill we all know rsted wrote themselves.' Kanitra was one of 'hundreds' of people, by one committee chair's estimate, who signed up to submit their thoughts on the bill, which was up for a vote in the budget committees of both chambers.”
(*Pennsylvania Capital Star*, 6/28/23)

ZWICKER OPPOSES THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE IRONBOUND GAS PLANT

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In 2023, Several Lawmakers Sent A Letter Opposing The Development Of A Methane Gas Power Plant In Newark's Ironbound. ‘Mayor Ras J. Baraka and 20 state lawmakers have fired off a strongly worded letter to Gov. Phil Murphy, basically saying it would stink to put a methane-gas power plant in the Ironbound and pleading for a renewable-energy alternative. The letter urges Murphy and the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) to withdraw a state Department of Environmental Protection application for a \$180-million, 84-megawatt gas power plant in Newark's Ironbound, urging them to "explore alternatives and truly listen to the communities it will impact." Gov. Murphy's office has not responded. This letter comes more than a year after Murphy blocked PVSC's planned vote, in January 2022, on a construction contract for the project after widespread public outcry put a national media spotlight on the controversy. For several years, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission has planned to build an enormous methane gas power plant in the Ironbound, where it already operates a sprawling regional sewage treatment plant.” (TAP Into, 2/13/23)

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Zwicker Was Among The Lawmakers To Sign The Letter. ‘Lopez-Nuñez pointed out that PVSC failed to provided "any analysis of the cumulative public health impact" from the

proposed plant it hopes to build in "already one of the worst polluted neighborhoods in the entire country. (They) also failed to adequately assess clean energy alternatives." "Newark residents need action, not lip service. We cannot afford any new industrial smokestacks like PVSC's proposed gas plant. There are better options out there for our lungs, jobs, and the bay," said Kim Gaddy, the founder of Newark's South Ward Environmental Alliance and Clean Water Action's environmental justice director. "Gov. Murphy must reject a fourth gas plant in the Ironbound, if he is to be true to environmental justice." State legislators who signed the letter to Murphy include Sen. Sandra Cunningham, Sen. Nilsa Cruz-Perez, Sen. Shirley K. Turner, Sen. Andrew Zwicker, Sen. Patrick Diegnan; Assembly members Annette Chaparro, Angela McKnight, Clinton Calabrese, John McKeon, Thomas Giblin, Mila Jasey, Verlina Reynolds-Jackson, Sterley Stanley, Daniel Benson, Raj Mukherji, William F. Moen Jr., Britnee N. Timberlake, Sadaf Jaffer, Angelica M. Jimenez, and Pedro Mejia." (TAP Into, 2/13/23)

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ZWICKER HAS SUPPORTED THE LEFT’S ANTI-GROWTH ENVIRONMENTAL AGENDA

In 2018, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Implements Numerous New Mandates And Regulations Concerning ‘Renewable’ Energy Which Will Drive Up Energy Costs”

In 2018, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 3723, Which Increased Renewable Energy Mandates. ([A 3723](#), Passed (51 - 20), New Jersey State Assembly, 4/12/18, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “The board shall increase the required percentage for Class I renewable energy sources so that by January 1, 2025, 35 percent of the kilowatt hours sold in this State by each electric power supplier and each basic generation service provider shall be from Class I renewable energy sources, and by January 1, 2030, 50 percent of the kilowatt hours sold in this State by each electric power supplier and each basic generation service provider shall be from Class I renewable energy sources.” ([A 3723](#))

ACU: A 3723 “Implements Numerous New Mandates And Regulations Concerning ‘Renewable’ Energy Which Will Drive Up Energy Costs.” “This bill implements numerous

new mandates and regulations concerning "renewable" energy which will drive up energy costs. Under the bill, the state's Renewable Portfolio standard is increased, forcing the state to obtain at least 50 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2030. The bill also increases subsidies to the renewable energy sector through the expansion of net metering, energy storage, and tax credits for wind energy. Finally, the bill imposes new energy efficiency regulations on commercial buildings." ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Energy Mandates Which Drive Up Energy Costs For Everyone, Supports All Sources Of Energy And Believes Government Should Not Favor One Source Of Energy Over Another And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes energy mandates which drive up energy costs for everyone, supports all sources of energy and believes government should not favor one source of energy over another and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 51-20” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2018, Zwicker Supported Legislation That Banned Offshore Drilling

In 2018, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 839, Which Prohibited Offshore Drilling. ([A 839](#), Passed (72 - 1), New Jersey State Assembly, 4/12/18, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Prohibits offshore oil and gas exploration, development, and production in State waters, and issuance of DEP permits and approvals for activities associated with offshore oil and gas activities.” ([A 839](#))

ACU: A 839 “Is Designed To Hinder Oil And Gas Production In Federal Waters And Will Result In Higher Energy Costs For All Americans.” “This bill is designed to hinder oil and gas production in federal waters and will result in higher energy costs for all Americans. Under the bill, the state Department of Environmental Protection and other state agencies are prohibited from leasing or conveying any portion of state coastal lands if the action would result in an increase in oil or natural gas production in federal waters. Furthermore, the bill bolsters the prohibition of drilling in state coastal lands.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Supports All Sources Of Energy And Opposes This Attack On The Trump Administration's Efforts To Reduce Energy Costs And Expand Economic Growth And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports all sources of energy and opposes this attack on the Trump administration's efforts to reduce energy costs and expand economic growth and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 72-1.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2020, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Infringes Consumer Choice And Drives Up Costs In The Food Service Industry By Banning Several Common Consumer Plastic, Paper, And Styrofoam Products”

In 2020, Zwicker Voted Yea On S 864, Which Banned Plastic And Paper Bags, Plastic Straws, And Styrofoam Food Service Products. ([S 864](#), Passed (47 - 24), New Jersey State Assembly, 9/24/20, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Prohibits provision or sale of single-use plastic carryout bags, single-use paper carryout bags, and polystyrene foam food service products; limits provision of single-use

plastic straws; appropriates moneys from Clean Communities Program Fund for public education.” ([S 864](#))

ACU: S 864 “Infringes Consumer Choice And Drives Up Costs In The Food Service Industry By Banning Several Common Consumer Plastic, Paper, And Styrofoam Products.” “This bill infringes consumer choice and drives up costs in the food service industry by banning several common consumer plastic, paper, and Styrofoam products. Under the bill, beginning in May 2020, all stores and food service businesses from providing or selling single-use plastic and paper carryout bags. Additionally, the bill prohibits food-service businesses from handing out plastic straws, unless specifically requested by a customer (effective November 2021). Furthermore, the bill bans the use of single-use plastic or polystyrene foam food containers, utensils, and cups. Businesses that fail to comply with the bill are fined up to \$5,000 for each violation. The bill also allocates \$500,000 per year for three years to fund a public education campaign to distribute reusable bags and creates a Plastics Advisory Council within the New Jersey Department of Environment Protection.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Government Overreach Which Will Drive Up Costs For Businesses And Consumers, Believes Government Should Enforce Anti-Littering Ordinances Instead Of Burdening Law-Abiding Consumers With Draconian Mandates, And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes this government overreach which will drive up costs for businesses and consumers, believes government should enforce anti-littering ordinances instead of burdening law-abiding consumers with draconian mandates, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 47-24 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2020, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Infringes Property Rights And Reduces Economic Growth By Preventing The Department Of Environmental Protection From Issuing Permits In ‘Overburdened Communities’”

In 2020, Zwicker Voted Yea On S 232, Which Allowed The Review Of Permits To Advance Environmental Justice In Certain Communities. ([S 232](#), Passed (49 - 28), New Jersey State Assembly, 8/27/20, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires DEP to evaluate environmental and public health stressors of certain facilities on overburdened communities when reviewing certain permit applications.” ([S 232](#))

ACU: S 232 “Infringes Property Rights And Reduces Economic Growth By Preventing The Department Of Environmental Protection From Issuing Permits In ‘Overburdened Communities’.” “This bill infringes property rights and reduces economic growth by preventing the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing permits in “overburdened communities”. The bill defines overburdened communities as those where at least 35% of the households qualify as low-income or at least 40% of residents identify as minority. As a result, manufacturers and other job creators would be prevented from obtaining permits for facilities such as power plants, incinerators, solid waste, or for anything defined as a major source of air pollution under the federal Clean Air Act.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

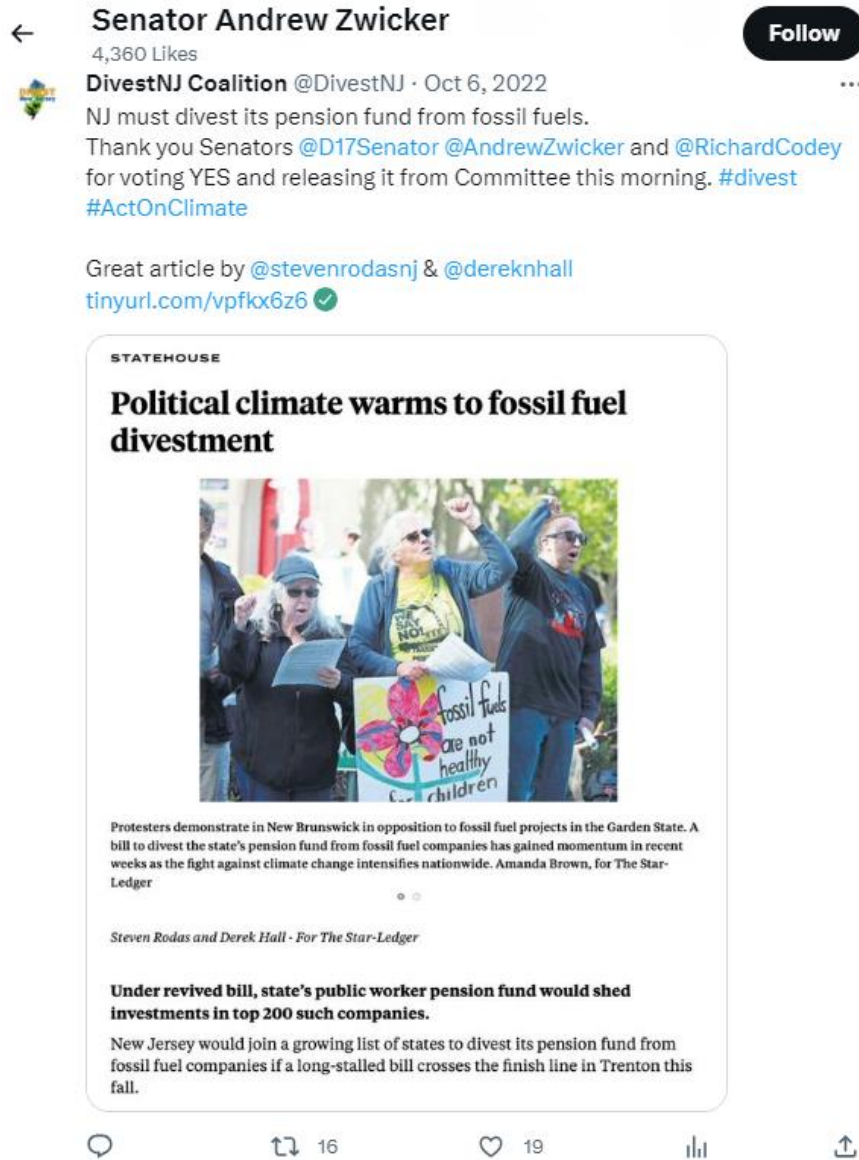
The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which Reduces Economic Growth And Further Impoverishes Communities That Need Investment And Jobs The Most And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes state and federal laws already place stringent requirements on air pollution and this bill infringes the property rights of landowners and corporations in these regions. ACU opposes this measure which reduces economic growth and further impoverishes communities that need investment and jobs the most and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 49-28 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2022, Zwicker Called For Additional Incentives For Homes And Buildings To Transition To Electric Power, Away From Using Fossil Fuels To Heat Homes

In 2022, Zwicker Called For Additional Incentives For Homes And Buildings To Transition To Electric Power, Away From Using Fossil Fuels To Heat Homes. “bill died when it failed to win approval in the Assembly at the end of the last legislative session in early January. Clean-energy advocates say there are no plans to mandate a conversion to electrified buildings. For the most part, criticism focuses on the cost of conversion to heat pumps, which work by gathering heat from one location and transferring it to another, rather than generating heat. According to data based on conversions in other states in the Northeast, typical costs range from \$4,000 to \$7,000. Opponents, however, claim the actual costs are much higher, ranging as much as \$20,000. Proponents argued Tuesday that by electrifying buildings, consumers will see lower annual operating costs for a typical home in New Jersey equipped with an average level of weatherization. The average home would save about \$50 annually, even assuming very low gas prices, such as those from the winter of 2020-2021. By combining electric appliances with home weatherization measures, many homeowners in the state can reduce their energy bills by more than 50%, the report said. 'When combined with weatherization, New Jerseyans will save money and improve local health by electrifying their homes,' said Amy Boyd, director of policy at the Acadia Center. 'New Jersey can follow the framework set by fellow Northeast states to successfully, quickly and affordably switch to an electric future.' For instance, Massachusetts offers incentives ranging from \$4,000 to \$10,000 to convert to cold-climate heat pumps, Boyd said. It also is important to target poorly insulated homes for such conversions, she said, noting they account for half of all greenhouse-gas emissions in the state. Incentives needed Sen. Andrew Zwicker (D-Mercer) said if the state offers incentives that reduce upfront costs, consumers will be more willing to switch to an electric system, which otherwise costs more than a conventional gas or oil furnace.” (NJ Spotlight, 3/2/22)

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For “Fossil Fuel Divestment”

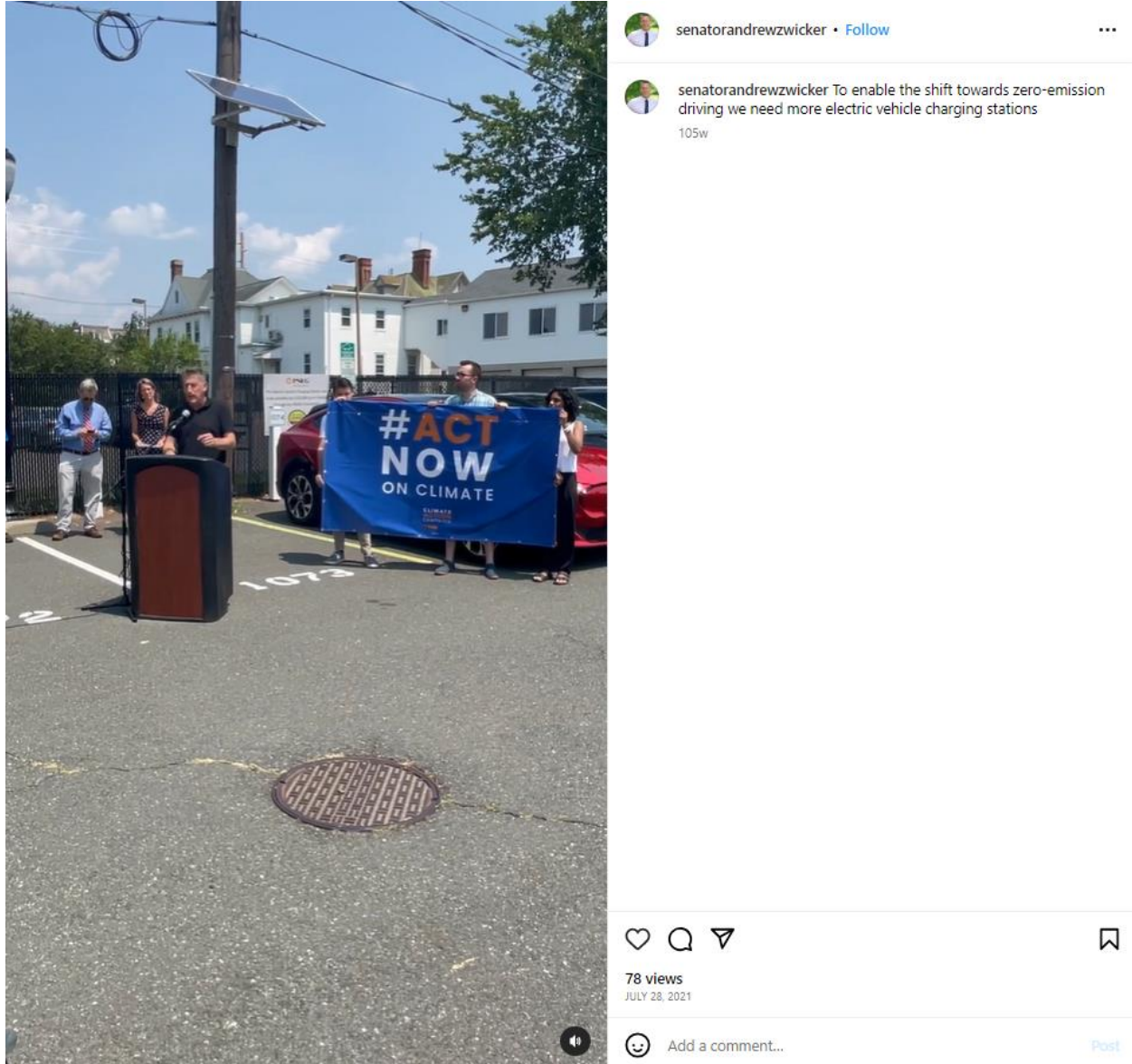
In October 2022, Zwicker ‘Liked’ A Tweet Expressing His Support For “Fossil Fuel Divestment”. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/6/22)



(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/6/22)

On Social Media, Zwicker Called For A “Shift Towards Zero-Emission Driving”

In July 2021, Zwicker Posted To Instagram Calling For A “Shift Towards Zero-Emission Driving”. (Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 7/28/21)



(Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 7/28/21)

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Opposition To Fracking

In October 2020, Zwicker ‘Retweeted’ A Tweet Expressing His Opposition To Fracking.

(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/21/20)



(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/21/20)

On Social Media, Zwicker Promoted Content Calling For Environmental Justice

In June 2023, Zwicker ‘Retweeted’ A Tweet Calling For Environmental Justice. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/24/23)



(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/24/23)

ZWICKER HAS PROMOTED THE LEFT’S CLIMATE CHANGE ALARMISM

Zwicker Supported Several Bills That Force New Jersey To Join Climate Change Initiatives

In 2018, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Drives Up Energy Costs By Forcing The State To Rejoin The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), From Which The Christie Administration Withdrew The State”

In 2018, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 1212, Which Required The State Rejoin The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. ([A 1212](#), Passed (48 - 24), New Jersey State Assembly, 2/15/18, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Clarifies intent of P.L.2007, c.340 regarding NJ's required participation in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.” ([A 1212](#))

ACU: A 1212 “Drives Up Energy Costs By Forcing The State To Rejoin The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), From Which The Christie Administration Withdrew The State.” “This bill drives up energy costs by forcing the state to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), from which the Christie administration withdrew the state. The RGGI is a cap and trade program which assesses fees on the carbon dioxide emissions of energy producers and whose costs are ultimately borne by electric ratepayers. The bill directs the fees to a newly created Global Warming Solutions Fund, which expands government cronyism through its grants and financial assistance directives.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Increasing Energy Costs For Millions Of Families And Believes It Is Outrageous To Finance Special Interest Initiatives With The RGGI Funds As Opposed To Providing Ratepayers Relief And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes increasing energy costs for millions of families and believes it is outrageous to finance special interest initiatives with the RGGI funds as opposed to providing ratepayers relief and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on February 15, 2018 by a vote of 48-24” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2018, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Commits The State To The U.S. Climate Alliance, A Coalition Formed In Response To President Trump's Action To Protect American Independence By Withdrawing The U.S. From The Paris Climate Accord”

In 2018, Zwicker Voted Yea On S 598, Which Required The State To Join The U.S. Climate Alliance. ([S 598](#), Passed (49 - 23), New Jersey State Assembly, 2/15/18, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires NJ to join U.S. Climate Alliance to uphold Paris Climate Accord.” ([S 598](#))

ACU: S 598 “Commits The State To The U.S. Climate Alliance, A Coalition Formed In Response To President Trump's Action To Protect American Independence By Withdrawing The U.S. From The Paris Climate Accord.” “This bill commits the state to the U.S. Climate Alliance, a coalition formed in response to President Trump's action to protect American independence by withdrawing the U.S. from the Paris Climate Accord. The bill requires the state to uphold that accord and cedes lawmaking authority to the Climate Alliance by forcing the state to abide by the goals established by the alliance.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Political Stunt To Weaken The Efforts Of The Trump Administration To Defend America's Independence And Reduce Energy Prices And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU believes it is absurd for the state to cede lawmaking authority to an unaccountable nonprofit and has long opposed the Paris Climate Accord (especially considering every participating European country has failed to comply with the accord's anti-growth mandates) and opposes this political stunt to weaken the efforts of the Trump administration to defend America's independence and reduce energy prices and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on February 15, 2018 by a vote of 49-23.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Drives Up Energy Costs By Forcing The State To Rejoin The Draconian Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) From Which The Christie Administration Withdrew The State”

In 2019, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 1212, Which Rejoined The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. ([A 1212](#), Passed (50 - 17), New Jersey State Assembly, 12/16/19, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Clarifies intent of P.L.2007, c.340 regarding NJ’s required participation in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.” ([A 1212](#))

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On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For The Paris Climate Accords

In January 2021, Zwicker ‘Retweeted’ A Tweet Expressing His Support For The Paris Climate Accords. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/20/21)



(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/20/21)

On Social Media, Zwicker Stated “We’re Facing A Massive Destruction Of Our Eco-Systems And Wildfires, Deforestation, Climate Change, Air And Water Pollution Are Just A Few Of The Environmental Issues We’re Facing Today”

In April 2021, Zwicker Posted To Instagram Stating “We’re Facing A Massive Destruction Of Our Eco-Systems And Wildfires, Deforestation, Climate Change, Air And Water

Pollution Are Just A Few Of The Environmental Issues We’re Facing Today.” (Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 4/22/21)



(Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 4/22/21)

On Social Media, Zwicker Promoted Content Promoting Extreme Climate Change Ideas

In May 2019, Zwicker Posted To Instagram Promoting Extreme Climate Change Ideas, Such As “Climate Change = Mass Murder,” And “Save Our Planet Save Our Future”.

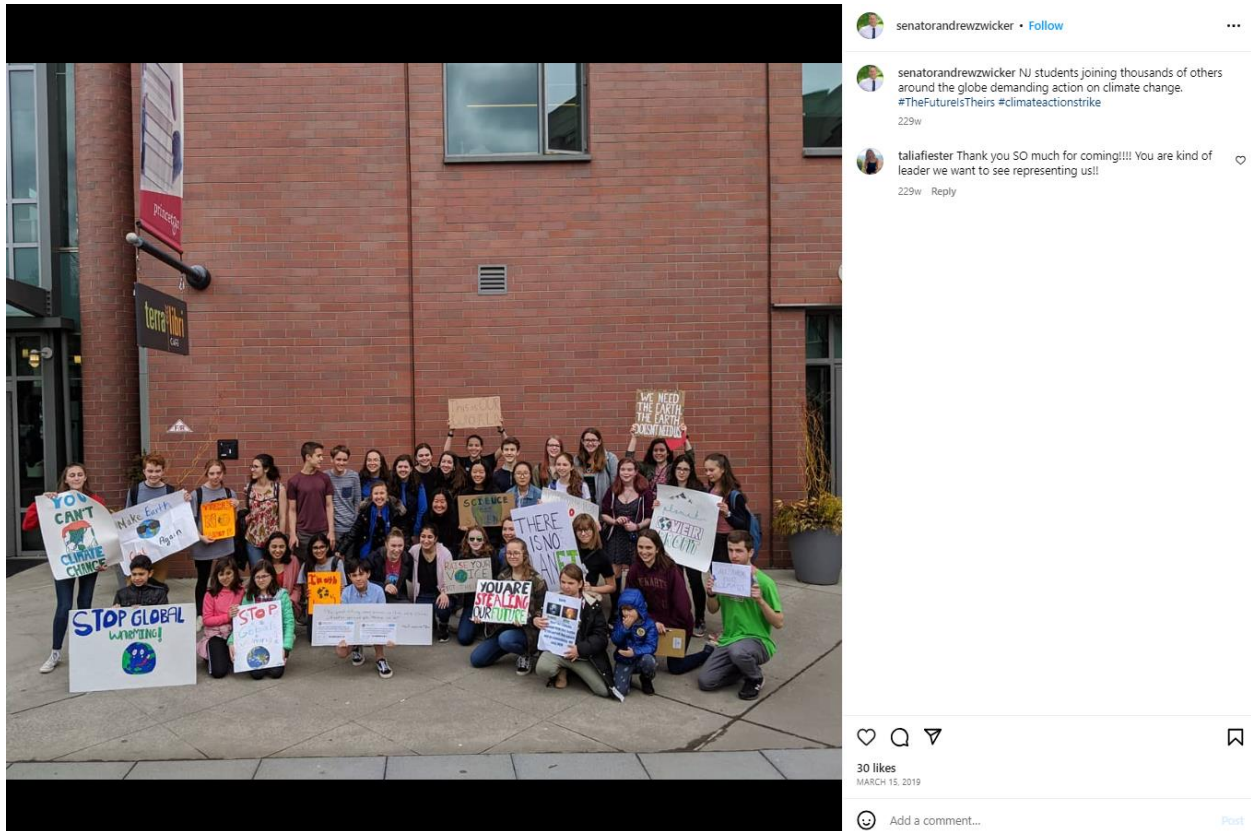
(Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 5/24/19)



(Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 5/24/19)

On Social Media, Zwicker Demanded Action On Climate Change


In March 2019, Zwicker Posted To Instagram “Demanding Action On Climate Change”.
(Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 3/15/19)





(Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 3/15/19)

On Social Media, Zwicker Promoted Leftist Climate Change Talking Points

In 2023, Zwicker ‘Liked’ A Post On LinkedIn Promoting Climate Change Talking Points.
(Zwicker Profile, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 8/23)

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It was an amazing experience to participate in the [Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education](#) Program “Climate Change and Energy: Policymaking for the Long Term” with [Robert Stavins](#), [Robert Stowe](#), and professors from the [Harvard Business School](#)! I enjoyed collaborating with my cohort in the classroom and in the study group ([Laura Klarreich - PMP](#), [Victor Torrealba](#), [Kinisha Forbes](#), [Takele U. Banti](#)) who brought their expertise from around the world.

I went to [#hks](#) to learn what I can do to craft [#climatechange](#) and [#climateresistance](#) policies that are meaningful for all of the different stakeholders involved.

I left [#Harvard](#) with newfound knowledge on [#climatemitigation](#) and [#climateadaptation](#) strategies such as [#carboncapture](#) and [#carbonsequestration](#) and a much more thorough understanding of the economics involved in reducing [#greenhousegasemissions](#) including [#carbontax](#) credits and cap and trade policies. I am optimistic that we can work towards a [#justtransition](#).

I am excited to tackle this global challenge together with my dynamic cohort.

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(Zwicker Profile, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 8/23)

Zwicker Enjoys Support From Prominent Environmental Organizations

NOTE: *Additional environmentalist associations can be provided upon request.*

In 2021, Zwicker Was Endorsed By Environment NJ. “Environment New Jersey issued the following news release on Oct. 13, 2021: Environment New Jersey today released its full slate of endorsements for the state legislative and mayoral elections and the gubernatorial race, as it

prepares to launch a get out the vote and voter education push state-wide and in key legislative races leading up to Election Day on Tuesday, November 2. Environment New Jersey, on behalf of their more than 20,000 dues-paying citizen members, released its full slate of legislative and mayoral endorsements, as well as its support for the re-election of Governor Phil Murphy. Receiving the group's endorsements are 13 State Assembly and Senate legislative champions spanning 11 legislative districts across the state. The organization endorsed six State Senators and Senate candidates with a record of marked environmental leadership, including Senator Bob Smith (D-17), Senator Linda Greenstein (D-14) and Senator Vin Gopal (D-11). The organization also endorsed the Senate candidacy of Asm. Andrew Zwicker (D-16), Asm. Vince Mazzeo (D-2) and Christine Clarke, the Democratic challenger in the 26th District.” (Environment NJ, 10/14/21)

In 2023, Zwicker, Gopal, Burzichelli, And Moriarty Were Endorsed By The NJ LCV. “The New Jersey League of Conservation Voters has endorsed Democrats in four competitive legislative districts but skipped over 22 Democratic incumbents and all but one Republican lawmaker. The 53,000-member grassroots environmental group is backing John Burzichelli against State Sen. Edward Durr (R-Logan) in the 3rd district, Assemblyman Paul Moriarty (D-Washington Township) for the open Senate seat in the 4th, and State Sens. Vin Gopal (D-Long Branch) and Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick) in the 11th and 16th districts, respectively. In addition to Durr, the organization endorsed challengers against six Assembly incumbents: Bethanne McCarthy-Patrick (R-Mannington) in District 3; Michael Torrissi (R-Hammonton) and Brandon Umba (R-Medford) in District 8; Brian Rumpf (R-Little Egg Harbor) in District 9; and Marilyn Piperno (R-Colts Neck) and Kim Eulner (R-Shrewsbury) in District 11. The LCV is backing Christine Clarke for Senate in the 25th against Senate Minority Leader Anthony Bucco (R-Boonton), and Evesham Councilwoman Heather Cooper, a Democrat, for the open GOP Senate seat in the 8th. The lone Republican statewide to capture a League of Conservation Voters endorsement is Assemblyman Rob Clifton (R-Matawan) in District 12. “We could not be prouder of the dedicated, pro-environment leaders in this round of legislative endorsements, and we look forward to electing them to office and working together to build a more equitable and sustainable clean energy future for our children and grandchildren,” said Allison McLeod, the group’s senior policy director. “Codifying 100% clean energy by 2035, advancing offshore wind, and strengthening our democracy are all on the ballot.” It’s not clear how impactful the LCV endorsement is, although in low-turnout elections, every little bit helps.” ([NJ Globe](#), 7/6/23)

In 2023, The Sierra Club Endorsed Zwicker. “The New Jersey Sierra Club, one of the largest grassroots environmental advocacy organizations in the state, endorsed State Sen. Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick) for re-election in the 16th district. The early endorsement comes as Zwicker prepares for a rematch with 2021 rival Michael Pappas, a former Republican congressman. “As a legislator who not only understands the importance of science-based environmental policies but is a leading physicist,” said Richard Isaac the chairman of the New Jersey chapter. “Sierra Club recognizes the importance of keeping Senator Zwicker in office and is making his re-election a top priority.” Zwicker served three terms as an assemblyman before flipping the Senate seat two years ago after Republican State Sen. Christopher Bateman (R-Branchburg) retired. He became the first Democrat to represent the Somerset-based district in the Senate since 1902. The Democratic senator praised the Sierra Club for fighting “tirelessly to make sure all New Jerseyans have access to clean air, water, land, and energy.” “As a scientist, I

have spent my career working on the development of an advanced form of safe, clean energy, and as a legislator, I have used my experience to advocate for common-sense environmental legislation to protect the future and health of New Jersey families,” Zwicker stated. “I am proud to run for re-election to the NJ State Senate with the endorsement of the Sierra Club.” Two other Democratic senators from Middlesex County, Linda Greenstein (D-Plainsboro) and Robert Smith (D-Piscataway), also won Sierra Club support.” ([NJ Globe](#), 1/31/23)

AS A LEGISLATOR, ZWICKER HAS WORKED TO PROTECT OBAMACARE

In 2019, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Prevents A Significant Reduction In Health Care Costs By Mandating Under State Law That Nearly All Health Insurance Policies Offered In The State Provide Coverage For Pre-Existing Conditions”

In 2019, Zwicker Voted Yea On S 626, Which Preserved Obamacare’s Pre-Existing Conditions Mandate. ([S 626](#), Passed (73 - 0), New Jersey State Assembly, 1/13/20, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Clarifies prohibition on preexisting condition exclusions in health insurance policies.” ([S 626](#))

ACU: S 626 “Prevents A Significant Reduction In Health Care Costs By Mandating Under State Law That Nearly All Health Insurance Policies Offered In The State Provide Coverage For Pre-Existing Conditions.” “This bill prevents a significant reduction in health care costs by mandating under state law that nearly all health insurance policies offered in the state provide coverage for pre-existing conditions. Obamacare currently imposes this mandate on pre-existing conditions which has sent insurance premiums skyrocketing. This measure is in response to the possibility of the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Oppose Health Insurance Mandates Which Drive Up The Cost Of Insurance For Everyone By Preventing Individuals From Obtaining Policies That Best Suit Their Needs And Opposed This Bill.” “While ACU sympathizes with people who rely on this coverage, we oppose health insurance mandates which drive up the cost of insurance for everyone by preventing individuals from obtaining policies that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on January 13, 2020 by a vote of 73-0 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Preserves The Harmful Health Insurance Regulations And Enormous Costs Of Obamacare By Forcing All Individual Health Plans And Small Employer Plans To Provide Coverage For The ‘Essential Health Benefits’ That Are Mandated Under The Affordable Care Act”

In 2019, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 5248, Which Preserved Obamacare’s Essential Health Benefits Mandates. ([A 5248](#), Passed (55 - 19), New Jersey State Assembly, 1/13/20, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Preserves certain requirements that health insurance plans cover essential health benefits.” ([A 5248](#))

ACU: A 5248 “Preserves The Harmful Health Insurance Regulations And Enormous Costs Of Obamacare”. “This bill preserves the harmful health insurance regulations and enormous costs of Obamacare by forcing all individual health plans and small employer plans to provide coverage for the “essential health benefits” that are mandated under the Affordable Care Act. The bill is in response to efforts by the Trump administration to reduce insurance costs through the repeal of Obamacare. Under the bill, the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance is directed to define essential health benefits by a standard that is at least as restrictive as those under Obamacare. Additionally, these health plans are prohibited from including any lifetime or annual limits on the value of coverage. Furthermore, insurers are required to provide coverage for out-of-network services at the same or more favorable rates as the insurer offers for in-network services if the services are sought on a basis government deems “urgent.”” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Health Insurance Mandates Which Harm The Ability Of Individuals To Purchase The Health Insurance Policies Which Best Suit Their Needs And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU has long opposed Obamacare and its costly mandates that have sent insurance costs skyrocketing and did not allow Americans to “keep their doctor.” ACU opposes health insurance mandates which harm the ability of individuals to purchase the health insurance policies which best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on January 13, 2020 by a vote of 55-19 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

ZWICKER INCREASED TAXES ON HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS

In 2020, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Hikes The Tax Placed On Health Maintenance Organizations From 3% To 5% As Part Of A Scheme To Extract Even More Federal Funds Through Medicaid”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Gimmick Which Burdens State And Federal Taxpayers Through Increased Medicaid Spending And Opposed This Bill”

In 2020, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 4722, Which Hiked Taxes On Health Maintenance Organization To Fund Medicaid. ([A 4722](#), Passed (48 - 28), New Jersey State Assembly, 9/24/20, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Increases annual assessment on net written premiums of HMOs to support charity care from three percent to five percent in FY 2021.” ([A 4722](#))

ACU: A 4722 “Hikes The Tax Placed On Health Maintenance Organizations From 3% To 5% As Part Of A Scheme To Extract Even More Federal Funds Through Medicaid.” “This bill hikes the tax placed on health maintenance organizations from 3% to 5% as part of a scheme to extract even more federal funds through Medicaid. The bill is expected to increase federal funding through Medicaid by \$137 million each year and the funds are to be used to increase charity care payments to hospitals.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Gimmick Which Burdens State And Federal Taxpayers Through Increased Medicaid Spending And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes this gimmick which burdens state and federal taxpayers through increased Medicaid spending and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 48-28 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

ZWICKER SUPPORTED THE LEFT’S BIG-GOVERNMENT REACTION TO COVID

In 2020, Zwicker Voted To Table A Bill That “Places A Critical Check On Executive Power By Limiting The Governor’s Ability To Declare An Emergency To 14 Days Unless A Longer Period Is Approved By The Legislature Through Concurrent Resolution”

The American Conservative Union “Support Strengthening Government Integrity Through This Check On Executive Branch Power And Supported This Bill”

In 2020, Zwicker Voted Yea On A Motion To Table A 4147, Which Placed A Check On The Governor’s Emergency Power. ([A 4147](#), Passed (47 - 27), New Jersey State Assembly, 11/16/20, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Limits to 14 days effective period of certain emergency orders, rules, or regulations.” ([A 4147](#))

ACU: A 4147 “Places A Critical Check On Executive Power By Limiting The Governor’s Ability To Declare An Emergency To 14 Days Unless A Longer Period Is Approved By The Legislature Through Concurrent Resolution.” “This bill places a critical check on executive power by limiting the Governor’s ability to declare an emergency to 14 days unless a longer period is approved by the legislature through concurrent resolution.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Support Strengthening Government Integrity Through This Check On Executive Branch Power And Supported This Bill.” “ACU support strengthening government integrity through this check on executive branch power and supported this bill. The Assembly voted to table (kill) the bill on November 16, 2020 by a vote of 47-27. (A “No” vote supports the ACU position.)” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2021, Zwicker Supported A Bill That ACU Described As “Preserving Gov. Murphy’s Overreaching COVID-19 Executive Orders Including Mask Mandates And The Eviction Moratorium”

The American Conservative Union “Supports The Ability Of Americans To Manage Their Own Risk Related To Illnesses, Believes That Many Of Government’s Reactions To COVID-19 Have Done More Harm Than Good And Opposed This Bill”

In 2021, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 5820, Which Preserved The Governor’s COVID-19 Executive Orders. ([A 5820](#), Passed (44 - 28), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/3/21, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Provides for termination of public health emergency declared by Governor to address COVID-19 pandemic, except certain executive orders, directives, and powers will remain in effect temporarily.” ([A 5820](#))

The American Conservative Union “Supports The Ability Of Americans To Manage Their Own Risk Related To Illnesses, Believes That Many Of Government’s Reactions To COVID-19 Have Done More Harm Than Good And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 44-28 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2020, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Enacts A Partial Furlough Program That Disincentivizes Employment At A Time When The Country Is Starting To Reopen Following The COVID-19 Pandemic”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which Hinders The Reopening Of The Economy And Opposed This Bill”

In 2020, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 4132, Which Imposed A Furlough Program In The Wake Of COVID-19. ([A 4132](#), Passed (51 - 25), New Jersey State Assembly, 7/2/20, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Any time, up to a maximum of 90 calendar days, during which a person is laid off or furloughed by an employer due to that employer curtailing operations because of a state of emergency declared after October 22, 2012, shall be regarded as time in which the person is employed for the purpose of determining eligibility for leave time under this act. In making the determination, the base hours per week during the layoff or furlough shall be deemed to be the same as the average number of hours worked per week during the rest of the 12-month period.” ([A 4132](#))

ACU: A 4132 “Enacts A Partial Furlough Program That Disincentivizes Employment At A Time When The Country Is Starting To Reopen Following The COVID-19 Pandemic.” “his bill enacts a partial furlough program that disincentivizes employment at a time when the country is starting to reopen following the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the bill, numerous individuals earning under \$89,000 a year earn more through the bill’s provisions than they would through their full-time work.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which Hinders The Reopening Of The Economy And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU believes many of the government’s responses to COVID-19 have done more harm than good, supports the right of Americans to manage their own risks related to illnesses, opposes this measure which hinders the reopening of the economy and opposed this bill. The bill with the governors’ changes encouraging furlough programs passed the Assembly on July 2, 2020 by a vote of 51-25 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2021, Zwicker Supported Legislation That Provided Death Benefits To Dependents Of Any 'Essential Employee' Who Contracted COVID-19

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Driving Up Employment Costs By Abusing The Workers Compensation System And Opposed This Bill”

In 2021, Zwicker Voted Yea On S 2476, Which Provided Death Benefits To Dependents Of Any 'Essential Employee' Who Contracted COVID-19. ([S 2476](#), Passed (55 - 12), New Jersey State Assembly, 3/1/21, Zwicker Voted Yea)


- NOTE: “Concerns certain workers' compensation supplemental benefits for surviving dependents of essential employees who die in course of employment.” ([S 2476](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Driving Up Employment Costs By Abusing The Workers Compensation System And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes the workers compensation system is funded through payroll taxes imposed on all employers. ACU opposes driving up employment costs by abusing the workers compensation system and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 1, 2021 by a vote of 55-12. (The Senate passed the bill in 2020.)” ([American Conservative Union](#))

On Social Media, Zwicker Supported The Initial School Closures


In March 2020, Zwicker 'Retweeted' A Tweet Expressing His Support For School Closures. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/16/20)

↳ Senator Andrew Zwicker Retweeted

 **Governor Phil Murphy** ✓
@GovMurphy

To slow the spread of #COVID19, I'm ordering:

- Closure of ALL pre-K, K-12 schools, higher ed insts. beginning 3/18
- Closure of ALL casinos, racetracks, theaters, gyms
- Closure of ALL non-essential retail, recreational, & entertainment bizs after 8pm
- Banning gatherings of 50+

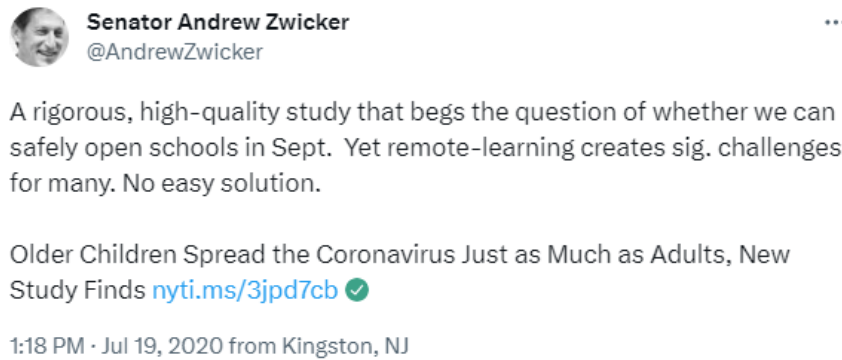


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(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/16/20)

On Social Media, Zwicker Was Hesitant For Students To Return To In Person Learning

In July 2020, Zwicker Shared A Tweet Appearing To Express His Opposition To In Person Learning. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 7/19/20)



(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 7/19/20)

On Social Media, Zwicker Promoted Contact Tracing

In May 2020, Zwicker Shared A Tweet Expressing His Support For Contact Tracing. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/27/20)



(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/27/20)

On Social Media, Zwicker Promoted The COVID Vaccine

In September 2020, Zwicker Shared A Tweet Appearing To Expressing His Support For Mandating The Flu Shot. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 9/3/20)



COVID-19: NJ Could Mandate Flu Shot For All Students
[newjerseynewsnetwork.com/story/42576415...](https://www.newjerseynewsnetwork.com/story/42576415...)

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(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 9/3/20)

In April 2021, Zwicker Posted To Instagram Promoting The COVID Vaccine. (Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 4/19/21)



(Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 4/19/21)

Zwicker Is Known To Have Received The COVID Vaccine

In April 2021, Zwicker Posted To Instagram Stating He Received The COVID Vaccine. (Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 4/8/21)



(Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 4/8/21)

ZWICKER’S EMBRACE OF THE WOKE AGENDA AND RADICAL SOCIAL POLITICS

ZWICKER APPEARS TO SUPPORT NEW JERSEY’S STATUS AS A SANCTUARY STATE FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND GENERALLY OPPOSE ENFORCEMENT AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

In 2021, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Prohibits State And Local Entities And Private Detention Facilities From Entering Into Agreement To Detain Noncitizens”

In 2021, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 5207, Which Prohibited State And Local Detention Agreements With ICE. ([A 5207](#), Passed (46 - 24), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/21/21, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Prohibits State and local entities and private detention facilities from entering into agreement to detain noncitizens.” ([A 5207](#))

The American Conservative Union “Supports Assisting The Federal Government In Its Constitutional Role To Enforce Our Nation’s Immigration Laws And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports assisting the federal government in its constitutional role to enforce our nation’s immigration laws and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2021 by a vote of 46-24 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

On Social Media, Zwicker Opposed Republican Immigration Policies, Such As The ‘Zero Tolerance’ Policy

In June 2018, Zwicker Posted To Facebook Expressing His Opposition To Trump’s Zero Tolerance Immigration Policy. (Zwicker Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/19/18)

- **Zwicker: “Families Being Forcibly Separated By Our Own Federal Government Are Horrifying Beyond Description.”** (Zwicker Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/19/18)
- **Zwicker: “One Doesn’t Need To Have Children To Understand That Our Government’s Conduct Is Cruelly Abusive And Wrong In The Extreme.”** (Zwicker Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/19/18)
- **Zwicker: “The Trump Administration Justifies This Inhumane ‘Zero Tolerance’ Policy On The Grounds That It Will ‘Deter’ People From Attempting To Cross Our Borders Without Permission.”** (Zwicker Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/19/18)
- **Zwicker: “I Applaud Governor Phil Murphy For Today Announcing He’ll Sign An Executive Order Forbidding New Jersey State Resources From Being Used To Support Or Facilitate The Odious Trump Administration Policies”** (Zwicker Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/19/18)
- **Zwicker: “The Policy Must End, Families Must Be Reunited, And We Must Demonstrate To The World That We Are Better Than This.”** (Zwicker Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/19/18)



Andrew Zwicker

June 19, 2018 · 🌐



The reports, photos and video of families being forcibly separated by our own federal government are horrifying beyond description. Imagine the terror and confusion these children are experiencing, as they're torn out of their parents' arms, locked in cages indefinitely with strangers, deprived of any comfort, treated like hardened criminals. As a parent, of course, I'm appalled. But one doesn't need to have children to understand that our government's conduct is cruelly abusive and wrong in the extreme.

The Trump administration justifies this inhumane "zero tolerance" policy on the grounds that it will "deter" people from attempting to cross our borders without permission. But it hasn't. In fact, Homeland Security's own data shows a 5% uptick in attempted border crossings since the policy went into effect. (<https://www.cnn.com/.../family-separation.../index.html> ✓) Now, faced with this undeniable failure of its policy objective, Trump officials have pivoted and claim simply that they're enforcing the law.

But of course, this policy isn't required by any law or statute; it was the invention of Trump's Attorney General, Jeff Sessions, and can be reversed and rectified immediately - if they choose. But they choose instead to continue to separate children from their parents, despite mounting outrage around the country and around the world.

This can't be who we are -- as a country, as a democracy, as a society.

Many of us feel helpless in the face of this shocking departure by the Trump administration from our country's ideals and principles. But we can and must speak up, march, donate, and act where we can.

To that end, I applaud Governor Phil Murphy for today announcing he'll sign an executive order forbidding New Jersey state resources from being used to support or facilitate the odious Trump administration policies that separate children from parents. I call on our representatives in Congress to stop dithering and unite to put a stop to the abuses happening under color of law at our borders. Congress must act. The policy must end, families must be reunited, and we must demonstrate to the world that we are better than this.



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(Zwicker Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/19/18)

ZWICKER SUPPORTS PROVIDING STATE BENEFITS TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

In 2019, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Permits Those Who Reside In The Country Illegally To Obtain Driver’s Licenses And State-Issued Identification Cards”

In 2019, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 4743, Which Provided Driver’s Licenses To Individuals Residing In The Country Illegally. ([A 4743](#), Passed (42 - 30), New Jersey State Assembly, 12/16/19, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Creates two categories of driver's licenses and identification cards; allows residents unable to prove lawful presence in US to receive permits, and standard driver's licenses or identification cards; permits MVC to increase certain fees.” ([A 4743](#))

ACU: A 4743 “Permits Those Who Reside In The Country Illegally To Obtain Driver’s Licenses And State-Issued Identification Cards.” “This bill permits those who reside in the country illegally to obtain driver’s licenses and state-issued identification cards. Specifically, the bill creates an entirely new class of driver’s licenses and identification cards, known as “standard” licenses and IDs, which do not require proof of lawful presence in the U.S. and are a way to bypass the federal REAL ID Act. Additionally, the bill prohibits the state Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) from retaining any documents used to apply for the license or ID and largely prevents the MVC from cooperating with investigations involving unlawful residents

who are “standard” cardholders. Furthermore, the bill does not require these licenses and IDs to include unique designs disclosing that an unlawful resident cardholder cannot use the card to vote.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Blatant Attempt To Encourage Individuals To Skirt The Law And Disenfranchise Lawful Voters Through Voter Fraud And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports efforts to help the federal government perform its constitutional role in enforcing the nation’s immigration laws, opposes this blatant attempt to encourage individuals to skirt the law and disenfranchise lawful voters through voter fraud and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on December 16, 2019 by a vote of 42-30 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

ZWICKER HAS DEFENDED CONTROVERSIAL SEX ED STANDARDS IN NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS

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In An April 2022 NJ Senate Hearing, NJ Commissioner Of Education Angelica Allen-McMillan Strongly Defended New Jersey’s Sex Ed Standards. “Silent on most education policy issues, the head of the state Department of Education strongly defended New Jersey’s sex education standards on Thursday, with a rousing rebuttal to comments that they encroach on parental freedoms. “I do want to take a moment to correct the record if I may,” said Angelica Allen-McMillan, acting commissioner of the state Department of Education, during Thursday’s Senate budget committee hearing. She said sex education material that was “deemed salacious is not affiliated with the Department of Education.” She also said “third-party information” was being used to “weaponize” sex education, suggesting political reasons. The response was to Sen. Michael Testa, R-Cape May, who questioned a sex education sample lesson plan presented at a Westfield Board of Education meeting that discussed genitalia and gender identity. Testa pressed Allen-McMillan on whether the plan used in the presentation was on the state’s Department of Education website and if she thought it was appropriate for a “neighbor” to show an 8-year-old child images of female genitalia. Allen-McMillan said the plan was not linked on the state’s website and that she could not answer his question about images because she’s an expert on education, “not an expert on neighbors,” a response that provoked suppressed smiles from some senators.” (*Bergen Record*, 4/29/22)

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Zwicker Agreed With Allen-McMillan’s Remarks That Transparency Was Key In Rolling Out The Standards. “Allen-McMillan said it is important to understand the process behind the updated health standards. After inviting public comment before adopting the final standards, “then begins the process at the local level,” when districts can look at how they are going to craft the curriculum, she said. Health standards are just one of six content areas that are being rolled out in the upcoming school year, said Allen-McMillan. “It can be a bit of a burden for working parents to take time out [to attend school board meetings], but public comments can be written

and shared," she said. She suggested putting faith in the capability of school administrators to invite input and structure curriculum based on their communities' concerns, using the standards as a guideline. School district leaders, Allen-McMillan told the senators, "have the experience and the expertise to navigate this without the weaponizing of third-party information being put upon the state as if it is our message, when it is not." Sen. Andrew Zwicker, D-Somerset, said he agreed that transparency is key. Testa and other Republican senators at the hearing asked for clearer guidelines on how schools can implement the new standards while keeping parents informed about the changes. After Testa's questioning, Sen. Paul Sarlo, D-Bergen, who chaired the hearing, asked the other senators to stick to questions related to the budget for the remainder of the time. The new standards will be rolled out in public K-12 schools in the fall." (*Bergen Record*, 4/29/22)

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"Opponents Say The Sample Materials Are Too Graphic And Warn The Incoming State Standards Will Lead To Children Being Taught Sensitive Subjects At Too Young An Age, Undermining The Rights Of Parents." "The issue exploded in recent weeks after a local

school board in Union County shared sample resources as districts prepare to implement the new state standards, which take effect in the fall and outline when students in New Jersey should learn about topics such as sexual orientation, gender identity, and anatomy. Officials insisted these were merely models from an outside website to show possible resources provided by the state, aren't mandated by the state, and won't specifically be part of the district's curriculum. The situation, however, sparked new attention to the standards as a Republican lawmaker and conservative media circulated those models. Opponents say the sample materials are too graphic and warn the incoming state standards will lead to children being taught sensitive subjects at too young an age, undermining the rights of parents. Some critics have gone further, accusing the left of trying to "indoctrinate" kids with "extreme" views on sex. Top Republicans in the state Senate on Monday sent letters to Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy and Senate President Nicholas Scutari, D-Union, calling for the state to delay implementing the guidelines and hold public hearings on them — even though they were publicly available online before the state Board of Education approved them at a public meeting in June 2020." ([NJ.com](https://www.nj.com), 4/13/22)

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“differentiate between gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation” and teachers should “develop a plan for the school to promote dignity and respect for people of all genders, gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations in the school community.” (NJ.com, 4/13/22)

- **NOTE:** *The full state standards can be found here:*
<https://www.nj.gov/education/cccs/2020/2020%20NJSL-CHPE.pdf>

ZWICKER SPEARHEADED LEGISLATION REQUIRING LIBRARIES TO ADOPT THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BILL OF RIGHTS - WHICH BANS BOOK REMOVALS

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In 2023, Zwicker Sponsored Legislation Requiring Libraries To Adopt The American Library Association Bill Of Rights, Which Bans Book Removals, Or Else Risk Losing State Funding. “Libraries and public schools in New Jersey would be prohibited from banning books — and would lose state funding if they did so — under new legislation introduced Monday. Public libraries would be required to adopt the American Library Association's 'library bill of rights[1]' or a similar policy under the bill sponsored by Sens. Andrew Zwicker (D-Somerset) and Teresa Ruiz (D-Essex) and Assemblywoman Mila Jasey (D-Essex). That document tasks libraries with challenging censorship, bars book removal for 'partisan or doctrinal disapproval,' directs libraries to offer books and other materials that present 'all points of view on current and historical issues,' and forbids removal or restriction of materials because of objections about the 'origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.' The bill would authorize state education and treasury officials to withhold funding from any public school or library that fails to comply. Zwicker told the New Jersey Monitor he was moved to introduce the bill after hearing Martha Hickson, a North Hunterdon High School librarian, speak about a month ago. Hickson won[2] the Lemony Snicket Prize for Noble Librarians Faced with Adversity last year for successfully fighting a community group's efforts to ban five LGBTQ-themed books at her school. 'This is about not allowing intolerance and hatred to be infused into our libraries at all,' Zwicker said. 'Ideas are there to be debated and to be discussed. And sometimes ideas make us uncomfortable, but that uncomfortableness doesn't mean that we should ban things. We should talk more about them.' The move comes as Republican lawmakers have called for more scrutiny of books in public school libraries.” (New Jersey Monitor, 5/22/23)

- **“Zwicker, A Parent Of Three Grown Children And The Son Of A Public School English Teacher, Said Parents Are Free To Restrict What Their Children Read, But ‘Their Choice Does Not Get To Dictate Everybody Else's Choice.’”** “Zwicker, a parent of three grown children and the son of a public school English teacher, said parents are free to restrict what their children read, but 'their choice does not get to dictate everybody else's choice.' He said the extensive book banning and burning that occurred in Nazi Germany in the 1930s should remain in the history books. 'The fact that we are in 2023 and debating whether or not we should be banning books and banning ideas is

just outrageous,' Zwicker said. The legislation comes as book bans are rising nationally and in New Jersey.” (New Jersey Monitor, 5/22/23)

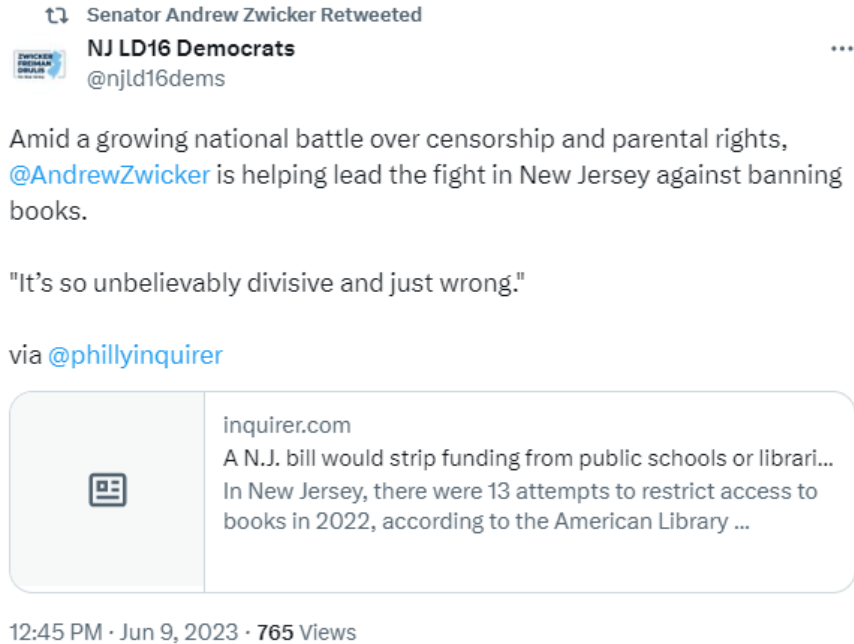
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“New Jersey Republican Lawmakers Are Blasting The Proposal To Fine Libraries And Schools, Saying It Would Override Parental Rights And Deprive Schools Of Much-Needed Funding.” “Many of the challenges are being made by parents backed by conservative groups pushing back against what they see as an inappropriate focus on social issues and emotional learning over a traditional education, and the introduction of sexually explicit books in middle and high school libraries. But New Jersey Republican lawmakers are blasting the proposal to fine libraries and schools, saying it would override parental rights and deprive schools of much-needed funding. State Sen. Ed Durr, R-Logan, called the proposal "nuts" and said it would "punish schools for listening to the concerns of parents and removing books that contain pornographic material." "Parents should be able to say that they don't believe certain books are age-appropriate for their children's schools, and school districts should be commended rather than punished for respecting parental rights," he said in a statement. "This legislation shows just how far Democrats are willing to go to push their gender ideology on our kids.” (The Center Square, 6/1/23)

On Social Media, Zwicker Promoted His Anti-Book-Ban Efforts And Thus His Own Support For Numerous Controversial Books – Including Gender Queer

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Senator Andrew Zwicker
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Here is the latest story on our efforts to stop book banning and censorship in NJ.



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State Sens. Zwicker, Ruiz propose bill to stop banning of books

The state senators are striking back against what they call a “vocal minority” of parents who are trying to get certain books taken off the shelves.

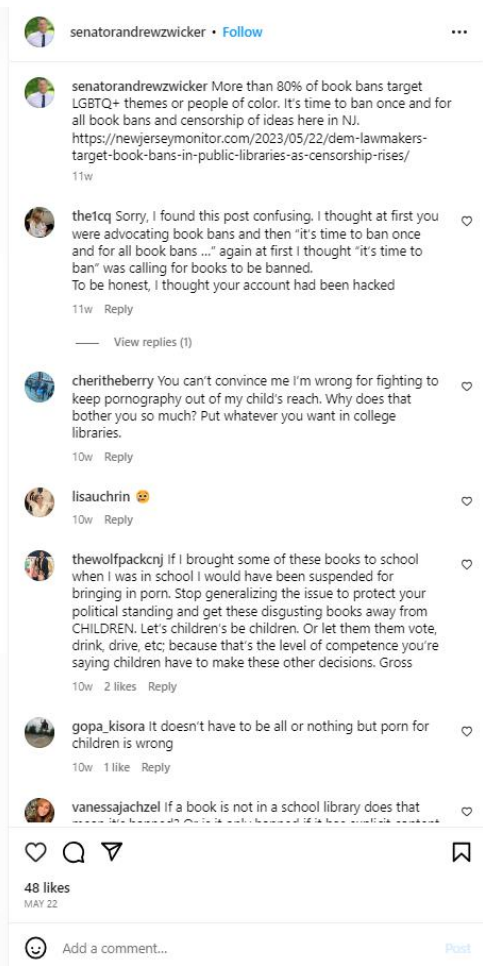
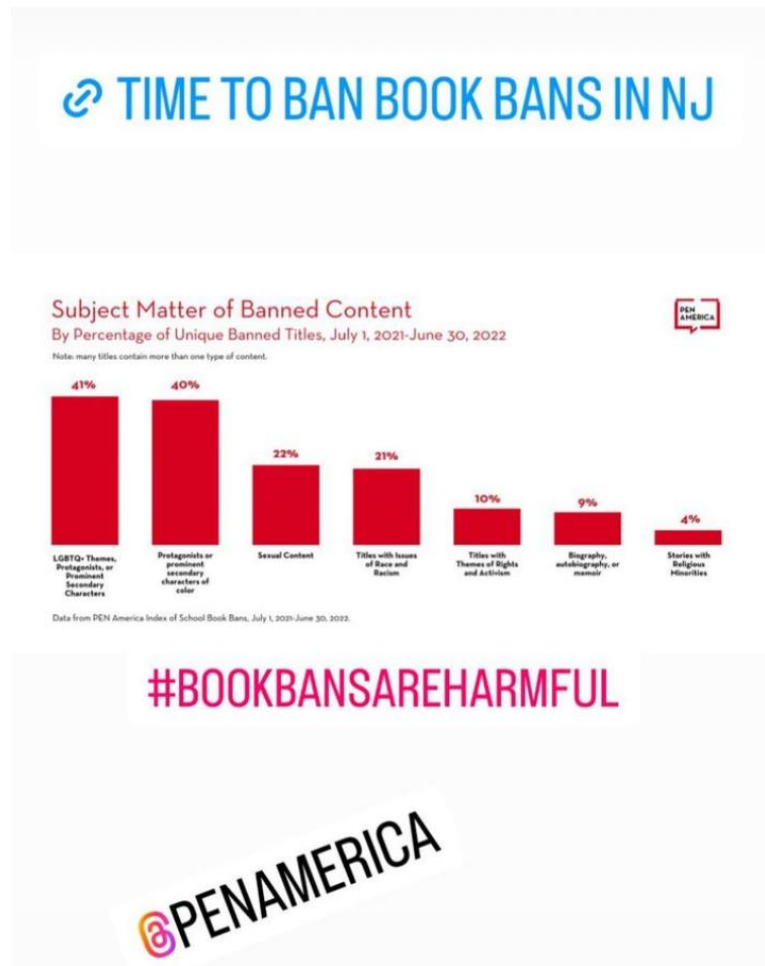
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Examples Of The ‘Banned Books’ Zwicker Is Supporting

The American Library Association’s “Top 13 Most Challenged Books Of 2022” Contained Titles Such As “Gender Queer,” “All Boys Aren’t Blue,” “This Book Is Gay,” “Out Of The Darkness,” And “Lawn Boy”. (“Top 13 Most Challenged Books Of 2022,” [American Library Association](#), Accessed 5/5/23)

- **According To The Iowa Standard, The Book ‘Gender Queer’ Contains Illustrations Of Sexually Explicit Content.** (“SHOCKING: Images From Book ‘Gender Queer,’ Which Is Stocked In School Libraries Across Iowa,” [The Iowa Standard](#), 10/28/21)



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- According To Book Looks, ‘This Book Is Gay’s’ Page 186 Contains “Why Are Gay Men So Slutty? Well, First Of All, I Don't Lie The Word Slutty, So Let's Rephrase That To It's Proper Word, PROMISCUOUS, Which Basically Means 'Has Sex With Multiple Partners.’”** ““Why are Gay Men So Slutty? Well, first of all, I don't lie the word slutty, so let's rephrase that to it's proper word, PROMISCUOUS, which basically means 'has sex with multiple partners.' Second of all, anyone who suggests that all gay men are promiscuous is a raging homophobe. HOWEVER, the fact of the matter is that many stereotypes have a seed of truth lurking under all the horse crap. In this instance, both my own research and that of other writers suggests that gay men reported having more than twenty partners in their lifetime, with several reporting they had had sex with more than a hundred.” (“This Book Is Gay, Summary Of Concerns,” [Book Looks](#), Accessed 5/5/23)
- According To Book Looks, ‘This Book Is Gay’s’ Page 156 Contains A Step-By-Step Guide On “How Sex Apps Work”.** “How sex apps work: 1. Upload a tiny pic of yourself to the app. 2. The app works out your location. 3. The app tells you who the nearest homosexuals are. 4. You then chat to them. 5. Because they are near, it is easy to meet up with them. ...if you're looking for the ubiquitous “fun” (the words “sex,” “shag,” and the Fword, ironically, are banned on most sex apps), be upfront about it and then no one's feelings are going to get hurt.” (“This Book Is Gay, Summary Of Concerns,” [Book Looks](#), Accessed 5/5/23)

- **According To Super Summary, ‘This Book Is Gay’s’ Chapter Nine Is Titled “The Ins And Outs Of Gay Sex” That “Gives Detailed Advice On Approaching LGBTQ+ Sex, How To Deal With Other People’s Bodies, And Safe Sex Practices.”** “Chapter 9 (“The Ins and Outs of Gay Sex”) gives detailed advice on approaching LGBTQ+ sex, how to deal with other people’s bodies, and safe sex practices.” (“This Book Is Gay Summary And Study Guide,” [Super Summary](#), Accessed 5/5/23)
- **Don’t Walk, Run! Productions, Describes ‘This Book Is Gay’ As “A Literal Instruction Manual On How To Have Sex”.** “You know perfect content for a tween. Even though the book is a literal instruction manual on how to have sex the ALA puts in the reasons for being challenged is that it’s ‘claimed to be sexually explicit’.” (“The "Banning Books" Narrative: DEBUNKED!!,” Don’t Walk, Run! Productions, [YouTube](#), 06:00)



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- **According To The Daily Mail, Lawn Boy’s Author Told The Washington Post His Book Was “Never Meant For School Libraries”.** “The author of a book which was pulled from schools across the US over its description of a sex act between two 10-year-old boys has said it was never intended for young children. Lawn Boy, a 2018 novel by Jonathan Evison, drew national attention in 2021 after it was found in school libraries despite scenes that parents labeled 'pedophilic'.” (“Author Of LGBT Book 'Lawn Boy' Which Describes Two 10-Year-Old Boys Giving Each Other Oral Sex Admits Graphic Story Was NEVER Meant For School Libraries - As Livid Parents Force Woke Teachers To Pull It From Shelves In US,” [Daily Mail](#), 1/5/23)
- **In January 2022, Monica Chen Described ‘Lawn Boy’ As “Pedophilic”.** “The author of “Lawn Boy” and his supporters say parents who want the book removed from libraries have not read it, and do not put it in the right context. Alright, I read the book. Its pedophilic, exploitative and abusive elements go beyond the swear words and the sexual passages.” (“‘Lawn Boy’ IS Pedophilic. Here’s Why. (Explicit),” [Spring Magazine](#), 1/28/22)
- **Chen Claims The Book “Reads Like A Neighbor Who Develops A Fixation On A Boy Who Lives Down The Street — And Decides To Write Fanfiction About Him.”**

“Evison and his supporters want to say the book is a coming of age story and add an extra layer of LGBT romance to defend and cover up its actual attack on boys, on young men, on the freedom that kids should have while they grow up. The gay romance is not important to this book at all. Basically, the book reads like a neighbor who develops a fixation on a boy who lives down the street — and decides to write fanfiction about him. And that’s not all. The fanfiction is written in the first person, as that boy.” (“‘Lawn Boy’ IS Pedophilic. Here’s Why. (Explicit),” [Spring Magazine](#), 1/28/22)

- **Chen Notes Multiple Passages From ‘Lawn Boy’ That Describe Children “In Fourth Grade” Performing “Oral Sex”.** “PAGE 13: “But there’s one thing I’d never tell Nick in a million years, not that it really matters: in fourth grade, at a church youth-group meeting, out in the bushes behind the parsonage, I touched Doug Goble’s dick, and he touched mine. In fact, there were even some mouths involved. It’s not something I’d even think about all these years later, except that Goble is the hottest real-estate agent in Kitsap County. His face is all over town — signs, billboards, Christ, even on shopping carts. Do you know what I think three times a day when I see his picture? I wonder, all these years later, why he just kicked our friendship to the curb like that. Was it shame?” What more can be said about this beyond the obvious? What if this book was about a 23-year-old woman who was reminiscing about the time she and another girl, at 10 years old, in fourth grade, gave each other oral sex? People would be disgusted and shocked, wouldn’t they? Why are people OK with this being described of little boys? PAGE 44. The descriptions of oral sex between children continue. The narrator also develops, out of the blue, a fixation on Doug Goble (“the hottest real estate agent in town”) and daydreams about him: “What if I told you I touched another guy’s dick?” I said. ... “What if I told you I sucked it?” ... “I was ten years old, but it’s true. I put Doug Goble’s dick in my mouth.”” (“‘Lawn Boy’ IS Pedophilic. Here’s Why. (Explicit),” [Spring Magazine](#), 1/28/22)
- **A September 2021 Post From Parents Defending Education Contains A Passage From ‘All Boys Aren’t Blue.** (“Concern Raised Over Sexually Explicit Book In Olathe, Kansas, Seventh Grade Classroom,” [Parents Defending Education](#), 9/29/21)



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- **A 2021 Review Of ‘Out Of The Darkness’ Describes It As “Age 18+,” Stating It Has “Too Much Violence... Too Much Drinking/Drugs/Smoking... Too Much Swearing... Too Much Sex”.** (“Run Away! - AureliaLovesLiterature,” [Common Sense Media](#), Accessed 9/22)
- **“This Novel Crosses Some Legal Boundaries With The Adult/Child Abuse And Rape Scenes. It Is VERY Detail, Vivid, And Graphic. It Includes Descriptive Scenes Of The Main Character Being Sexually Abuse By Her Father.”** (“Run Away! - AureliaLovesLiterature,” [Common Sense Media](#), Accessed 9/22)

AureliaLovesLiterature, Adult age 18+ ★★★★★ 1 year ago

Run Away!

Do not allow your child to read this book! It's NOT a Romeo/Juliet love affair about race division. This novel crosses some legal boundaries with the adult/child abuse and rape scenes. It is VERY detail, vivid, and graphic. It includes descriptive scenes of the main character being sexually abuse by her father. Years later, her pastor encourages her to marry her stepfather as a child. This book continues to get worse as it include graphic images of children violently harmed. Eventually, a bomb goes off at school and her little sister is killed- graphic descriptions of her body parts are all over. This novel is a canvas, showcasing child abuse. There isn't any healthy themes or solutions.

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This title has:

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ZWICKER HAS VOTED TO UNDERMINE PARENTAL TRANSPARENCY IN EDUCATION

In 2021, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Permits School Districts To Administer Student Health Surveys After Prior Written Notification To Parents And Legal Guardians”

In 2021, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 5597, Which Removed The Requirement For Schools To Receive Permission To Survey Students On Health Topics And Sexual Behavior. ([A 5597](#), Passed (48 - 28), New Jersey State Assembly, 5/20/21, Zwicker Voted Yea)

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ZWICKER APPEARS CLOSELY TIED TO TEACHERS’ UNIONS

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For Randi Weingarten And The American Federation Of Teachers

In August 2022, Zwicker ‘Liked’ A Tweet Expressing His Support For Randi Weingarten And The American Federation Of Teachers. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 8/28/22)



(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 8/28/22)

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For The Mercer County Education Association

In March 2016, Zwicker Posted To Instagram Expressing His Support For The Mercer County Education Association. (Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 3/11/16)



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ZWICKER HAS PROPOSED PROHIBITING PREJUDICE ON THE BASIS OF WEIGHT OR HEIGHT

In 2022, Zwicker “Proposed Prohibiting Prejudice On The Basis Of Weight Or Height In Hiring, Housing And Educational Practices. His Bill Introduced This Month Would Make New Jersey Only The Second, After Michigan, To Add That To Its Civil Rights Law”

2022: “State Sen. Andrew Zwicker, Of Monmouth County, Has Proposed Prohibiting Prejudice On The Basis Of Weight Or Height In Hiring, Housing And Educational Practices. His Bill Introduced This Month Would Make New Jersey Only The Second, After Michigan, To Add That To Its Civil Rights Law.” “This weight bias falls hardest on women because nature generally equips them to get enough nutrients to sustain themselves and the new people who grow within them. To ensure survival, the human species needed a share of women to be able to produce the next generation in times of famine and scarcity. Even with less than normal to eat their bodies might look "overweight" to most people. And in this lengthy age of food abundance and ready availability, an extremely efficient digestive system makes obesity very hard to avoid. Plump women were the ideal of beauty just a few centuries ago when getting enough food was difficult. If the breakdown of global society expected by doomsayers ever came to pass, their ability to survive and thrive would make them the most desirable again. Evolution also makes some men naturally heavier and more susceptible to weight gain, just as it makes

some short and tall. A major strength of the human species is its ability to adapt relatively quickly to changing conditions by favoring the varieties best suited to them. The bottom line is that judging someone's natural appearance and holding it against them in any way is unfair and should stop. Maybe New Jersey will finally make progress on this. State Sen. Andrew Zwicker, of Monmouth County, has proposed prohibiting prejudice on the basis of weight or height in hiring, housing and educational practices. His bill introduced this month would make New Jersey only the second, after Michigan, to add that to its civil rights law. "This is a serious problem, and we don't accept race discrimination or gender discrimination or age discrimination," Zwicker said told NJ 101.5. He said studies show weight bias is widespread, typically affecting women much more than men. "Society has put these ideal heights, ideal weights, and these are just things that have been created, and not everybody fits into that ideal. And so, people are treated differently," he said. Zwicker's bill would provide exceptions in cases where "the height or weight of an individual is a bona fide occupational qualification." And yet the senator cited an unsuccessful lawsuit by female beverage servers over a casino weight restriction as something his bill would address." (*Press Of Atlantic City*, 6/29/22)

ZWICKER SUPPORTS THE PROMOTION OF DEI AND OTHER ASPECTS OF WOKE IDEOLOGY

In 2021, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Expands Powers And Duties Of State Chief Diversity Officer To Promote Diversity In State Government And Public Contracting”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Unnecessarily Driving Up Taxpayer Costs By Awarding Projects Based On Racial And Sexual Discrimination And Opposed This Bill”

In 2021, Zwicker Voted Yea On S 2525, Which Empowered The State’s Chief Diversity Officer. ([S 2525](#), Passed (66 - 5), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/21/21, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Expands powers and duties of State Chief Diversity Officer to promote diversity in State government and public contracting.” ([S 2525](#))

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“ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all and that it is the duty of government to ensure all laws are applied equally. ACU opposes unnecessarily driving up taxpayer costs by awarding projects based on racial and sexual discrimination and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2021 by a vote of 66-5 but the bill was vetoed by the governor. (The Senate passed the bill in 2020.)” ([American Conservative Union](#))

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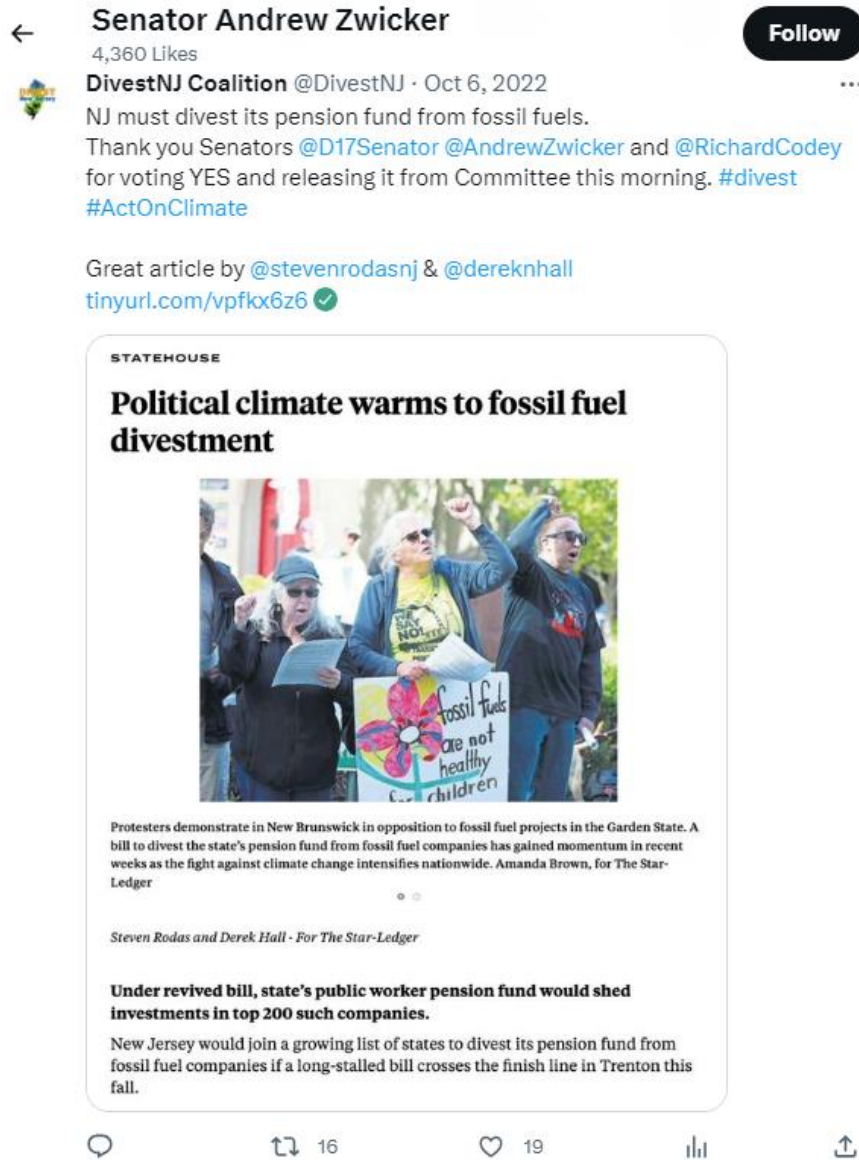
In 2021, Zwicker Voted Yea On S 703, Which Required Hospitals To Provide Implicit Bias Training. ([S 703](#), Passed (53 - 20), New Jersey State Assembly, 3/25/21, Zwicker Voted Yea)

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On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For ESG Ideas

In October 2022, Zwicker ‘Liked’ A Tweet Expressing His Support For ESG Ideas. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/6/22)



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On Social Media, Zwicker Appeared To Express His Support For Sexual Identity To Be A Protected Class

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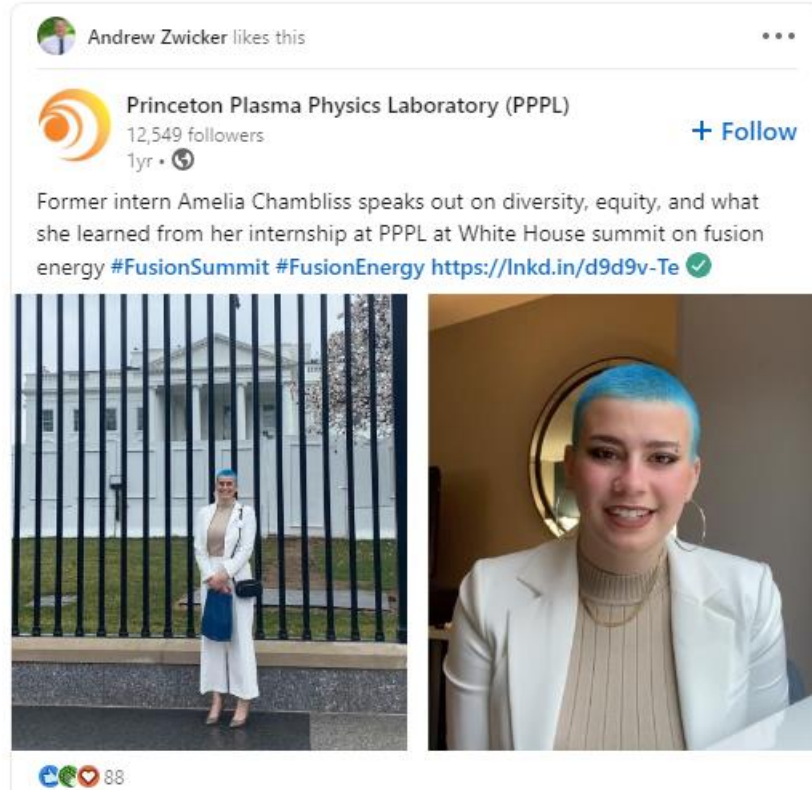


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On Social Media, Zwicker Has Openly Supported DEI

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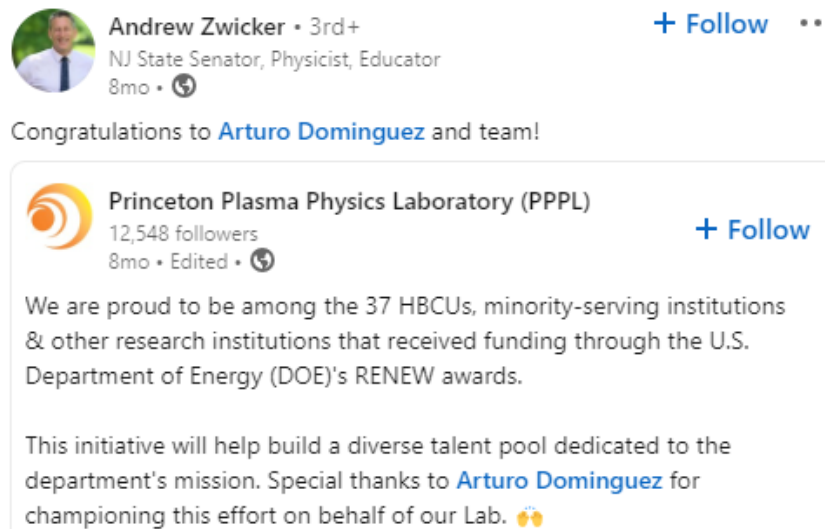
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ZWICKER PROMOTES THE LEFT’S DIVISIVE RACIAL POLITICS

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While I may not be able to write legislation that changes how people think, I will work with my colleagues to create new public policies that fundamentally dismantle a system that perpetuates racism and education and economic inequalities.

The alternative is unacceptable.

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(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/2/20)

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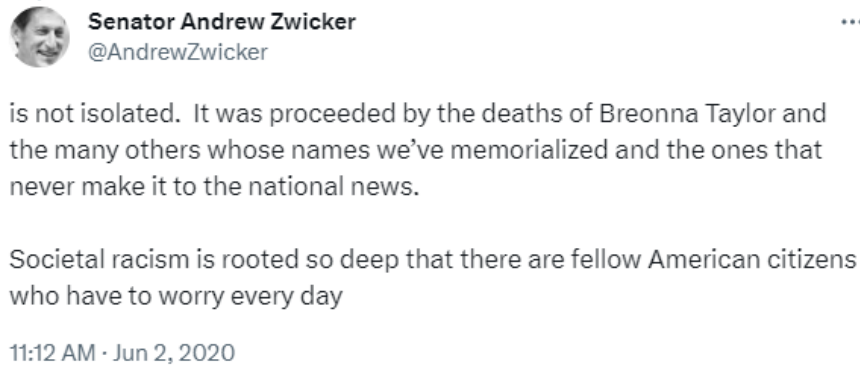
I have waited to respond to these most recent events, because I wanted to center on the voices of individuals who need to be heard and who have been screaming out for change for generations. I stand with those who are protesting as they continue

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On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For The Bayard Rustin Center For Racial Justice

In May 2022, Zwicker Posted To Instagram Expressing His Support For The Bayard Rustin Center For Racial Justice. (Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 5/6/22)



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On Social Media, Zwicker Promoted The Idea Of ‘Systemic Racism’

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On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For Black Lives Matter

In July 2020, Zwicker Posted To Instagram Expressing His Support For Black Lives Matter. (Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 7/13/20)

- **One Commentor Noted: “If You Can Protest With Masks That Close Together You Can Vote In Person.”** (Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 7/13/20)

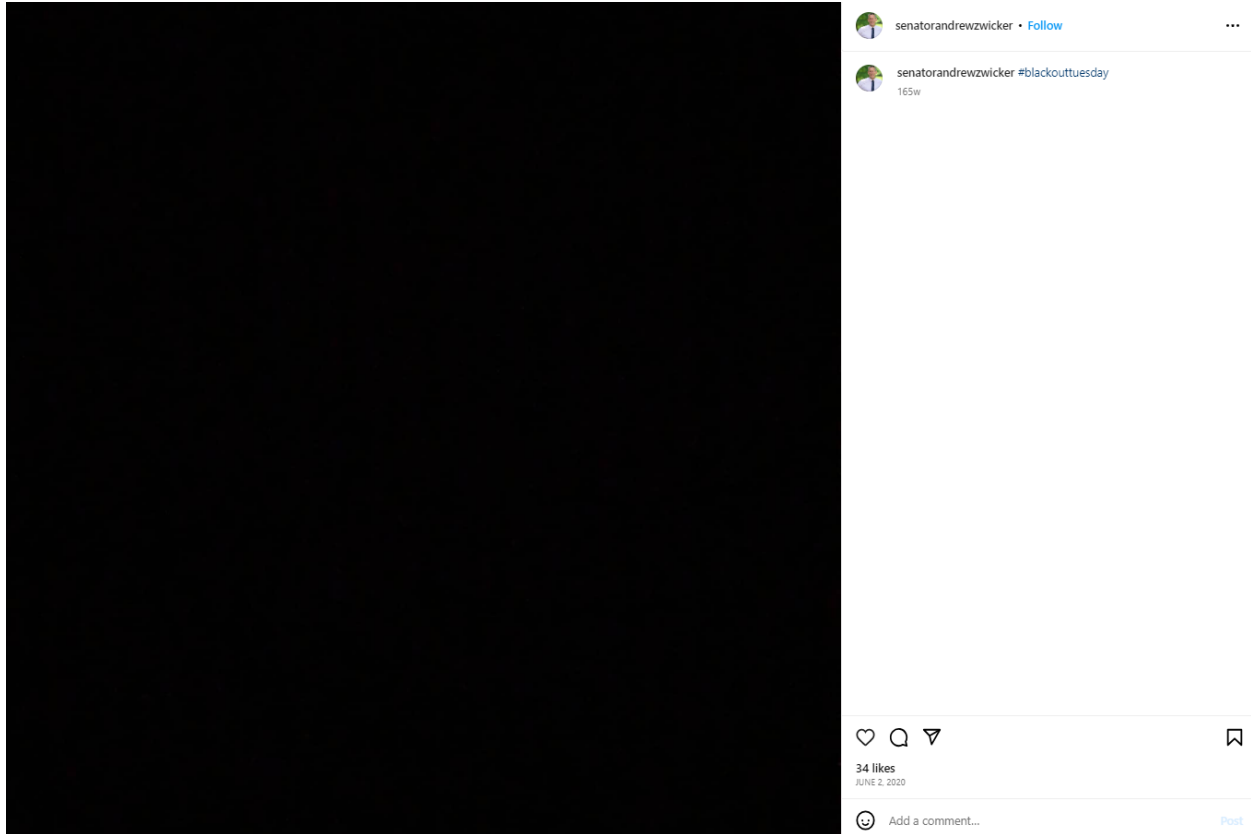


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- **According To Forbes Magazine, The Black Square Is A Message Commonly Intended To Display The Posters Support For The “Black Lives Matter Movement In The Wake Of The Killing On May 25 Of George Floyd”.** “So far today, over 28 million Instagram users have posted a plain black square along with the hashtag #blackouttuesday, before pausing their usual social media feeds for the day. The move stands in solidarity with today’s music industry blackout supporting the Black Lives Matter movement in the wake of the killing on May 25 of George Floyd while in police custody. Under the hashtag #TheShowMustBePaused, members of the music industry are pausing work for today to support the black community.” (Paul Monckton, “This Is Why Millions Of People Are Posting Black Squares On Instagram,” [Forbes](#), 6/2/20)



(Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 6/2/20)

On Social Media, Zwicker Promoted The Use Of The Term “Latinx”

In 2022, Zwicker ‘Liked’ A Post On LinkedIn Utilizing The Term “Latinx”. (Zwicker Profile, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 8/23)



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On Social Media, Zwicker Went On A Rant Viewing The COVID Pandemic Through A Racial Lens

In June 2020, Zwicker Shared A Tweet Stating “Who [Covid] Infects Disproportionately Kills Black And Brown People Because Of Unequal Access To Healthcare And Unequal Distribution Of Wealth And Employment. This Racism Is So Pervasive That Every Day There Is The Physical And Mental Weight Of Being Perpetually Disrespected”

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ZWICKER HAS ACTED AS AN LGBTQ ACTIVIST

In 2021, Zwicker Was A Sponsor Of The Legislation To Codify Gay Marriage Rights

Zwicker Was A Sponsor Of The Legislation To Codify Gay Marriage Rights In December 2021. “The following information was released by the New Jersey General Assembly, Majority Office: To ensure the protection of LGBTQ families and make New Jersey's resolute support for marriage equality clear, legislation sponsored by Assembly Democrats Valerie Vainieri Huttle, Mila Jasey, Annette Quijano, Andrew Zwicker, and Joann Downey advanced in the Assembly on Thursday In New Jersey and throughout the country, LGBTQ couples are concerned that their marriages are not secure, could be invalidated or even that future couples may lose their right to marry if the U.S. Supreme Court considers reversing the landmark decision Obergefell v. Hodges. "In 2012, I was proud to be a prime sponsor of New Jersey's Marriage Equality Act. Following Governor Christie's veto, advocates continued the fight to the New Jersey Supreme Court, where they were finally successful in legalizing same-sex marriage," said Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle (D-Bergen). "At the time, I received considerable

backlash for my support of the LGBTQ community, as did many of my colleagues. I am proud to once again be leading the charge to ensure that the rights of the LGBTQ community are safeguarded." The bill (A-5367) would codify into New Jersey law the right of LGBTQ couples to marry. It was approved by the Assembly Judiciary Committee during a morning committee." (NJ Assembly Majority, 12/9/21)

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In March 2023, "Under A Bill Zwicker Introduced In The State Senate Last Month, Transgender Health Care Performed In New Jersey Would Gain A Number Of New Protections." "Over the last year, one of the major focuses for Republican-led state governments across the country has been to restrict gender-affirming care, a broad term for medical care for transgender people. Many states have instituted bans on medical transitioning for minors, and some have even proposed doing the same for adults. State Sen. Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick), alongside a few of his Democratic colleagues, wants New Jersey to go in the opposite direction. Under a bill Zwicker introduced in the State Senate last month, transgender health care performed in New Jersey would gain a number of new protections. The bill prohibits New Jersey's officials from cooperating with other states' anti-transgender laws – preventing extradition, cooperation with subpoenas, and the sharing of medical records – and also gives state courts increased powers over child custody when gender-affirming care is involved. Such a proposal, which Zwicker said originated from one of his constituents, has recent precedent on a different issue. Last summer, after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to abortion, Gov. Phil Murphy signed two bills protecting abortions performed in New Jersey; much of the same language is present in Zwicker's bill. When Democrats were in the process of passing the two abortion bills, they promoted New Jersey as a safe haven for those seeking reproductive health care. Now, Zwicker – alongside Assemblymembers Sadaf Jaffer (D-Montgomery), Mila Jasey (D-South Orange), and Raj Mukherji (D-Jersey City), who are sponsoring the Assembly version of the bill – wants the state to serve the same purpose for transgender people. "We've read the headlines about what's happening in other states," Zwicker said. "My purview is New Jersey, so I can say that, within our boundaries, we are going to protect all New Jerseyans from the actions of other states." Christian Fuscarino, the executive director of the LGBTQ group Garden State Equality, said that his organization has worked with Zwicker and other legislators on trans-focused bills, and that he hopes legislative leaders move Zwicker's bill forward." ([NJ Globe](#), 3/17/23)

- **In April 2023, Murphy Signed An Executive Order Protecting Transgender Health Care As Inspired By Zwicker's Legislation.** "In response to new laws in Republican-led states cracking down on health care for transgender people, Gov. Phil Murphy signed an executive order today protecting gender-affirming care performed within New Jersey from outside investigations and restrictions. "Across the nation, we are witnessing attacks led by certain states that seek to undermine the equality, dignity, and safety of the LGBTQIA+ community, especially transgender and non-binary youth," Murphy said in a statement. "We will continue to uphold [our] principles in New Jersey and support every

person’s right to live freely and authentically by making our state a safe haven for those seeking or providing gender-affirming health care.” Specifically, the executive order directs state departments and agencies to protect anyone providing or receiving gender-affirming care in New Jersey. It also prohibits the extradition of individuals to other states and bars executive branch agencies from cooperating with other states’ investigations. The order is similar to a bill proposed by State Sen. Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick), which was also aimed at protecting gender-affirming care performed in New Jersey. A spokesperson for Murphy said that Zwicker’s bill, which had made no progress through the legislature, was the inspiration for the governor’s order. But some parts of Zwicker’s bill, particularly provisions regarding child custody cases, are outside the purview of the executive order. And a number of other legislative proposals, including bills to collect more data on the LGBT community and to require school districts to adopt transgender-friendly policies, are also stuck in legislative purgatory. As Zwicker said when discussing his bill several weeks ago, New Jersey is unlikely to go down the path of conservative states by restricting transgender health care – but he argued that the state should still act proactively for transgender people within its borders.” ([NJ Globe](#), 4/4/23)

ZWICKER IS UNAPOLOGETICALLY PRO-ABORTION

In 2018, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Restores Taxpayer Funding For Planned Parenthood And Other Abortion Providers Which Had Been Suspended During The Christie Administration”

In 2018, Zwicker Voted Yea On S 120, Which Restored Funding For ‘Family Planning Services’. ([S 120](#), Passed (47 - 20), New Jersey State Assembly, 2/15/18, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Makes FY 2018 supplemental appropriation of \$7,453,000 to DOH for family planning services.” ([S 120](#))

ACU: S 120 “Restores Taxpayer Funding For Planned Parenthood And Other Abortion Providers Which Had Been Suspended During The Christie Administration.” “This bill restores taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers which had been suspended during the Christie administration. Specifically, the bill appropriates \$7.5 million for family planning services in the fiscal year 2018 budget.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Believes Abortion Is A Human Tragedy, Supports Restrictions On The Practice, Opposes Taxpayer Funding For Any Clinic Which Takes The Lives Of The Unborn And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice, opposes taxpayer funding for any clinic which takes the lives of the unborn and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on February 15, 2018 by a vote of 47-20.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Forces Taxpayers To Provide An Additional \$9.5 Million To Fund Abortion Providers Such As Planned Parenthood”

In 2019, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 5802, Which Utilized Taxpayer Dollars To Fund ‘Family Planning Services’. ([A 5802](#), Passed (49 - 21), New Jersey State Assembly, 11/25/19, Zwicker Voted Yea)


- NOTE: “Makes FY 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$9.5 million to DOH for family planning services.” ([A 5802](#))

ACU: A 5802 “Forces Taxpayers To Provide An Additional \$9.5 Million To Fund Abortion Providers Such As Planned Parenthood.” “This supplemental appropriations bill forces taxpayers to provide an additional \$9.5 million to fund abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood. State taxpayers already provide Planned Parenthood \$10.5 million in state funds. The bill is in response to regulations adopted by the Trump administration which prohibited Title X family planning funds from being channeled to abortion providers.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Believes Abortion Is A Human Tragedy, Supports Efforts To End The Practice And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports efforts to end the practice and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on November 25, 2019 by a vote of 49-21 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Opposition To The Dobbs Supreme Court Decision

In June 2022, Zwicker Shared A Tweet Expressing His Opposition To The Dobbs Supreme Court Decision. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/24/22)



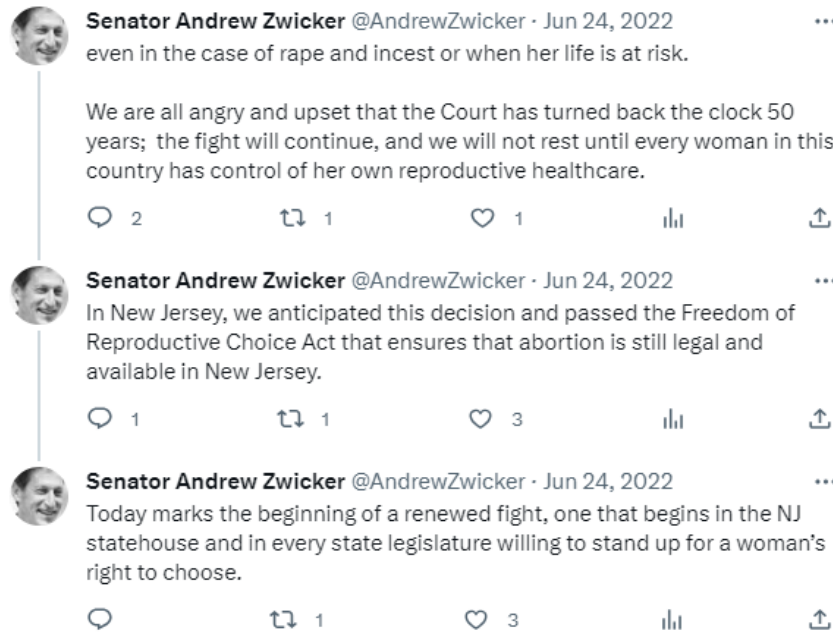
Senator Andrew Zwicker @AndrewZwicker

Today's Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade, while expected, is still devastating, horrifying, and sickening. Half of the states will soon severely curtail or make completely illegal a woman's ability to have autonomy over her own body,

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even in the case of rape and incest or when her life is at risk.

We are all angry and upset that the Court has turned back the clock 50 years; the fight will continue, and we will not rest until every woman in this country has control of her own reproductive healthcare.

Senator Andrew Zwicker @AndrewZwicker · Jun 24, 2022

In New Jersey, we anticipated this decision and passed the Freedom of Reproductive Choice Act that ensures that abortion is still legal and available in New Jersey.

Senator Andrew Zwicker @AndrewZwicker · Jun 24, 2022

Today marks the beginning of a renewed fight, one that begins in the NJ statehouse and in every state legislature willing to stand up for a woman's right to choose.

(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/24/22)

Zwicker Is A Strong Support Of Planned Parenthood

In April 2019, Zwicker Posted To Instagram Picturing Him Standing In A Group Of Planned Parenthood Supporters

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In October 2016, Zwicker Posted To Instagram Expressing His Support For Planned Parenthood

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(Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 10/20/16)

ZWICKER HAS WORKED TO UNDERMINE THE SECOND AMENDMENT

In 2018, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Restricts Second Amendment Rights Unless Citizens Prove ‘Specific Threats’ Against Them”

In 2018, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 2758, Which Restricted Second Amendment Rights. ([A 2758](#), Passed (48 - 26), New Jersey State Assembly, 3/26/18, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Codifies regulations defining justifiable need to carry handgun.” ([A 2758](#))

ACU: A 2758 “Restricts Second Amendment Rights Unless Citizens Prove ‘Specific Threats’ Against Them.” “This bill restricts Second Amendment rights unless citizens prove "specific threats" against them. The bill rolls back a reform implemented during the Christie administration which slightly eased the process to lawfully obtain a handgun under the state's draconian gun control. Under previous law, individuals could only obtain permits for handguns if they demonstrated a "justifiable need," including "serious threat." This bill imposes an even greater restriction by requiring evidence of a "specific threat.”” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Believes This Legislation Sets A Dangerous Precedent By Requiring Citizens To Earn Their Constitutional Rights, Supports The Founders' Belief In The Second Amendment And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU believes this legislation sets a

dangerous precedent by requiring citizens to earn their constitutional rights, supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 26, 2018 by a vote of 48-26.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Imposes A Series Of Draconian Mandates On Which ‘Smart Guns’ May Be Available For Purchase And How Firearms Retailers Must Stock The Product”

In 2019, Zwicker Voted Yea On S 101, Which Imposed Additional Restriction On The Second Amendment. ([S 101](#), Passed (49 - 23), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/20/19, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Establishes commission to approve personalized handguns; requires firearm retailers to sell personalized handguns.” ([S 101](#))

ACU: S 101 “Imposes A Series Of Draconian Mandates On Which ‘Smart Guns’ May Be Available For Purchase And How Firearms Retailers Must Stock The Product.” “This bill imposes a series of draconian mandates on which “smart guns” may be available for purchase and how firearms retailers must stock the product. “Smart guns” are firearms which will only fire when in possession by its authorized user and typically use biometrics of the user or require the user to wear a special watch or other accessory to activate the firearm. Under the bill, the Personalized Handgun Authorization Commission (PHAC) is established to exploit the regulatory process to prevent any smart guns not deemed sufficient by government from being made available to consumers. Additionally, all firearms retailers in the state are required to advertise in their stores smart guns approved by PHAC and are also required to keep at least one smart gun in stock at all times. Furthermore, the New Jersey State Police is directed to conduct regular inventory audits of firearms retailers to ensure they are carrying the products mandated by government and issue penalties for violations up to \$1,000 and six-month license suspensions.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Supports The Role Of The Private Sector To Provide Innovative Products Such As Smart Guns To Consumers, Opposes Measures To Excessively Restrict Consumer Choice In Self-Defense Devices And Opposed This Bill.”

“ACU recognizes this measure also repeals an abusive 2002 law which would have outlawed traditional handguns in New Jersey if smart guns were ever offered for sale in the U.S., but further recognizes that S 101 is a replacement that significantly infringes the rights of law-abiding individuals and business owners. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment, supports the role of the private sector to provide innovative products such as smart guns to consumers, opposes measures to excessively restrict consumer choice in self-defense devices and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 20, 2019 by a vote of 49-23 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Would Significantly Infringe The Privacy Rights Of Law-Abiding New Jersey Residents By Establishing A Government Database To Track The Ammunition Purchases Of Individuals”

In 2019, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 5455, Which Created A State Database Of Ammunition Sales. ([A 5455](#), Passed (51 - 18), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/20/19, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Regulates sale of handgun ammunition and develops system for electronic reporting of firearm information.” ([A 5455](#))

ACU: A 5455 “Would Significantly Infringe The Privacy Rights Of Law-Abiding New Jersey Residents By Establishing A Government Database To Track The Ammunition Purchases Of Individuals.” “This bill would significantly infringe the privacy rights of law-abiding New Jersey residents by establishing a government database to track the ammunition purchases of individuals. Under the bill, all manufacturers, wholesale dealers, and any retail businesses which sell ammunition would be required to submit to the superintendent of State Police reports detailing any information deemed necessary by the superintendent. The bill would specifically mandate that the following information must be included: the type, caliber, gauge and quantity of ammunition and the name, date of birth, government-issued ID, and home address of the purchaser.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which Violates Privacy Rights And Is Designed To Impose A Creeping Firearm Registry And Outright Ban Of Firearms, Opposes Costly Mandates On Businesses Which Do Not Improve Public Safety And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes this measure which violates privacy rights and is designed to impose a creeping firearm registry and outright ban of firearms, opposes costly mandates on businesses which do not improve public safety and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 20, 2019 by a vote of 51-18. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Would Impose Burdensome And Costly Restrictions On The Ability Of Law-Abiding New Jersey Residents To Exercise Their Second Amendment Rights By Imposing A Series Of New Mandates”

In 2019, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 5452, Which Imposed New Burdens On Firearm Ownership. ([A 5452](#), Passed (45 - 24), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/20/19, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Provides that firearms purchaser identification card is valid for four years; requires training prior to issuance of firearms cards and handgun purchase permits; revises procedures for passing of firearms to heir or legatee.” ([A 5452](#))

ACU: A 5452 “Would Impose Burdensome And Costly Restrictions On The Ability Of Law-Abiding New Jersey Residents To Exercise Their Second Amendment Rights By Imposing A Series Of New Mandates.” “This bill would impose burdensome and costly restrictions on the ability of law-abiding New Jersey residents to exercise their Second Amendment rights by imposing a series of new mandates. Under existing law, all individuals who wish to own a firearm in New Jersey must obtain firearms purchaser identification cards and

submit to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). Under this bill, the ID cards would expire every four years and individuals would be required to undergo new background checks, pay additional fees and endure additional waiting times in order to renew their ID cards. Additionally, in order to obtain a new ID card or renew an existing card, individuals would be required to submit to government mandated courses regarding firearms.”

([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Supports The Founders’ Belief In The Second Amendment, Opposes Inflicting Additional Burdens On Law-Abiding Individuals In Order To Discourage Firearm Ownership And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment, opposes inflicting additional burdens on law-abiding individuals in order to discourage firearm ownership and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 20, 2019 by a vote of 45-24. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2022, Zwicker Participated In A Rally Organized By March For Our Lives To Support Stricter Gun Control Legislation In New Jersey

In June 2022, Zwicker Participated In A Rally Organized By March For Our Lives To Support Stricter Gun Control Legislation In New Jersey. “The Princeton-based Coalition for Peace Action is spearheading a "Rally Against Mass Shootings and America's Gun Violence Epidemic" from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11 at Hinds Plaza, next to the Princeton Public Library at 65 Witherspoon St. in Princeton. The rally is part of a "Day of Action" scheduled in nearly 500 US cities coordinated by March for Our Lives, the youth-led gun violence prevention group formed after the Parkland, Florida, mass shooting that killed 17 high school students in 2018. Confirmed speakers include: Teska Frisbee, Mercer County Gun Violence Prevention Lead for Moms Demand Action Rabbi Arnold Gluck, Temple Beth-El, Hillsborough eThe Rev. Robert Moore, executive director, Coalition for Peace Action Dolores Phillips, legislative director, CFPA's Ceasefire NJ Project Sue Repko, gun violence survivor Laura Zurfluh, coordinator, Indivisible Cranbury State Sen. Andrew Zwicker One action that will be advocated is support for a package of eight new gun safety bills to make New Jersey's already strict laws even stronger, which has been advocated by Gov. Murphy and is about to begin moving in the state legislature. Further information can be found at the first item under Take Action at peacecoalition.org.” (*The Times*, 6/10/22)

- **“New Jersey State Senator Andrew Zwicker Spoke About The State's Efforts Towards Eliminating Gun Violence.”** “Attendees of the Princeton rally held up signs; heard from survivors of gun violence, elected officials, and faith leaders; and chanted slogans such as "guns are bad." U.S. Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-N.J.) was present at the protest. New Jersey State Senator Andrew Zwicker spoke about the state's efforts towards eliminating gun violence. "We need to keep our communities safe from this epidemic which is gun violence," Zwicker said. "While Congress gives us hopes and prayers, here in New Jersey, we give action.”” (*Daily Princetonian*, 6/21/22)

In 2022, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Requires Firearm Owners Who Become New Jersey Residents To Obtain Firearm Purchaser Identification Card And Register Handguns Acquired Out-Of-State”

In 2022, Zwicker Sponsored S 1204, Which Expands Requirements For Firearm Registration. ([S 1204](#), Passed (51 - 27), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/29/22, Zwicker Sponsored)

- NOTE: “Requires firearm owners who become New Jersey residents to obtain firearm purchaser identification card and register handguns acquired out-of-State.” ([S 1204](#))

Zwicker Was Among The Sponsors Of The Stricter Gun Control Legislation Package And Broadly Defended Passage Of The Bills As “Some Of The Strongest Gun Laws In The Country.” “The following information was released by the New Jersey State Senate, Democrats: The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee today approved seven key gun safety bills that will help prevent gun violence in New Jersey. Sponsored by Senate President Nick Scutari, Senator Joe Cryan, Senator Richard Codey and Senator Andrew Zwicker, the bills would prohibit .50 caliber rifles, crack down on ghost guns, strictly control the use of body armor, require micro stamping, require firearms training, regulate the sale of handgun ammunition, and have new residents register firearms from other states. “The surge in gun violence has been horribly tragic, with lives lost, victims wounded and loved ones suffering heartbreak,” said Senator Cryan, the former Union County Sheriff. “We have to continue to do all we can to keep deadly firearms out of the hands of those who pose a danger, off the streets, away from schools and out of our communities.” “As we have all seen recently, gun violence is a real and scary risk in our country and we must act now to reduce the frequency at which it occurs,” said Senator Codey (D-Essex/Morris). “We must ensure that gun owners are aware of how to safely handle and store a firearm to better protect our residents from unnecessary harm. Additionally, by incorporating microstamping technology, law enforcement would have a critical aid that would assist them in tracking down weapons used in crimes. We have to do all that we can on God’s green Earth to stop these shootings from occurring. Everyone needs to be held accountable, and if you misuse a firearm, you shouldn’t be able to get away with it.” “We have to take the actions we can to keep our communities safe,” said Senator Zwicker (D-Middlesex/Mercer/Somerset/Hunterdon). “Making sure that owners of firearms follow the laws and procedures for gun safety is important. We have some of the strongest gun laws in the country we want every resident to follow them.” (NJ Senate Democrats, 6/23/22)

- **Specifically, Zwicker Sponsored “New Resident Gun Licensing, S-1204: Anyone Who Brings A Gun With Them When They Relocate To New Jersey Would Have 60 Days To Obtain A Purchaser Identification Card And Register Their Weapon With Municipal Or State Law Enforcement.”** “New Resident Gun Licensing, S-1204: Anyone who brings a gun with them when they relocate to New Jersey would have 60 days to obtain a purchaser identification card and register their weapon with municipal or state law enforcement. It would hold people from out of state to the gun safety standard that New Jersey holds its own residents. (Cryan/Zwicker).” (NJ Senate Democrats, 6/23/22)
- **In 2022, Gov. Murphy Signed His Gun Safety 3.0 Package.** “Governor Phil Murphy today signed a sweeping series of gun safety reforms to continue the fight against gun

violence in New Jersey. Since taking office in 2018, Governor Murphy has been a champion of bold, commonsense gun reform, and signed significant gun safety packages in June 2018 and July 2019. Today, the Governor reaffirmed his commitment to reduce the epidemic of gun violence in New Jersey and signed seven comprehensive gun safety bills, six of which were part of his Gun Safety 3.0 package that he introduced to the Legislature in April 2021 and has repeatedly championed over the last year. These gun safety reforms further solidify New Jersey as a national leader in gun safety and deliver on the promise to make communities safer.” (Governor Of New Jersey, 7/1/22)

On Social Media, Zwicker Promoted A March For Our Lives Rally

In March 2018, Zwicker Posted To Facebook Promoting A March For Our Lives Rally. (Zwicker Profile, [Facebook](#), 3/23/18)



(Zwicker Profile, [Facebook](#), 3/23/18)

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For Moms Demand Action

In June 2022, Zwicker ‘Liked’ A Tweet Expressing His Support For Moms Demand Action. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/29/22)



(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/29/22)

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For Further Firearm Regulations

In June 2022, Zwicker Shared A Tweet Expressing His Support For Further Firearm Regulations. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/30/22)



(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/30/22)

ZWICKER HAS SUPPORTED THE LEFT'S ELECTIONEERING POWER-GRAB

Zwicker Supported A Bill To Scale Back Police Presence At Polling Places

In 2022, The NJ State Senate Passed Legislation That Would Limit Police Presence At Polling Places. “That seamy political history - and the legal restraints imposed on the GOP for more than three decades after - served as a catalyst for a bill that completed a grinding, year-and-a-half-long journey through the Legislature last week. The measure would limit police presence at polling places. Both uniformed and off-duty officers can no longer be provide general protection to a polling precinct unless they are stationed at least 100 feet away from the entrance. Police must also keep 100 feet from ballot "drop boxes." And they can no longer serve as partisan "challengers." Gov. Phil Murphy, who marched in solidarity with protesters of George Floyd's murder by a Minneapolis police officer, is expected to sign the measure before the current legislative session ends Tuesday. The measure is, in many ways, haunted by the past. Lawmakers and supporters summoned the history the Ballot Security terrorism of 1981 in almost every twist and turn in the legislative slog to passage. And it wasn't just an irrelevant footnote pulled from the dusty stacks of history. Shortly after 1981 election, the state and national Democratic Party filed a federal lawsuit, accusing the Republicans of systematic voter intimidation and a violation of constitutional rights.” (Home News Tribune, 1/17/22)

- **Zwicker Defended The Legislation As A “Pro-Democracy Bill.”** “Still, the Democrats insisted that this wasn't an attack on police. if anything, to restructure the rules of the polling place through the eyes of voters of color. "This isn't an anti-police bill," said Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker, D-Mercer. "It's a pro-Democracy bill." The bill eventually reached won final approval in the state Senate last week, after a series of amendments that seemed to address concerns. Police can still enter polling stations to cast votes. Advocates stressed that they can still be called in to deal with disturbances - a provision that was there from the start. Police can also be stationed inside polling stations inside senior centers, a provision added at the insistence of Newark officials, according to Turner.” (Home News Tribune, 1/17/22)

In 2020, Zwicker Supported The “The Ballot Cure Act” – Which “Makes A Number Of Changes To The Procedure Of The Certification Of Mail-In Ballots That Weaken Election Integrity”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Measures Which Weaken Ballot Integrity And Opposed This Bill”

In 2020, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 4276, The Ballot Cure Act. ([A 4276](#), Passed (51 - 27), New Jersey State Assembly, 8/27/20, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Establishes "The Ballot Cure Act" to modify and establish various voting procedures.” ([A 4276](#))
- NOTE: “Secretary of State shall establish a free-access system, such as a toll-free telephone number, an Internet website or any combination thereof, that any individual

who casts a provisional ballot, mail-in ballot, or overseas ballot in all elections where they are qualified to vote” ([A 4276](#))

- NOTE: “The county board of elections shall conduct the determination of qualification of each voter in accordance with the requirements of the Certificate of Mail-in Voter” ([A 4276](#))

ACU: A 4276 “Makes A Number Of Changes To The Procedure Of The Certification Of Mail-In Ballots That Weaken Election Integrity.” “This bill, known as “The Ballot Cure Act,” makes a number of changes to the procedure of the certification of mail-in ballots that weaken election integrity. For example, the bill lowers standards for verifying signature matching, and weakens safeguards concerning the counting of ballots that have been tampered with, among other provisions.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Measures Which Weaken Ballot Integrity And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters. ACU opposes measures which weaken ballot integrity and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 51-27 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

Separately, In 2020, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Contains Numerous Provisions That Weaken Election Integrity”

The American Conservative Union “Supports Efforts To Strengthen Election Integrity And Ensure That All Legal Ballots Are Counted, And That No Illegal Ballot Is Counted, Which Disenfranchises Eligible Voters, And Opposed This Bill”

In 2020, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 4320, Which Authorized Ballots To Be Counted Six Days After An Election. ([A 4320](#), Passed (51 - 27), New Jersey State Assembly, 8/27/20, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Every mail-in ballot that bears a postmark date before or of the day of the election and that is received by the county board within 144 hours after the time of the closing of the polls for the election that the ballot was prepared shall be considered valid and shall be canvassed. Every mail-in ballot that does not bear a postmark date but that is received by the county board by delivery of the United States Postal Service before, or within 48 hours after, the time of the closing of the polls for the election for which the ballot was prepared shall be considered valid and shall be canvassed.” ([A 4320](#))

ACU: A 4320 “Contains Numerous Provisions That Weaken Election Integrity.” “This bill contains numerous provisions that weaken election integrity. Firstly, the bill allows ballots postmarked on the day of the election to be counted up to 6 days after the election, and bills that contain no postmark, up to 2 days after the election. Secondly, the bill increases the number of ballots to 5 that a single voter may return to a poll. Additionally, the bill weakens safeguards

concerning the counting of ballots that have been tampered with. Finally, the bill mandates that posters be distributed by the secretary of state promoting mail-in voting.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

- **“Firstly, The Bill Allows Ballots Postmarked On The Day Of The Election To Be Counted Up To 6 Days After The Election, And Bills That Contain No Postmark, Up To 2 Days After The Election.”** ([American Conservative Union](#))
- **“Secondly, The Bill Increases The Number Of Ballots To 5 That A Single Voter May Return To A Poll.”** ([American Conservative Union](#))
- **“Additionally, The Bill Weakens Safeguards Concerning The Counting Of Ballots That Have Been Tampered With. Finally, The Bill Mandates That Posters Be Distributed By The Secretary Of State Promoting Mail-In Voting.”** ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Supports Efforts To Strengthen Election Integrity And Ensure That All Legal Ballots Are Counted, And That No Illegal Ballot Is Counted, Which Disenfranchises Eligible Voters, And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 51-27 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

Zwicker Supported The 2020 Election Be “Conducted Primarily By Mail And Mandating Ballots Be Mailed To Every Registered Voter Even If They Do Not Request One”

In 2020, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 4475, Which Implemented A Vote By Mail Scheme. ([A 4475](#), Passed (48 - 28), New Jersey State Assembly, 8/27/20, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires county boards of election to establish ballot drop boxes in each county at least 45 days before election: revises procedures concerning mail-in ballots for 2020 general election.” ([A 4475](#))

ACU: A 4475 “Weakens Election Integrity By Declaring The November 2020 Election Be Conducted Primarily By Mail And Mandating Ballots Be Mailed To Every Registered Voter Even If They Do Not Request One.” “This bill weakens election integrity by declaring the November 2020 election be conducted primarily by mail and mandating ballots be mailed to every registered voter even if they do not request one. Furthermore, the bill mandates the deployment of unsecured ballot drop boxes which may be accessible 24 hours a day for 45 days up to election day.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Measures Which Weaken Ballot Integrity And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are

designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters. ACU opposes measures which weaken ballot integrity and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 48-28 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2021, Zwicker Sponsored Legislation To Expand Early Voting In New Jersey Despite The Expected Cost To Taxpayers To Be \$80 Million

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In 2021, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Allows County Board Of Elections To Determine Location Of Certain Ballot Drop Boxes Under Certain Circumstances” – Critics Suggest This Policy Can Enable Corruption

In 2021, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 5373, Which Authorized Local Officials To Determine The Location Of Ballot Drop Boxes. ([A 5373](#), Passed (50 - 21), New Jersey State Assembly, 3/25/21, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Allows county board of elections to determine location of certain ballot drop boxes under certain circumstances.” ([A 5373](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which Enables Corruption In The Electoral Process And Provides Benefits To Select Candidates And Political Parties And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU believes all elections should be conducted in a non-partisan manner and with strong safeguards to prevent vote fraud. ACU opposes this measure which enables corruption in the electoral process and provides benefits to select candidates and political parties and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 25, 2021 by a vote of 50-21 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

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“A proposal to allow many 17-year-old New Jerseyans to vote in primary elections is moving again after stalling several times in recent years -- including falling victim to then-Gov. Chris Christie's veto pen. The bill would permit Garden State residents who are 17 to vote in primaries -- the races that determine political parties' nominees -- as long as they will turn 18 by the time of the general election. The state Assembly State and Local Government Committee narrowly approved the latest version of the measure, sponsored by Democrats and known as the "New Voter Empowerment Act." It passed by a vote of 3-2, with both Republicans on the panel opposing it. Assemblyman Anthony Verelli, D-Mercer, the committee's chairman and a co-sponsor of the legislation (A3690), noted more than a dozen states allow this and argued it's reasonable someone who votes in the general election should be allowed to pick the nominees chosen to run in it. "Voter enfranchisement is always a good thing for a democracy," Verelli said before Thursday's vote. "Seventeen-year-olds today, I like to think, are more engaged than ever. ... I believe they are informed, thoughtful, and compassionate. I trust their ability to make voting choices like any other citizen registered to vote." The bill would need to pass the full Assembly and state Senate -- both of which are controlled by Democrats -- before Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy could decide whether to sign it into law. New Jersey voters are already allowed to register to vote starting at 17 if they turn 18 by the general election. Christie, a Republican, signed that into law in 2015. This bill to allow them to vote in primaries was introduced a year later and passed both houses of the Legislature. But Christie rejected it. He wrote in his veto message that supporting registration at 17 was not designed to be "a preliminary step toward underage, and potentially unconstitutional, voting" and argued this proposal "sets the state on a slippery path toward further erosion of critical and constitutional requirements for voter eligibility." The measure resurfaced in each of the next two legislative sessions but didn't make it out of the Legislature. State Sen. Andrew Zwicker, D-Middlesex, the bill's original sponsor when he served in the Assembly, said it likely stalled because of a mixture of the COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainty over mail-in voting in recent years. But he said he's optimistic the fourth time will be the charm. Zwicker argued it's important because of the greater impact elected officials have on younger people today, whether it be laws related to climate change or online activity. "When I look and see how we can get more people engaged civically and get them to become voters and advocate for what they believe in, we should do this," Zwicker told NJ Advance Media. "Young people are more active than we've ever seen them." He also stressed that primaries make a difference in New Jersey because so many districts are not competitive in general elections.” (*Star Ledger*, 5/11/23)

Zwicker Has Consistently Supported Bills That Implement Automatic Voter Registration

In 2018, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Completely Flips The Voter Registration Process At Voter Registration Agencies By Automatically Registering An Individual To Vote And Requiring Them To Opt Out”

In 2018, Zwicker Voted Yea On A 2014, Which Implements Automatic Voter Registration. ([A 2014](#), Passed (50 - 23), New Jersey State Assembly, 4/12/18, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Automatically registers to vote and updates voter registration for eligible person when applying for motor vehicle driver's license, or non-driver identification card.” ([A 2014](#))

ACU: A 2014 “Completely Flips The Voter Registration Process At Voter Registration Agencies By Automatically Registering An Individual To Vote And Requiring Them To Opt Out.” “This bill completely flips the voter registration process at voter registration agencies by automatically registering an individual to vote and requiring them to opt out.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which Weakens Ballot Integrity And Makes It Easier To Commit Vote Fraud, Which Suppresses Legal Votes, And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes this measure which weakens ballot integrity and makes it easier to commit vote fraud, which suppresses legal votes, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 50-23.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Zwicker Supported Legislation That “Reates A New Avenue For Vote Fraud And Weakens Election Integrity By Establishing An Online Voter Registration Website And Allowing Individuals To Register To Vote Online...”

In 2019, Zwicker Voted Yea On S 589, Which Created Online Voter Registration. ([S 589](#), Passed (61 - 14), New Jersey State Assembly, 1/13/20, Zwicker Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires Secretary of State to establish secure Internet website for online voter registration; authorizes use of digitized signatures from New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's database.” ([S 589](#))

ACU: S 589 “Creates A New Avenue For Vote Fraud And Weakens Election Integrity By Establishing An Online Voter Registration Website And Allowing Individuals To Register To Vote Online.” “This bill creates a new avenue for vote fraud and weakens election integrity by establishing an online voter registration website and allowing individuals to register to vote online. Additionally, the bill allows the state to “waive or modify any requirement under the law or regulation that may interfere” with the bill’s stated goal of establishing online voter registration ahead of the 2020 general election. Furthermore, the bill opens the door for foreign interference in the state election system by explicitly allowing support services for the new website to be performed outside the U.S.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Efforts To Disenfranchise Eligible Voters By Permitting Ineligible Voters And Foreign Actors To Sway Elections, Opposes This Measure

Which Weakens Ballot Integrity And Makes It Easier To Commit Voter Fraud And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes efforts to disenfranchise eligible voters by permitting ineligible voters and foreign actors to sway elections, opposes this measure which weakens ballot integrity and makes it easier to commit voter fraud and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on January 13, 2020 by a vote of 61-14 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For Ranked Choice Voting

In March 2023, Zwicker Shared A Tweet Appearing To Express His Support For Ranked Choice Voting. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/28/23)

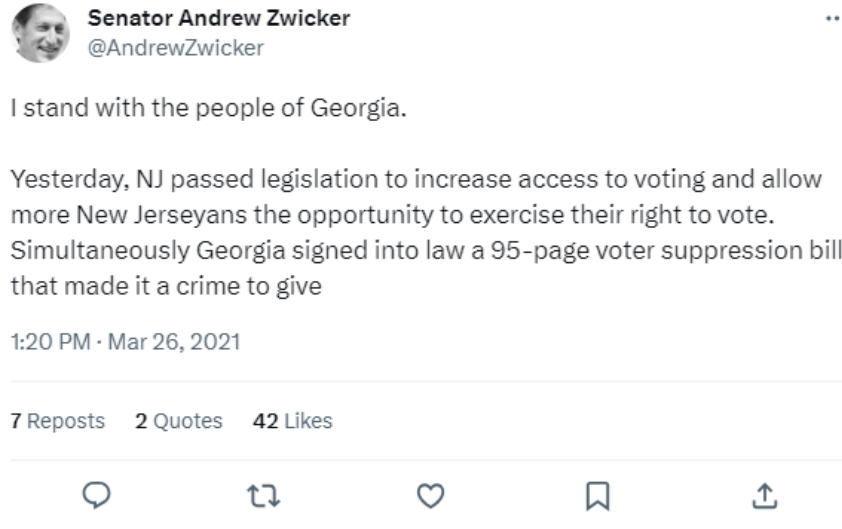


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(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/28/23)

On Social Media, Zwicker Shared Content Promoting The Partisan Notion That Republicans Are Engaging In “Voter Suppression... Most Often Black And Brown Voters”

In March 2021, Zwicker Shared A Series Of Tweets About The Georgia “Voter Suppression Bill” Intended To “Disenfranchise Voters, Most Often Black And Brown Voters”. (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/26/21)



(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/26/21)

ZWICKER HAS MULTIPLE CONNECTIONS THE DEMOCRATIC ESTABLISHMENT

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For Hillary Clinton

In September 2016, Zwicker Posted To Instagram Expressing His Support For Hillary Clinton And Her 2016 Presidential Campaign. (Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 9/18/16)



(Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 9/18/16)

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For Barack Obama

In May 2016, Zwicker Posted To Instagram Expressing His Support For Barack Obama.

(Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 5/15/16)



(Zwickler Profile, [Instagram](#), 5/15/16)

On Social Media, Zwickler Expressed His Support For Joe Biden And Kamala Harris

In November 2020, Zwickler Posted To Instagram Expressing His Support For Joe Biden And Kamala Harris. (Zwickler Profile, [Instagram](#), 11/7/20)



(Zwickler Profile, [Instagram](#), 11/7/20)

On Social Media, Zwickler Expressed His Support For Elizabeth Warren

In March 2020, Zwickler ‘Retweeted’ A Tweet Expressing His Support For Elizabeth Warren. (Zwickler Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/8/20)



Flipped the switch.



12:27 AM · Mar 8, 2020

(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/8/20)

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For Michael Bloomberg

In 2023, Zwicker ‘Liked’ A Post On LinkedIn Expressing His Support For Michael Bloomberg. (Zwicker Profile, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 8/23)



(Zwicker Profile, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 8/23)

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For Jennifer Granholm

In 2023, Zwicker ‘Liked’ A Post On LinkedIn Expressing His Support For Energy Secretary, Jennifer Granholm. (Zwicker Profile, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 8/23)



(Zwicker Profile, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 8/23)

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For Ruth Bader Ginsberg

In October 2020, Zwicker Posted To Instagram Expressing His Support For Ruth Bader Ginsberg. (Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 10/5/20)



(Zwicker Profile, [Instagram](#), 10/5/20)

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For Ketanji Brown Jackson

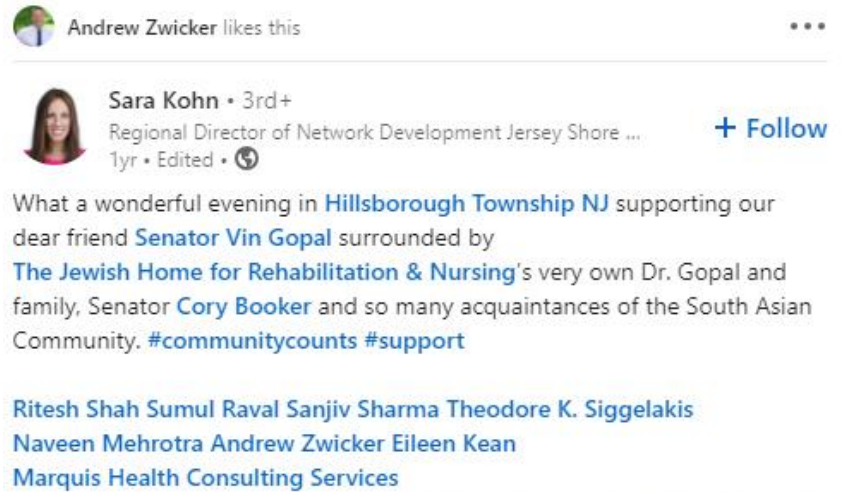
In 2022, Zwicker ‘Liked’ A Post On LinkedIn Expressing His Support For Ketanji Brown Jackson. (Zwicker Profile, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 8/23)



(Zwicker Profile, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 8/23)

On Social Media, Zwicker Expressed His Support For Vin Gopal

In 2022, Zwicker ‘Liked’ A Post On LinkedIn Appearing To Express His Support For Vin Gopal. (Zwicker Profile, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 8/23)



(Zwicker Profile, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 8/23)

ZWICKER HAS ENGAGED IN PARTISAN BEHAVIOR UNBECOMING OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL

On Social Media, Zwicker Promoted Content Describing Republicans As Authoritarians

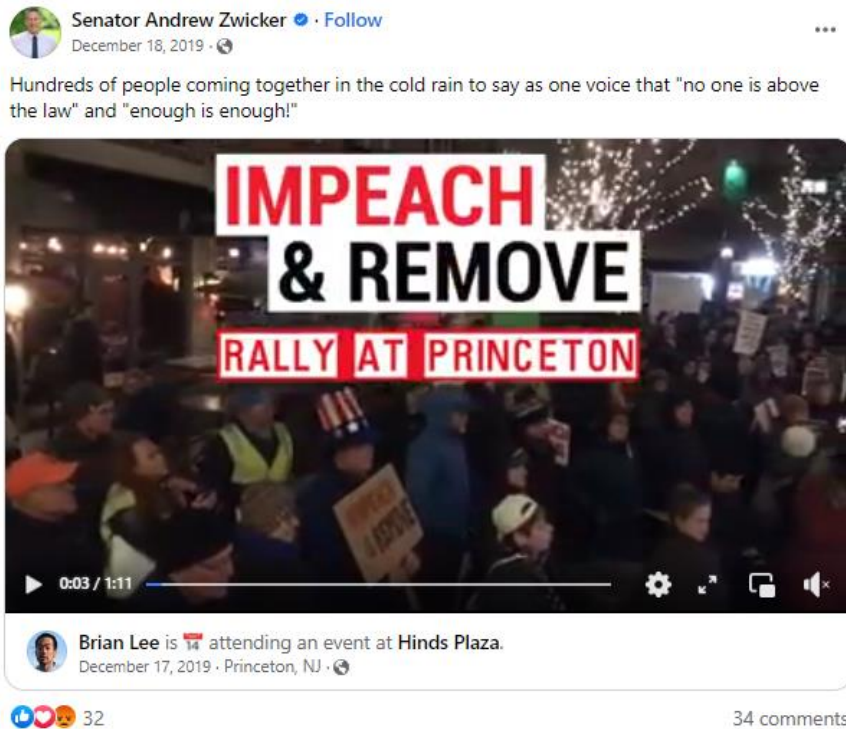
In July 2022, Zwicker ‘Liked’ A Tweet Stating “The Struggle Of Our Time Isn’t Left Versus Right, Democrats Versus Republicans. It’s About Democracy Versus Authoritarianism.” (Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 7/2/22)



(Zwicker Profile, [Twitter](#), 7/2/22)

On Social Media, Zwicker Called For Trump To Be Impeached And Removed From Office

In December 2019, Zwicker Posted To Facebook Calling For Trump To Be Impeached And Removed From Office. (Zwicker Profile, [Facebook](#), 12/18/19)



(Zwicker Profile, [Facebook](#), 12/18/19)

APPENDIX A: ISSUES OF NOTE (BY SUBJECT AREA)

Below is a non-comprehensive reference section pertaining to Andrew Zwicker's issues and policy positions of note. Any actionable material from this section has been incorporated into the prior narrative sections.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

Taxes

Business Taxes

In June 2023, Zwicker Abstained From Voting On Legislation Overhauling The State's Business Tax; The Bill "Would Sharply Cut The State's Taxation Of Foreign Income And Attempt To Recoup The Lost Revenue With Higher Taxes On Investment Firms And A Change In Reporting." "Senate lawmakers approved an overhaul of New Jersey's business tax [1] Monday that is backed by the state's business groups but opposed by critics who say it would amount to an unneeded tax break for multinational corporations. The bill [2], which passed unanimously with Sen. Andrew Zwicker (D-Middlesex) abstaining, would sharply cut the state's taxation of foreign income and attempt to recoup the lost revenue with higher taxes on investment firms and a change in reporting. 'There are certain provisions where we'll lose revenue, and there's other provisions we will increase revenue. At the end of the day, it simplifies our corporate business tax reform and puts us in line with many of our surrounding states. It is revenue neutral,' said Sen. Paul Sarlo, the bill's prime sponsor and chair of the chamber's budget committee. In a fiscal note, the Treasury said the bill would have no effect on state revenue in the long term but warned that it could cause business tax collections to fall or rise compared to the current tax structure in any given year. Lawmakers on Monday amended the bill to remove a provision allowing the director of the state's taxation division to adjust corporate filers' returns to add or remove income and losses cited to avoid taxes. Business groups had opposed that provision at a May 9 public hearing held on the bill, saying it would leave corporate filers estimating their tax burden even if they followed the law and was unnecessary because the state can already audit companies it thinks are downplaying their tax liability." (New Jersey Monitor, 6/13/23)

Labor

Unionization

In 2022, 26 Elected Officials Including Zwicker "Signed A Letter Of Support For The Recent Unionization Efforts At Starbucks Stores In The State, Urging CEO Howard Schultz To Adhere To, And Sign, The Fair Election Principles." "Twenty-six New Jersey elected officials signed a letter of support for the recent unionization efforts at Starbucks stores in the state, urging CEO Howard Schultz to adhere to, and sign, the Fair Election Principles. Starbucks workers organizing a union drive gathered at the Hopewell store on Monday with legislators to support their campaign and other Starbucks union drives across the state. U.S. Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-12th Dist.) spoke at the event in solidarity with the workers, who launched their unionization effort in January, as the first New Jersey Starbucks to do so. "We

stand in solidarity with Starbucks workers seeking to organize in our state and our communities," Watson Coleman said. "New Jersey is stronger when workers have a collective voice in their pay and working conditions." Watson Coleman was also one of the 26 New Jersey lawmakers who signed the letter addressed to Schultz. The letter lists nine fair election principles, including not making any implicit or explicit threats and giving equal space for pro-union materials if anti-union materials are posted on the premises. "All workers have the right to a union and to a collective voice in the conditions of their own employment," part of the letter reads. "We believe that these organizing efforts will ultimately lead to a stronger and more sustainable future for Starbucks, the workers, and our State." The signatories also include: Donald Norcross (D-1st Dist.); Andy Kim (D-3rd Dist.); Frank Pallone (D- 6th Dist.); Bill Pascrell (D-9th Dist.); Donald Payne Jr. (D-10th Dist.); Mikie Sherrill (D-11th Dist.); Teresa Ruiz (D-Essex); Fred Madden (D-Gloucester); Troy Singleton (D-Burlington); Vin Gopal (D-Monmouth); Shirley Turner (D-Mercer); Andrew Zwicker (D-Middlesex); Patrick Diegnan (D-Middlesex); Joseph Cryan (D-Union); Richard Codey (D-Essex); Brian Stack (D-Hudson); Daniel Benson (D-Mercer); Joseph Egan (D-Middlesex) Herb Conaway (D-Burlington); Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Woodbridge); Robert Karabinchak (D-Middlesex); Angela McKnight (D-Hudson); Ellen Park (D-Bergen), Anthony Verrelli (D-Mercer); and Thomas Giblin (D-Essex)." (*Star Ledger*, 4/4/22)

Worker Protections

In 2022, Zwicker Sponsored Legislation To Establish Employment Protections For Certain Service Employees During Changes Of Ownership. "The Senate Labor Committee advanced legislation Dec. 1 to establish employment protections for certain service employees during changes of ownership. Senate Bill 2389, which was released from committee by a 3-2 vote, would require any employer that enters into a service contract or subcontract with service employees to undertake certain actions to protect them in the event of the transfer of a service contract from one employer to another. The sponsors, state Sens. Troy Singleton, D-7th District, and Andrew Zwicker, D-16th District, say the measure improves employment protections for these employees. "When ownership of service contracts changes, employees and their needs can often be forgotten. It is important to ensure that employees have job stability, even in transitions of management," said Singleton. "We are coming off of the heels of a pandemic that catalyzed mass layoffs across the board. This bill will protect employees and their jobs, easing any anxiety that may arise when ownership changes, and will lay out the provisions that will be afforded to service employees." "Statewide, New Jersey workers employed by building-service contractors have no legal right to keep their jobs if the contractor changes and the incoming contractor decides not to retain the existing workforce," said Zwicker." (NJBIZ, 12/1/22)

Union Associations

NOTE: *Additional union associations can be provided upon request.*

2023: "The New Jersey State Council Of The Service Employees International Union (Seiu) Endorsed Six Democratic State Legislators For The 2023 Elections Today – Two Of Whom, State Sens. Vin Gopal (D-Long Branch) And Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick), Are Running For Re-Election In Two Of The State's Most Competitive Districts." "The New Jersey State Council of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) endorsed six

Democratic state legislators for the 2023 elections today – two of whom, State Sens. Vin Gopal (D-Long Branch) and Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick), are running for re-election in two of the state’s most competitive districts. Also getting the support of the union are State Sen. Linda Greenstein (D-Plainsboro), State Sen. Joe Vitale (D-Woodbridge), Assemblywoman Annette Quijano (D-Elizabeth), and Assemblywoman Britnee Timberlake (D-East Orange), who is running unopposed for her district’s Senate seat. “These legislators have stood with us in the statehouse and in the streets,” SEIU NJ Council President Megan Chambers said in a statement. “They have shown up for our members and for working people, and they deserve our strong support.” Of the six endorsees, only Vitale and Quijano face a contested primary next month. Vitale is the heavy favorite against solo off-the-line candidate Michelle Burwell, while Quijano and her running mates are being challenged by a slate associated with former Assemblyman Jamel Holley (D-Roselle), who seemingly recruited candidates to boost his mayoral comeback campaign in Roselle. In November, the political limelight will be on Gopal and Zwicker, each of whom holds a competitive seat that Republicans hope to flip this year. The same could be true of Greenstein, though she is unlikely to be at serious risk of losing unless the GOP has a very strong year.” ([NJ Globe](#), 5/12/23)

In 2023, The NJEA Endorsed Zwicker, Gopal, Lagana, And Others. “Early endorsements from New Jersey’s largest public employee union went to Democrats in some of the state’s most politically competitive legislative districts – and in some Democrats in safe districts — allowing the New Jersey Education Association PAC to make early financial contributions. The NJEA is backing State Sen. Vin Gopal (D-Long Branch), the chairman of the Senate Education Committee, for re-election to a third term in the 11th district, along with two Democratic Assembly challengers: Ocean Township Councilwoman Margie Donlon and former Asbury Park Municipal Court Judge Luanne Peterpaul, who are seeing to unseat GOP incumbents Marilyn Piperno (R-Colts Neck) and Kim Eulner (R-Shrewsbury). The influential union also endorsed State Sen. Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick), Assemblyman Roy Freiman (D-Hillsborough), and Democrat Mitchell Drulis in the 16th, and State Sen. Joseph Lagana (D-Paramus), Assembly Appropriations Committee Chair Lisa Swain (D-Fair Lawn) and Assemblyman Christopher Tully (D-Bergenfield) in the 38th. “By acting early in these key races, we will have more time to do the grassroots work needed to elect our endorsed candidates. And our endorsement comes with our commitment to do that work,” said NJEA President Sean Spiller in a joint statement with his union leadership. “Every candidate endorsed in this first round has proven they deserve the support of NJEA members.” Endorsements from the NJEA also went to nine Democrats in Hudson County, including Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Brian P. Stack (D-Union City) in the 33rd, Assemblyman Raj Mukherji (D-Jersey City) in the 32nd, and Assemblywoman Angela McKnight (D-Jersey City) in the 31st. Stack and Mukherji are unopposed; McKnight faces a minimal primary challenger. The NJEA is backing two Middlesex County state senators with nominal primary opponents, Patrick Diegnan (D-South Plainfield) and Joseph Vitale (D-Woodbridge).” ([NJ Globe](#), 4/26/23)

Federal Issues

Build Back Better

In February 2022, NJ Politicians Called For The Passage Of The Build Back Better Act And For The Measure To Include Funds For Affordable Housing. “Lawmakers from the New Jersey Congressional Delegation and the New Jersey Legislature this week called on members of Congress to commit to funding from the “Build Back Better Act” that would expand rental assistance, fund public housing repairs, and grow the national Housing Trust Fund to build more affordable homes. The announcements were part of an event hosted by the Housing and Community Development Network of NJ (the Network) in support of the Network’s HouseNJ campaign, which calls for federal- and state-level housing investments. With the “Build Back Better Act” stalled in the U.S. Senate, state and national housing advocates are urging lawmakers to support essential Build Back Better Act investments in any upcoming budget reconciliation bill. “It took us years to build back from the foreclosure crisis and now we run the risk of seeing all of our hard fought progress erased,” said U.S. Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ). “That’s why we must make the transformative investments in the President’s ‘Build Back Better’ plan to address our country’s affordable housing crisis. If this pandemic has taught us anything it’s that housing is healthcare and at a time like this we should be doing everything we can to help families find a safe and affordable place to call home.” ([Insider NJ](#), 2/25/22)

- **Zwicker: “It Is Of Critical Importance That We Fully Fund The Trust Fund And Make Sure ‘Build Back Better’ Is Passed And In A Thoughtful Way.”** ““We need to continue to ensure that we have the tools so that the quantity and the quality of affordable housing is available to our residents,” said Senator Andrew Zwicker (D-Hunterdon/Mercer/Middlesex/Somerset). “It is of critical importance that we fully fund the Trust Fund and make sure ‘Build Back Better’ is passed and in a thoughtful way.”” ([Insider NJ](#), 2/25/22)

Miscellaneous

LIV Golf

In 2022, A Bill “From State Sens. Andrew Zwicker And Richard Codey, Both Democrats, Would Prohibit Sports Organizations That Operate Primarily From Sovereign Wealth Funds From Hosting Sporting Events In The Garden State.” “Just a few weeks after former President Donald Trump hosted the controversial LIV Golf tour at his Bedminster club, a pair of state lawmakers have introduced a proposal that would ban such an event from ever happening again in New Jersey. The bill from state Sens. Andrew Zwicker and Richard Codey, both Democrats, would prohibit sports organizations that operate primarily from sovereign wealth funds from hosting sporting events in the Garden State. That would include LIV, the professional golf tour that aims to rival the PGA but has faced blowback because it's backed by the Public Investment Fund, Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund. In announcing their bill Tuesday, Zwicker and Codey pointed out that U.S. intelligence reports have said Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman approved the murder of Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi, which the prince denies. They also noted the country has been accused of human rights abuses. "New Jersey has long been fertile ground for producing top-quality athletes, and

for hosting major sporting events known throughout the world," said Zwicker, D-Middlesex. "Yet we do not need further recognition or notoriety from hosting competitions that are bankrolled by repressive governments or unsavory actors like Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. This legislation will prohibit the Saudi PIF or any other sovereign wealth fund from using New Jersey or its sporting organizations in any shameful 'sports-washing' endeavors." (South Jersey Times, 8/17/22)

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Clean/ Green Energy

Electrification Transitions

In 2022, Zwicker Called For Additional Incentives For Homes And Buildings To Transition To Electric Power, Away From Using Fossil Fuels To Heat Homes. "bill died when it failed to win approval in the Assembly at the end of the last legislative session in early January. Clean-energy advocates say there are no plans to mandate a conversion to electrified buildings. For the most part, criticism focuses on the cost of conversion to heat pumps, which work by gathering heat from one location and transferring it to another, rather than generating heat. According to data based on conversions in other states in the Northeast, typical costs range from \$4,000 to \$7,000. Opponents, however, claim the actual costs are much higher, ranging as much as \$20,000. Proponents argued Tuesday that by electrifying buildings, consumers will see lower annual operating costs for a typical home in New Jersey equipped with an average level of weatherization. The average home would save about \$50 annually, even assuming very low gas prices, such as those from the winter of 2020-2021. By combining electric appliances with home weatherization measures, many homeowners in the state can reduce their energy bills by more than 50%, the report said. 'When combined with weatherization, New Jerseyans will save money and improve local health by electrifying their homes,' said Amy Boyd, director of policy at the Acadia Center. 'New Jersey can follow the framework set by fellow Northeast states to successfully, quickly and affordably switch to an electric future.' For instance, Massachusetts offers incentives ranging from \$4,000 to \$10,000 to convert to cold-climate heat pumps, Boyd said. It also is important to target poorly insulated homes for such conversions, she said, noting they account for half of all greenhouse-gas emissions in the state. Incentives needed Sen. Andrew Zwicker (D-Mercer) said if the state offers incentives that reduce upfront costs, consumers will be more willing to switch to an electric system, which otherwise costs more than a conventional gas or oil furnace." (NJ Spotlight, 3/2/22)

In 2023, Zwicker Pulled His Bill To Require The State To Create A Building Electrification Plan Amid Popular Outcry Over A Proposed Federal Push To Ban Gas Heating Stoves.

"Two months after a federal firestorm[1]erupted over fears the government would ban gas stoves, a New Jersey campaign deploying similar messaging successfully drove state lawmakers Thursday to yank a bill[2]that would have required the state to create a building electrification plan. Sen. Andrew Zwicker (D-Somerset), one of the bill's prime sponsors, pulled it from a scheduled vote by the Senate's environment and energy committee because he fielded so many calls about it he wanted to hear critics' concerns before proceeding. 'Let's make sure we get everything right before we run it through, because too often we run it through and find out there

are concerns and then we try to fix it after the fact,' Zwicker told the New Jersey Monitor. Environmentalists denounced the delay, blaming the fuel industry for spreading 'lies' to kill the bill. 'If your business model is selling home heating oil, that is a business model that's in danger,' said Doug O'Malley, director of Environment New Jersey. 'Fossil fuels are volatile — we saw prices skyrocket — and electrification is increasingly becoming cost competitive with home heating oil. So it's very obvious why the fuel merchants are against electrification. They've been running a disinformation campaign for close to two years, including direct attacks against this bill.' SmartHeatNJ — an advocacy group backed by the Fuel Merchants Association of New Jersey — largely is behind the opposition. The group mounted a letter-writing campaign and advertising blitz against the bill with the slogan 'Don't Touch My Gas Stove!' — warning that state officials are 'trying to force' everyone to convert all their appliances to electric at enormous cost — messaging that echoes some of the alarmism Republicans circulated in January to protest President Biden's energy policies. The bill doesn't require residents to convert to electric." (New Jersey Monitor, 3/10/23)

- **The Bill “Would Direct The State Board Of Public Utilities To Establish Regulations On Building Electrification, Set Targets For Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Through Building Electrification, And Require Public Electric Utilities To Develop Plans To Meet Those Targets.”** “The bill doesn't require residents to convert to electric. Instead, it would direct the state Board of Public Utilities to establish regulations on building electrification, set targets for greenhouse gas emission reduction through building electrification, and require public electric utilities to develop plans to meet those targets. Converting to electric would be voluntary — and its cost could be covered by incentives, said Eric Miller, the New Jersey energy policy director for the Natural Resources Defense Council. 'If you go on the PSE&G website, they'll help you put solar on your roof, install an electric vehicle charger, and get natural gas to your house, if you want it. But they won't really help you electrify your home or your business, if you want to. That was really what this bill would have done — create incentives to let people make that choice, if they want it,' Miller said.” (New Jersey Monitor, 3/10/23)

Clean Energy Fund

In 2022, Zwicker Sponsored Legislation To End Diverting Clean Energy Funds To NJ Transit’s Operating Budget. “Environment New Jersey issued the following joint news release with 36 organizations: The Jersey Renews coalition, representing 37 labor, environmental, community and faith organizations, greatly appreciates the efforts of over 10 legislators who support ending the raids on the Clean Energy Fund in the FY '23 Budget. Led by Senator Zwicker, the prime sponsor of Senate Budget Resolution S. 373, these legislators seek to end the diversion of \$83.6 million in the FY'23 Budget, which is more than 23% of the total Clean Energy Fund. The raiding of the Clean Energy Funds is apparently to support New Jersey Transit's operating budget, and the Department of Corrections, despite the State's budgetary surplus, which exceeds \$6.75 billion. Diverting these legislatively dedicated monies will stymie New Jersey's ability to meet climate policy goals, create good well-paying jobs, and protect vulnerable communities. Protecting these legislatively dedicated funds will tackle air pollution, develop clean and renewable sources of energy, lower rates for New Jerseyans, and improve public health, so Jersey Renews thanks the leaders below who seek to end these raids. Sen.

Zwicker's Senate Budget Resolution S. 373 is co-primed by Sen. Vin Gopal (D-11); and co-sponsored by Sen. Linda Greenstein (D-14), Sen. Shirley Turner (D-15), Sen. Bob Smith (D-17), Sen. Gordon Johnson (D-38), Asm. John McKeon (D-27), Asm. Dan Benson (D-14), Asm. James Kennedy (D-22) and Asm. Clinton Calabrese (D-36). At the time of this press release, several other legislators also expressed support for this resolution to put an end to the raids. "It is time to end the Clean Energy Fund raids. Now is the time to commit the full \$344 million contributed by ratepayers into the Clean Energy Fund. Doing so will invest in the health of the State's residents, and promote a more affordable, reliable, and cleaner energy future," said Senator Andrew Zwicker, (D-16)." (Environment NJ, 6/24/22)

Wind Energy – Giveaways

In 2023, Zwicker Ultimately Voted For The Offshore Wind Energy Law Allowing The “Energy Company Ørsted To Keep Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars In Federal Tax Incentives That The Company Otherwise Would Be Required To Pass Along To State Utility Customers.” “Gov. Phil Murphy signed a bill Thursday to save New Jersey's first offshore wind farm from financial uncertainty. The governor held an event in Paulsboro and signed the offshore wind legislation along with two other economic development bills, including one with tax credits for the film industry, to emphasize a narrative about the "21st Century economy" he's had since taking office. "We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity right now to bring tens of thousands of overwhelmingly union jobs and billions of dollars of investment to our state with offshore wind," Murphy said. The marine terminal in Paulsboro and the wind port in Salem County, Murphy added, are "literally building the foundation of our nation's entire wind industry." The offshore wind law will allow energy company Ørsted to keep hundreds of millions of dollars in federal tax incentives that the company otherwise would be required to pass along to state utility customers. Without the deal, the company and Murphy administration officials said the wind farm would not be built. In exchange for the relief, Ørsted agreed - and now by law will be obligated - to spend \$200 million at the Paulsboro port where Murphy signed the bill. The bill cleared the Senate and Assembly on the same day as the state budget last week. An odd coalition got the bill through the Senate. Senate Republican Minority Leader Steve Oroho helped get it to the floor by voting the bill out of committee, though he ultimately voted against final passage. Sen. Andrew Zwicker, a Middlesex County Democrat in what could be a tight race this fall, abstained in committee then voted for the bill on the floor.” (Politico, 6/13/23)

“Critics Call The Bill A Giveaway To Ørsted. The Murphy Administration And Other Supporters Argue The Tax Incentives The Company Is Keeping Would Have Gone To Waste If The Project Were Not Built.” “Critics call the bill a giveaway to Ørsted. The Murphy administration and other supporters argue the tax incentives the company is keeping would have gone to waste if the project were not built. Much of Murphy's climate change and economic development goals are tied up in the creation of an offshore wind industry in the state. Ørsted is expected to begin construction on its project, known as Ocean Wind 1, this fall.” (Politico, 6/13/23)

Critics Protested The Bill Claiming It Put Special Interests Over The Jersey Shore And Its Tourism Economy. “For the past year, critics of New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy's long-fought effort to bring offshore wind to New Jersey have largely focused on its feared impact on

whales, dolphins, and other marine life, as well as people who rely on the sea for a living or for leisure. But since last week, critics have a new target — fast-tracked legislation that would allow the multinational companies racing to build turbines off the coast to reap millions in federal tax incentives. Tuesday, they packed the Statehouse to urge legislators to block the bill, which they warned would hike rates for ratepayers and allow wind developers like rsted to double-dip tax incentives. 'I can't believe that I have to be here. I'm the mayor of a 4,500-person town, one and a half square miles, and you guys are about to spend more taxpayer money on giving an international corporation who can't manage their own budget the ability to come in and destroy my town at the Jersey Shore and our entire tourism economy,' said Point Pleasant Beach Mayor Paul M. Kanitra. He added: 'Enough is enough. I know some of you have doubts. I'm asking you to stop putting special interests and campaign donors over New Jersey residents. Stop doing the bidding with this tailor-made bill we all know rsted wrote themselves.' Kanitra was one of 'hundreds' of people, by one committee chair's estimate, who signed up to submit their thoughts on the bill, which was up for a vote in the budget committees of both chambers.”
(*Pennsylvania Capital Star*, 6/28/23)

Fossil Fuels

Ironbound Gas Plant

In 2023, Several Lawmakers Sent A Letter Opposing The Development Of A Methane Gas Power Plant In Newark’s Ironbound. ‘Mayor Ras J. Baraka and 20 state lawmakers have fired off a strongly worded letter to Gov. Phil Murphy, basically saying it would stink to put a methane-gas power plant in the Ironbound and pleading for a renewable-energy alternative. The letter urges Murphy and the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) to withdraw a state Department of Environmental Protection application for a \$180-million, 84-megawatt gas power plant in Newark's Ironbound, urging them to "explore alternatives and truly listen to the communities it will impact." Gov. Murphy's office has not responded. This letter comes more than a year after Murphy blocked PVSC's planned vote, in January 2022, on a construction contract for the project after widespread public outcry put a national media spotlight on the controversy. For several years, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission has planned to build an enormous methane gas power plant in the Ironbound, where it already operates a sprawling regional sewage treatment plant.’ (TAP Into, 2/13/23)

- **“PVSC Says This Power Plant Is Necessary In Case That Sewage Treatment Facility Loses Power Again, As It Did In 2012 During Hurricane Sandy When It Spewed Raw Sewage Into The City Streets, Endangered People's Health, And Caused Weeks Of Costly Cleanup.”** “PVSC says this power plant is necessary in case that sewage treatment facility loses power again, as it did in 2012 during Hurricane Sandy when it spewed raw sewage into the city streets, endangered people's health, and caused weeks of costly cleanup.”**BULLSEYE From the get-go, a chorus of Newark residents, state and local environmental activists, and elected officials have opposed this power plant and have appeared before state and county hearings and City Council meetings. They have written letters, marched and rallied, and spoken to the media against the plant.” (TAP Into, 2/13/23)

- Zwicker Was Among The Lawmakers To Sign The Letter.** ‘Lopez-Núñez pointed out that PVSC failed to provide "any analysis of the cumulative public health impact" from the proposed plant it hopes to build in "already one of the worst polluted neighborhoods in the entire country. (They) also failed to adequately assess clean energy alternatives." "Newark residents need action, not lip service. We cannot afford any new industrial smokestacks like PVSC's proposed gas plant. There are better options out there for our lungs, jobs, and the bay," said Kim Gaddy, the founder of Newark's South Ward Environmental Alliance and Clean Water Action's environmental justice director. "Gov. Murphy must reject a fourth gas plant in the Ironbound, if he is to be true to environmental justice." State legislators who signed the letter to Murphy include Sen. Sandra Cunningham, Sen. Nilsa Cruz-Perez, Sen. Shirley K. Turner, Sen. Andrew Zwicker, Sen. Patrick Diegnan; Assembly members Annette Chaparro, Angela McKnight, Clinton Calabrese, John McKeon, Thomas Giblin, Mila Jasey, Verlina Reynolds-Jackson, Sterley Stanley, Daniel Benson, Raj Mukherji, William F. Moen Jr., Britnee N. Timberlake, Sadaf Jaffer, Angelica M. Jimenez, and Pedro Mejia.’ (TAP Into, 2/13/23)

Environmental Associations

NOTE: *Additional environmentalist associations can be provided upon request.*

In 2021, Zwicker Was Endorsed By Environment NJ. “Environment New Jersey issued the following news release on Oct. 13, 2021: Environment New Jersey today released its full slate of endorsements for the state legislative and mayoral elections and the gubernatorial race, as it prepares to launch a get out the vote and voter education push state-wide and in key legislative races leading up to Election Day on Tuesday, November 2. Environment New Jersey, on behalf of their more than 20,000 dues-paying citizen members, released its full slate of legislative and mayoral endorsements, as well as its support for the re-election of Governor Phil Murphy. Receiving the group's endorsements are 13 State Assembly and Senate legislative champions spanning 11 legislative districts across the state. The organization endorsed six State Senators and Senate candidates with a record of marked environmental leadership, including Senator Bob Smith (D-17), Senator Linda Greenstein (D-14) and Senator Vin Gopal (D-11). The organization also endorsed the Senate candidacy of Asm. Andrew Zwicker (D-16), Asm. Vince Mazzeo (D-2) and Christine Clarke, the Democratic challenger in the 26th District.” (Environment NJ, 10/14/21)

In 2023, Zwicker, Gopal, Burzichelli, And Moriarty Were Endorsed By The NJ LCV. “The New Jersey League of Conservation Voters has endorsed Democrats in four competitive legislative districts but skipped over 22 Democratic incumbents and all but one Republican lawmaker. The 53,000-member grassroots environmental group is backing John Burzichelli against State Sen. Edward Durr (R-Logan) in the 3rd district, Assemblyman Paul Moriarty (D-Washington Township) for the open Senate seat in the 4th, and State Sens. Vin Gopal (D-Long Branch) and Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick) in the 11th and 16th districts, respectively. In addition to Durr, the organization endorsed challengers against six Assembly incumbents: Bethanne McCarthy-Patrick (R-Mannington) in District 3; Michael Torrissi (R-Hammonton) and Brandon Umba (R-Medford) in District 8; Brian Rumpf (R-Little Egg Harbor) in District 9; and Marilyn Piperno (R-Colts Neck) and Kim Eulner (R-Shrewsbury) in District 11. The LCV is

backing Christine Clarke for Senate in the 25th against Senate Minority Leader Anthony Bucco (R-Boonton), and Evesham Councilwoman Heather Cooper, a Democrat, for the open GOP Senate seat in the 8th. The lone Republican statewide to capture a League of Conservation Voters endorsement is Assemblyman Rob Clifton (R-Matawan) in District 12. “We could not be prouder of the dedicated, pro-environment leaders in this round of legislative endorsements, and we look forward to electing them to office and working together to build a more equitable and sustainable clean energy future for our children and grandchildren,” said Allison McLeod, the group’s senior policy director. “Codifying 100% clean energy by 2035, advancing offshore wind, and strengthening our democracy are all on the ballot.” It’s not clear how impactful the LCV endorsement is, although in low-turnout elections, every little bit helps.” ([NJ Globe](#), 7/6/23)

In 2023, The Sierra Club Endorsed Zwicker. “The New Jersey Sierra Club, one of the largest grassroots environmental advocacy organizations in the state, endorsed State Sen. Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick) for re-election in the 16th district. The early endorsement comes as Zwicker prepares for a rematch with 2021 rival Michael Pappas, a former Republican congressman. “As a legislator who not only understands the importance of science-based environmental policies but is a leading physicist,” said Richard Isaac the chairman of the New Jersey chapter. “Sierra Club recognizes the importance of keeping Senator Zwicker in office and is making his re-election a top priority.” Zwicker served three terms as an assemblyman before flipping the Senate seat two years ago after Republican State Sen. Christopher Bateman (R-Branchburg) retired. He became the first Democrat to represent the Somerset-based district in the Senate since 1902. The Democratic senator praised the Sierra Club for fighting “tirelessly to make sure all New Jerseyans have access to clean air, water, land, and energy.” “As a scientist, I have spent my career working on the development of an advanced form of safe, clean energy, and as a legislator, I have used my experience to advocate for common-sense environmental legislation to protect the future and health of New Jersey families,” Zwicker stated. “I am proud to run for re-election to the NJ State Senate with the endorsement of the Sierra Club.” Two other Democratic senators from Middlesex County, Linda Greenstein (D-Plainsboro) and Robert Smith (D-Piscataway), also won Sierra Club support.” ([NJ Globe](#), 1/31/23)

Miscellaneous

Lighting Regulations

“State Senator Andrew Zwicker, Whose District Includes Princeton, Has Introduced A Bill (S3138) That Would Require State Agencies – Including The Department Of Transportation, Which Oversees Highway Projects – To Install Only Lighting Designed To Preserve The Natural Night Environment.” “For nocturnal animals, light pollution can disrupt feeding and mating patterns. It can also have harmful impacts on migrating birds, sea turtle hatchlings, and insects. For humans, excessive exposure to artificial light at night – especially blue light – has been linked to increased risks for depression, sleep disorders, obesity, and diabetes. Polluting outdoor lighting also wastes money and energy, and contributes to climate change. What can be done to restore dark skies and prevent the spread of light pollution? The solutions are relatively simple: make lights dimmer, shield lights so they only shine downward, and use warm-colored light bulbs. State Senator Andrew Zwicker, whose district includes

Princeton, has introduced a bill (S3138) that would require state agencies – including the Department of Transportation, which oversees highway projects – to install only lighting designed to preserve the natural night environment. The bill would apply to new and replacement light fixtures. An identical state Assembly bill, A3080, has been sponsored by Assemblyman Raj Mukherji. Some municipalities, including Harding Township in Morris County and East Amwell and Tewksbury townships in Hunterdon County, have adopted "dark sky friendly" ordinances regulating lighting in new homes and/or public places.” (Cranbury Press, 4/24/23)

HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Smoking

In 2022, Zwicker Noted His Support For Banning Smoking In Atlantic City Casinos. “In response to that statement, Atlantic Prevention Resources, which deals with substance abuse in and near Atlantic City, resigned from the chamber on Thursday. “We highly value our membership in the Greater A.C. Chamber, but as a public health agency we cannot continue to be members of an organization that places financial interests above health,” its executive director, Bob Zlotnick, said. “As a member of the local community, we would stand to be impacted by any loss in local business, but we cannot in good conscience put a price tag on the health of our families and neighbors.” Nearly a third of the entire New Jersey state Senate has signed on as sponsors or cosponsors of a bill pending in the state Legislature that would close a loophole in the state's indoor smoking law specifically exempting casinos. “New Jersey should not allow any worker to be subjected to cancer-causing secondhand smoke while on the job,” said Sen. Andrew Zwicker, a central New Jersey Democrat.” (*The Associated Press*, 3/10/22)

- **“The Greater Atlantic City Chamber Said Efforts To Ban Smoking In The Casinos Should Be Dropped, Warning It Would Cost Jobs And Hurt Local Businesses.”** “The battle over whether smoking should be prohibited in Atlantic City's casinos heated up Thursday, with a major business group opposing a ban, and a public health agency resigning from the business group in protest. The Greater Atlantic City Chamber said efforts to ban smoking in the casinos should be dropped, warning it would cost jobs and hurt local businesses. “A smoking ban would have a negative impact on the casino industry, resulting in significant job losses (and) decline in revenues, which in turn would hurt local businesses and vendors that rely on the industry for their economic livelihood,” said Michael Chait, the group’s president. “We recognize the concerns of casino employees who support a smoking ban, but we also must keep in mind that thousands of employees and their families will be impacted by lost jobs if a ban is passed.” (*The Associated Press*, 3/10/22)

EDUCATION

Funding

State Aid

In 2023, Under A Legislative Compromise Between Murphy And Legislators, A Bill Would Restore \$102.7 Million In State Aid, Reducing Originally Proposed State Aid Cuts By Two-Thirds In The NJ State Budget. “A host of New Jersey school districts slated to have their state

aid cut in Gov. Phil Murphy's new state budget proposal would see smaller reductions than originally planned under a deal the governor's administration just reached with top Democratic lawmakers. The bill would restore about \$102.7 million in state aid for districts in Murphy's budget plan for the fiscal year that begins in July. That means affected districts would ultimately see only one-third of the decreases they were originally scheduled to get. State Sen. Vin Gopal, D-Monmouth, said this will help several districts across the state help avoid layoffs and program cuts. "Hundreds of thousands of teachers have their jobs on the line," Gopal told NJ Advance Media. "These districts have higher inflation costs, mental health costs, technology costs. The state is sitting on a surplus right now. We should be helping these districts." Murphy said in a statement released late Friday that his administration "remains committed to providing New Jersey students with a world-class education, which is why we continue to dedicate historic levels of aid for our schools in each year's budget." (Star-Ledger, 3/18/23)

- **“The Bill's Two Sponsors, Gopal And State Sen. Andrew Zwicker, D-Middlesex, Are Both Running For Reelection In Competitive Districts.”** “Republicans have hammered Murphy in recent weeks for the cuts to some school districts. This comes in a big legislative election year. All 120 seats in the Legislature are up for grabs in November, with Democrats hoping to retain control as Republicans aim to take at least one house for the first time in 20 years. The bill's two sponsors, Gopal and state Sen. Andrew Zwicker, D-Middlesex, are both running for reelection in competitive districts. The allocation of state school aid is based on a series of formulas designed to bridge the gap between the amount of money a district can take in and the amount of money it needs to provide a good education. Factors like property tax revenues, enrollment size and number of students who need higher levels of support, like those from low-income families or English language learners, are taken into account when determining how much aid a district needs. Despite the current funding formula being developed in 2008, a provision that prevented any districts from losing aid stayed in place until 2017. The 2008 formula is on track to be fully funded by 2025, the governor's office has said.” (Star-Ledger, 3/18/23)
- **The School Aid Restoration Bill Passed In Late March 2023.** “Lawmakers have fast-tracked a bill that would restore two-thirds of the state aid that school districts were set to lose in the upcoming year. Schools throughout the state were collectively preparing for a loss of about \$157 million. The proposed legislation would restore \$102.8 million and provide a one-time payment to districts that were losing funding for the 2023-24 school year. The bill cleared committee Monday morning and unanimously passed the Senate on Monday afternoon. It is expected to move through the Assembly later this month. Gov. Phil Murphy has said he will sign the legislation. Although the bill garnered unanimous support, some said it did not go far enough. Sen. Declan O'Scanlon, R-Monmouth, proposed an amendment to increase the amount of aid to restore it completely. That was tabled. O'Scanlon called the process "policy malfeasance" and said it doesn't matter "where your district is or what your circumstances are," because "further cuts like this are a problem." "It's a shame we can't simply do the right thing," he said. "We have to continue to torture these districts for some reason. It's one percent of our overall surplus that could make these districts whole this year when we have agreed, apparently, that we are going to revisit this formula and fix this. And we do need to it. We cannot continue down this path." To qualify, districts will have to send the commissioner of education a

written plan explaining how they plan to use the funds and how they will fund operations in future school years.” (*Daily Record*, 3/22/23)

- **School Leaders Described The Relief Funding Bill As Only A “Band Aid.”** “More than 160 New Jersey school districts that have suffered through six years of state aid cuts will receive one-time payments totaling \$102 million this year through a last-minute bill signed last week in Trenton. But many of those districts' leaders say the extra money, which is separate from Gov. Phil Murphy's budgeted school funding, is just a "Band-Aid" and they need a sustainable solution to keep serving their students. Many of the districts face dropping enrollment, but the aid cuts are driving them to cut programs, increase class sizes, and lay off teachers and staff. For instance, 40 faculty and staff members in Sussex County's Vernon Township school district were informed March 23 that they would not be returning to their jobs this fall. The district lost \$8.5 million over six years, school officials said. The additional aid from last week's legislation provides a one-time payment of \$211,000. "We need a long-term systemic solution ... this is a Band-Aid. It's only a one-time allocation," said Jeanne Howe, superintendent of Jefferson Township Public Schools in Morris County, another affected district. Jefferson will receive \$1 million through the legislation, more than most other school districts in Passaic, Morris and Sussex counties receiving the payments. The Jefferson district's enrollment dropped 29% since 2010 but its state aid has fallen by 60%, she said. Jefferson Township will likely spend its \$1 million on district technology needs. It is "a one-year source of money, so it's not as though we can build this into our regular budget account," Howe said.” (North Jersey, 5/4/23)

As Of 2023, Funding For The Hillsborough Township School System, Located Within Zwicker’s District, Had Been Cut Five Years In A Row. “For the fifth year in a row, the township's school district has been targeted for significant cuts in state aid from Trenton. State lawmakers who represent local residents say enough is enough. Governor Phil Murphy's proposed \$53 billion state budget for 2023-24 includes direct property tax relief, full payment to the state's pension system, investments in pre-K education, assistance for first-time homebuyers and many other important investments in our communities, which pleases state Sen. Andrew Zwicker, whose district office is in Hillsborough, and Assemblyman Roy Freiman, who lives in Hillsborough. They released the following joint statement: "While we were glad to see that the budget includes an additional \$800 million in funding for K-12 education, how the money is distributed is unacceptable. "While many school districts will see an increase in their state aid, funding would actually decrease for about 20 percent of the state's school districts including South Brunswick, Hillsborough, High Bridge and Clinton. In those school districts alone, the proposed budget cuts aid by \$5.5 million - an unacceptable amount," Zwicker and Freiman said.” (Tap Into, 3/20/23)

As Noted In April 2023, South Brunswick Schools Were Slated To Lose \$1.2 Million In State Aid Even After The Passage Of The Relief Bill. “At a recent Board of Education meeting, State Senator Andrew Zwicker announced the state is planning to allocate \$103 million in state aid to school districts that have lost funding, resulting in around \$2.7 million for South Brunswick Schools. The district was set to lose \$4 million in state aid for the upcoming school year. Zwicker has said that Governor Murphy will sign this legislation on Monday. "Every single program that this school was proud of was potentially on the chopping blocks," Zwicker said,

"That's not only true in South Brunswick but more than 150 school districts around the state woke up a few weeks ago to find out that the budget numbers they were expecting were not the numbers they were getting." Last month, Superintendent Scott Feder announced that South Brunswick Schools were set to lose \$4 million in state aid for the 2023 - 2024 school year. The district had only been expected to lose \$1.2 million for the upcoming year. This change was due to a shift in the state's formula for state aid, according to a presentation Feder made to the board of education. Since then, members of the school district, including Feder, Board President Lisa Rogers, and the teachers union, have testified multiple times before the state senate and assembly to advocate for more funding. The district also urged residents to contact their local lawmakers about the issue. "The goal is to work this year to put a systemic long-term solution into place," Zwicker said, "My kids may be gone out of this school district, but I am so glad to have [the board members] here." Feder also announced an additional Board of Education Meeting on May 4th, 2023, to discuss the budget for the 2024 - 2025 school year." (Tap Into, 4/1/23)

Zwicker Was Criticized By Republicans For Failing To Vote For An Amendment To Restore Full Funding For All Districts Across The State – An Additional \$155 Million In Aid. "School funding formulas are now an issue in the 16th district State Senate race, where Republican Michael Pappas slammed Democratic incumbent Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick) for not supporting a plan to restore full funding for all districts across the state in Gov. Phil Murphy's budget. Pappas, a former congressman, said he supports an amendment sponsored by Senate Republican Budget Officer Declan O'Scanlon (R-Shrewsbury) to eliminate school funding cuts. "Zwicker had the chance to vote for legislation that would eliminate any cuts in state education aid in this year's budget and ensure our schools are fully funded," said Pappas. He didn't even bother to cast a vote." O'Scanlon's proposal was to spend roughly \$155 million out of the state's \$10 billion to propose tax relief to every local school district in New Jersey. "Once again, Andrew Zwicker did not stand up for the people of central New Jersey," Pappas said. A bill sponsored by Zwicker and State Sen. Vin Gopal (D-Long Branch) restored \$102 million as part of an accord with Gov. Phil Murphy. "While I intend to vote for this bill, it's only a step in the right direction," O'Scanlon stated on the Senate floor. "It is policy malfeasance that we haven't solved the school funding issues that have existed for years now for these districts." (NJ Globe, 3/20/23)

Sex Ed Standards

In An April 2022 NJ Senate Hearing, NJ Commissioner Of Education Angelica Allen-McMillan Strongly Defended New Jersey's Sex Ed Standards. "Silent on most education policy issues, the head of the state Department of Education strongly defended New Jersey's sex education standards on Thursday, with a rousing rebuttal to comments that they encroach on parental freedoms. "I do want to take a moment to correct the record if I may," said Angelica Allen-McMillan, acting commissioner of the state Department of Education, during Thursday's Senate budget committee hearing. She said sex education material that was "deemed salacious is not affiliated with the Department of Education." She also said "third-party information" was being used to "weaponize" sex education, suggesting political reasons. The response was to Sen. Michael Testa, R-Cape May, who questioned a sex education sample lesson plan presented at a Westfield Board of Education meeting that discussed genitalia and gender identity. Testa pressed

Allen-McMillan on whether the plan used in the presentation was on the state's Department of Education website and if she thought it was appropriate for a "neighbor" to show an 8-year-old child images of female genitalia. Allen-McMillan said the plan was not linked on the state's website and that she could not answer his question about images because she's an expert on education, "not an expert on neighbors," a response that provoked suppressed smiles from some senators." (*Bergen Record*, 4/29/22)

- **Zwicker Agreed With Allen-McMillan's Remarks That Transparency Was Key In Rolling Out The Standards.** "Allen-McMillan said it is important to understand the process behind the updated health standards. After inviting public comment before adopting the final standards, "then begins the process at the local level," when districts can look at how they are going to craft the curriculum, she said. Health standards are just one of six content areas that are being rolled out in the upcoming school year, said Allen-McMillan. "It can be a bit of a burden for working parents to take time out [to attend school board meetings], but public comments can be written and shared," she said. She suggested putting faith in the capability of school administrators to invite input and structure curriculum based on their communities' concerns, using the standards as a guideline. School district leaders, Allen-McMillan told the senators, "have the experience and the expertise to navigate this without the weaponizing of third-party information being put upon the state as if it is our message, when it is not." Sen. Andrew Zwicker, D-Somerset, said he agreed that transparency is key. Testa and other Republican senators at the hearing asked for clearer guidelines on how schools can implement the new standards while keeping parents informed about the changes. After Testa's questioning, Sen. Paul Sarlo, D-Bergen, who chaired the hearing, asked the other senators to stick to questions related to the budget for the remainder of the time. The new standards will be rolled out in public K-12 schools in the fall." (*Bergen Record*, 4/29/22)
- **VIDEO: In April 2022, Zwicker Praises Allen McMillan's Remarks Defending New Jersey's Sex Ed Standards As "Outstanding" And Broadly Defends New Jersey's Sex Ed Standards As "Age Appropriate."** ([NJ Senate](#), 4/28/22; Minute 1:24:00)



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“Opponents Say The Sample Materials Are Too Graphic And Warn The Incoming State Standards Will Lead To Children Being Taught Sensitive Subjects At Too Young An Age, Undermining The Rights Of Parents.” “The issue exploded in recent weeks after a local school board in Union County shared sample resources as districts prepare to implement the new state standards, which take effect in the fall and outline when students in New Jersey should learn about topics such as sexual orientation, gender identity, and anatomy. Officials insisted these were merely models from an outside website to show possible resources provided by the state, aren’t mandated by the state, and won’t specifically be part of the district’s curriculum. The situation, however, sparked new attention to the standards as a Republican lawmaker and conservative media circulated those models. Opponents say the sample materials are too graphic and warn the incoming state standards will lead to children being taught sensitive subjects at too young an age, undermining the rights of parents. Some critics have gone further, accusing the left of trying to “indoctrinate” kids with “extreme” views on sex. Top Republicans in the state Senate on Monday sent letters to Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy and Senate President Nicholas Scutari, D-Union, calling for the state to delay implementing the guidelines and hold public hearings on them — even though they were publicly available online before the state Board of Education approved them at a public meeting in June 2020.” ([NJ.com](#), 4/13/22)

- **“The Updated Standards Say By The End Of Fifth Grade, “All Individuals Should Feel Welcome And Included Regardless Of Their Gender, Gender Expression, Or Sexual Orientation.”** ([NJ.com](#), 4/13/22)
- **“They Also Say By Second Grade, Teachers Should “Discuss The Range Of Ways People Express Their Gender And How Gender-Role Stereotypes May Limit Behavior.”** ([NJ.com](#), 4/13/22)

- **By Fifth Grade, Students “Should Also “Explain Common Human Sexual Development And The Role Of Hormones,” Such As “Romantic And Sexual Feelings, Masturbation, Mood Swings, Timing Of Pubertal Onset.”** “By fifth grade, they should “describe gender-role stereotypes and their potential impact on self and others,” be able to “differentiate (for students) between sexual orientation and gender identity” and “demonstrate ways to promote dignity and respect for all people.” They should also “explain common human sexual development and the role of hormones,” such as “romantic and sexual feelings, masturbation, mood swings, timing of pubertal onset.” ([NJ.com](https://www.nj.gov/education/ccc/2020/2020%20NJSL-CHPE.pdf), 4/13/22)
- **“By Eighth Grade, Students Should Be Able To “Differentiate Between Gender Identity, Gender Expression And Sexual Orientation...”** “By eighth grade, students should be able to “differentiate between gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation” and teachers should “develop a plan for the school to promote dignity and respect for people of all genders, gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations in the school community.” ([NJ.com](https://www.nj.gov/education/ccc/2020/2020%20NJSL-CHPE.pdf), 4/13/22)
- **NOTE:** *The full state standards can be found here:*
<https://www.nj.gov/education/ccc/2020/2020%20NJSL-CHPE.pdf>

Curriculum And Content

Library Content

In 2023, Zwicker Sponsored Legislation Requiring Libraries To Adopted The American Library Association Bill Of Rights, Which Bans Book Removals, Or Else Risk Losing State Funding. “Libraries and public schools in New Jersey would be prohibited from banning books — and would lose state funding if they did so — under new legislation introduced Monday. Public libraries would be required to adopt the American Library Association's 'library bill of rights[1]' or a similar policy under the bill sponsored by Sens. Andrew Zwicker (D-Somerset) and Teresa Ruiz (D-Essex) and Assemblywoman Mila Jasey (D-Essex). That document tasks libraries with challenging censorship, bars book removal for 'partisan or doctrinal disapproval,' directs libraries to offer books and other materials that present 'all points of view on current and historical issues,' and forbids removal or restriction of materials because of objections about the 'origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.' The bill would authorize state education and treasury officials to withhold funding from any public school or library that fails to comply. Zwicker told the New Jersey Monitor he was moved to introduce the bill after hearing Martha Hickson, a North Hunterdon High School librarian, speak about a month ago. Hickson won[2] the Lemony Snicket Prize for Noble Librarians Faced with Adversity last year for successfully fighting a community group's efforts to ban five LGBTQ-themed books at her school. 'This is about not allowing intolerance and hatred to be infused into our libraries at all,' Zwicker said. 'Ideas are there to be debated and to be discussed. And sometimes ideas make us uncomfortable, but that uncomfortableness doesn't mean that we should ban things. We should talk more about them.' The move comes as Republican lawmakers have called for more scrutiny of books in public school libraries.” (New Jersey Monitor, 5/22/23)

- **“Zwicker, A Parent Of Three Grown Children And The Son Of A Public School English Teacher, Said Parents Are Free To Restrict What Their Children Read, But 'Their Choice Does Not Get To Dictate Everybody Else's Choice.’”** “Zwicker, a parent of three grown children and the son of a public school English teacher, said parents are free to restrict what their children read, but 'their choice does not get to dictate everybody else's choice.' He said the extensive book banning and burning that occurred in Nazi Germany in the 1930s should remain in the history books. 'The fact that we are in 2023 and debating whether or not we should be banning books and banning ideas is just outrageous,' Zwicker said. The legislation comes as book bans are rising nationally and in New Jersey.’” (New Jersey Monitor, 5/22/23)

“New Jersey Republican Lawmakers Are Blasting The Proposal To Fine Libraries And Schools, Saying It Would Override Parental Rights And Deprive Schools Of Much-Needed Funding.” “Many of the challenges are being made by parents backed by conservative groups pushing back against what they see as an inappropriate focus on social issues and emotional learning over a traditional education, and the introduction of sexually explicit books in middle and high school libraries. But New Jersey Republican lawmakers are blasting the proposal to fine libraries and schools, saying it would override parental rights and deprive schools of much-needed funding. State Sen. Ed Durr, R-Logan, called the proposal "nuts" and said it would "punish schools for listening to the concerns of parents and removing books that contain pornographic material." "Parents should be able to say that they don't believe certain books are age-appropriate for their children's schools, and school districts should be commended rather than punished for respecting parental rights," he said in a statement. "This legislation shows just how far Democrats are willing to go to push their gender ideology on our kids.’” (The Center Square, 6/1/23)

LAW AND ORDER

Law Enforcement

In 2022, The NJ State Senate Passed Legislation That Would Limit Police Presence At Polling Places. “That seamy political history - and the legal restraints imposed on the GOP for more than three decades after - served as a catalyst for a bill that completed a grinding, year-and-a-half-long journey through the Legislature last week. The measure would limit police presence at polling places. Both uniformed and off-duty officers can no longer be provide general protection to a polling precinct unless they are stationed at least 100 feet away from the entrance. Police must also keep 100 feet from ballot "drop boxes." And they can no longer serve as partisan "challengers." Gov. Phil Murphy, who marched in solidarity with protesters of George Floyd's murder by a Minneapolis police officer, is expected to sign the measure before the current legislative session ends Tuesday. The measure is, in many ways, haunted by the past. Lawmakers and supporters summoned the history the Ballot Security terrorism of 1981 in almost every twist and turn in the legislative slog to passage. And it wasn't just an irrelevant footnote pulled from the dusty stacks of history. Shortly after 1981 election, the state and national Democratic Party filed a federal lawsuit, accusing the Republicans of systematic voter intimidation and a violation of constitutional rights.’” (Home News Tribune, 1/17/22)

- **Zwicker Defended The Legislation As A “Pro-Democracy Bill.”** “Still, the Democrats insisted that this wasn't an attack on police. if anything, to restructure the rules of the polling place through the eyes of voters of color. "This isn't an anti-police bill," said Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker, D-Mercer. "It's a pro-Democracy bill." The bill eventually reached won final approval in the state Senate last week, after a series of amendments that seemed to address concerns. Police can still enter polling stations to cast votes. Advocates stressed that they can still be called in to deal with disturbances - a provision that was there from the start. Police can also be stationed inside polling stations inside senior centers, a provision added at the insistence of Newark officials, according to Turner.” (Home News Tribune, 1/17/22)

Crimes And Sentencing

Miscellaneous

In 2022, Zwicker Sponsored “S3707/A5673, Which Repeals The Statute That Criminalizes Sexual Penetration While Infected With A Venereal Disease Or HIV Under Certain Circumstances.” “The following information was released by the office of the Governor of New Jersey: Governor Phil Murphy today signed S3707/A5673, which repeals the statute that criminalizes sexual penetration while infected with a venereal disease or HIV under certain circumstances. Additionally, the bill requires that in prosecutions for endangering another by creating substantial risk of transmitting infectious disease, the name of the defendant and other individual be kept confidential. For decades, the HIV epidemic has had devastating effects on New Jersey, particularly in our LGBTQ+ communities and communities of color, said Governor Murphy. Repealing the outdated law will eliminate the stigma and fear associated with testing for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, encouraging more individuals to be proactive in learning about their health. This new law, coupled with advances in modern science and medicine, will bolster our efforts to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in New Jersey. Primary sponsors for S3707/A5673 include Senators Vitale and Ruiz, as well as former Assemblymembers Vainieri Huttle, Downey, and Zwicker.” (Governor Of New Jersey, 1/18/22)

SOCIAL ISSUES

LGBTQ

Overall

Zwicker Was A Sponsor Of The Legislation To Codify Gay Marriage Rights In December 2021. “The following information was released by the New Jersey General Assembly, Majority Office: To ensure the protection of LGBTQ families and make New Jersey's resolute support for marriage equality clear, legislation sponsored by Assembly Democrats Valerie Vainieri Huttle, Mila Jasey, Annette Quijano, Andrew Zwicker, and Joann Downey advanced in the Assembly on Thursday In New Jersey and throughout the country, LGBTQ couples are concerned that their marriages are not secure, could be invalidated or even that future couples may lose their right to marry if the U.S. Supreme Court considers reversing the landmark decision Obergefell v. Hodges. "In 2012, I was proud to be a prime sponsor of New Jersey's Marriage Equality Act. Following Governor Christie's veto, advocates continued the fight to the New Jersey Supreme

Court, where they were finally successful in legalizing same-sex marriage," said Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttel (D-Bergen). "At the time, I received considerable backlash for my support of the LGBTQ community, as did many of my colleagues. I am proud to once again be leading the charge to ensure that the rights of the LGBTQ community are safeguarded." The bill (A-5367) would codify into New Jersey law the right of LGBTQ couples to marry. It was approved by the Assembly Judiciary Committee during a morning committee." (NJ Assembly Majority, 12/9/21)

Transgender Issues

In March 2023, "Under A Bill Zwicker Introduced In The State Senate Last Month, Transgender Health Care Performed In New Jersey Would Gain A Number Of New Protections." "Over the last year, one of the major focuses for Republican-led state governments across the country has been to restrict gender-affirming care, a broad term for medical care for transgender people. Many states have instituted bans on medical transitioning for minors, and some have even proposed doing the same for adults. State Sen. Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick), alongside a few of his Democratic colleagues, wants New Jersey to go in the opposite direction. Under a bill Zwicker introduced in the State Senate last month, transgender health care performed in New Jersey would gain a number of new protections. The bill prohibits New Jersey's officials from cooperating with other states' anti-transgender laws – preventing extradition, cooperation with subpoenas, and the sharing of medical records – and also gives state courts increased powers over child custody when gender-affirming care is involved. Such a proposal, which Zwicker said originated from one of his constituents, has recent precedent on a different issue. Last summer, after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to abortion, Gov. Phil Murphy signed two bills protecting abortions performed in New Jersey; much of the same language is present in Zwicker's bill. When Democrats were in the process of passing the two abortion bills, they promoted New Jersey as a safe haven for those seeking reproductive health care. Now, Zwicker – alongside Assemblymembers Sadaf Jaffer (D-Montgomery), Mila Jasey (D-South Orange), and Raj Mukherji (D-Jersey City), who are sponsoring the Assembly version of the bill – wants the state to serve the same purpose for transgender people. "We've read the headlines about what's happening in other states," Zwicker said. "My purview is New Jersey, so I can say that, within our boundaries, we are going to protect all New Jerseyans from the actions of other states." Christian Fuscarino, the executive director of the LGBTQ group Garden State Equality, said that his organization has worked with Zwicker and other legislators on trans-focused bills, and that he hopes legislative leaders move Zwicker's bill forward." ([NJ Globe](#), 3/17/23)

- **In April 2023, Murphy Signed An Executive Order Protecting Transgender Health Care As Inspired By Zwicker's Legislation.** "In response to new laws in Republican-led states cracking down on health care for transgender people, Gov. Phil Murphy signed an executive order today protecting gender-affirming care performed within New Jersey from outside investigations and restrictions. "Across the nation, we are witnessing attacks led by certain states that seek to undermine the equality, dignity, and safety of the LGBTQIA+ community, especially transgender and non-binary youth," Murphy said in a statement. "We will continue to uphold [our] principles in New Jersey and support every person's right to live freely and authentically by making our state a safe haven for those

seeking or providing gender-affirming health care.” Specifically, the executive order directs state departments and agencies to protect anyone providing or receiving gender-affirming care in New Jersey. It also prohibits the extradition of individuals to other states and bars executive branch agencies from cooperating with other states’ investigations. The order is similar to a bill proposed by State Sen. Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick), which was also aimed at protecting gender-affirming care performed in New Jersey. A spokesperson for Murphy said that Zwicker’s bill, which had made no progress through the legislature, was the inspiration for the governor’s order. But some parts of Zwicker’s bill, particularly provisions regarding child custody cases, are outside the purview of the executive order. And a number of other legislative proposals, including bills to collect more data on the LGBT community and to require school districts to adopt transgender-friendly policies, are also stuck in legislative purgatory. As Zwicker said when discussing his bill several weeks ago, New Jersey is unlikely to go down the path of conservative states by restricting transgender health care – but he argued that the state should still act proactively for transgender people within its borders.” ([NJ Globe](#), 4/4/23)

Second Amendment

Overall

In June 2022, Zwicker Participated In A Rally Organized By March For Our Lives To Support Stricter Gun Control Legislation In New Jersey. “The Princeton-based Coalition for Peace Action is spearheading a "Rally Against Mass Shootings and America's Gun Violence Epidemic" from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11 at Hinds Plaza, next to the Princeton Public Library at 65 Witherspoon St. in Princeton. The rally is part of a "Day of Action" scheduled in nearly 500 US cities coordinated by March for Our Lives, the youth-led gun violence prevention group formed after the Parkland, Florida, mass shooting that killed 17 high school students in 2018. Confirmed speakers include: Teska Frisbee, Mercer County Gun Violence Prevention Lead for Moms Demand Action Rabbi Arnold Gluck, Temple Beth-El, Hillsborough eThe Rev. Robert Moore, executive director, Coalition for Peace Action Dolores Phillips, legislative director, CFPA's Ceasefire NJ Project Sue Repko, gun violence survivor Laura Zurfluh, coordinator, Indivisible Cranbury State Sen. Andrew Zwicker One action that will be advocated is support for a package of eight new gun safety bills to make New Jersey's already strict laws even stronger, which has been advocated by Gov. Murphy and is about to begin moving in the state legislature. Further information can be found at the first item under Take Action at peacecoalition.org.” (*The Times*, 6/10/22)

- **“New Jersey State Senator Andrew Zwicker Spoke About The State's Efforts Towards Eliminating Gun Violence.”** “Attendees of the Princeton rally held up signs; heard from survivors of gun violence, elected officials, and faith leaders; and chanted slogans such as "guns are bad." U.S. Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-N.J.) was present at the protest. New Jersey State Senator Andrew Zwicker spoke about the state's efforts towards eliminating gun violence. "We need to keep our communities safe from this epidemic which is gun violence," Zwicker said. "While Congress gives us hopes and prayers, here in New Jersey, we give action.”” (*Daily Princetonian*, 6/21/22)

Zwicker Was Among The Sponsors Of The Stricter Gun Control Legislation Package And Broadly Defended Passage Of The Bills As “Some Of The Strongest Gun Laws In The Country.” “The following information was released by the New Jersey State Senate, Democrats: The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee today approved seven key gun safety bills that will help prevent gun violence in New Jersey. Sponsored by Senate President Nick Scutari, Senator Joe Cryan, Senator Richard Codey and Senator Andrew Zwicker, the bills would prohibit .50 caliber rifles, crack down on ghost guns, strictly control the use of body armor, require micro stamping, require firearms training, regulate the sale of handgun ammunition, and have new residents register firearms from other states. "The surge in gun violence has been horribly tragic, with lives lost, victims wounded and loved ones suffering heartbreak," said Senator Cryan, the former Union County Sheriff. "We have to continue to do all we can to keep deadly firearms out of the hands of those who pose a danger, off the streets, away from schools and out of our communities." "As we have all seen recently, gun violence is a real and scary risk in our country and we must act now to reduce the frequency at which it occurs," said Senator Codey (D-Essex/Morris). "We must ensure that gun owners are aware of how to safely handle and store a firearm to better protect our residents from unnecessary harm. Additionally, by incorporating microstamping technology, law enforcement would have a critical aid that would assist them in tracking down weapons used in crimes. We have to do all that we can on God's green Earth to stop these shootings from occurring. Everyone needs to be held accountable, and if you misuse a firearm, you shouldn't be able to get away with it." "We have to take the actions we can to keep our communities safe," said Senator Zwicker (D-Middlesex/Mercer/Somerset/Hunterdon). "Making sure that owners of firearms follow the laws and procedures for gun safety is important. We have some of the strongest gun laws in the country we want every resident to follow them.” (NJ Senate Democrats, 6/23/22)

- **Specifically, Zwicker Sponsored “New Resident Gun Licensing, S-1204: Anyone Who Brings A Gun With Them When They Relocate To New Jersey Would Have 60 Days To Obtain A Purchaser Identification Card And Register Their Weapon With Municipal Or State Law Enforcement.”** “New Resident Gun Licensing, S-1204: Anyone who brings a gun with them when they relocate to New Jersey would have 60 days to obtain a purchaser identification card and register their weapon with municipal or state law enforcement. It would hold people from out of state to the gun safety standard that New Jersey holds its own residents. (Cryan/Zwicker).” (NJ Senate Democrats, 6/23/22)
- **In 2022, Gov. Murphy Signed His Gun Safety 3.0 Package.** “Governor Phil Murphy today signed a sweeping series of gun safety reforms to continue the fight against gun violence in New Jersey. Since taking office in 2018, Governor Murphy has been a champion of bold, commonsense gun reform, and signed significant gun safety packages in June 2018 and July 2019. Today, the Governor reaffirmed his commitment to reduce the epidemic of gun violence in New Jersey and signed seven comprehensive gun safety bills, six of which were part of his Gun Safety 3.0 package that he introduced to the Legislature in April 2021 and has repeatedly championed over the last year. These gun safety reforms further solidify New Jersey as a national leader in gun safety and deliver on the promise to make communities safer.” (Governor Of New Jersey, 7/1/22)

Miscellaneous

Weight Bias

2022: “State Sen. Andrew Zwicker, Of Monmouth County, Has Proposed Prohibiting Prejudice On The Basis Of Weight Or Height In Hiring, Housing And Educational Practices. His Bill Introduced This Month Would Make New Jersey Only The Second, After Michigan, To Add That To Its Civil Rights Law.” “This weight bias falls hardest on women because nature generally equips them to get enough nutrients to sustain themselves and the new people who grow within them. To ensure survival, the human species needed a share of women to be able to produce the next generation in times of famine and scarcity. Even with less than normal to eat their bodies might look "overweight" to most people. And in this lengthy age of food abundance and ready availability, an extremely efficient digestive system makes obesity very hard to avoid. Plump women were the ideal of beauty just a few centuries ago when getting enough food was difficult. If the breakdown of global society expected by doomsayers ever came to pass, their ability to survive and thrive would make them the most desirable again. Evolution also makes some men naturally heavier and more susceptible to weight gain, just as it makes some short and tall. A major strength of the human species is its ability to adapt relatively quickly to changing conditions by favoring the varieties best suited to them. The bottom line is that judging someone's natural appearance and holding it against them in any way is unfair and should stop. Maybe New Jersey will finally make progress on this. State Sen. Andrew Zwicker, of Monmouth County, has proposed prohibiting prejudice on the basis of weight or height in hiring, housing and educational practices. His bill introduced this month would make New Jersey only the second, after Michigan, to add that to its civil rights law. "This is a serious problem, and we don't accept race discrimination or gender discrimination or age discrimination," Zwicker said told NJ 101.5. He said studies show weight bias is widespread, typically affecting women much more than men. "Society has put these ideal heights, ideal weights, and these are just things that have been created, and not everybody fits into that ideal. And so, people are treated differently," he said. Zwicker's bill would provide exceptions in cases where "the height or weight of an individual is a bona fide occupational qualification." And yet the senator cited an unsuccessful lawsuit by female beverage servers over a casino weight restriction as something his bill would address.” (*Press Of Atlantic City*, 6/29/22)

POLITICAL

Ideology

Zwicker Is “A Progressive Middlesex County Democrat.” “Sass Rubin said Sweeney's loss is canceled out by a win from Andrew Zwicker, a progressive Middlesex County Democrat who nabbed the formerly Republican-controlled Senate seat in the 16th District. Murphy, asked at a press conference in New Brunswick Friday if he'd scale back his ambitions, said his administration's accomplishments 'allowed us to withstand this red wave.' 'We're not going to change now,' he said.” (*New Jersey Monitor*, 11/8/21)

Electoral Reform

Early Voting

In 2021, Zwicker Sponsored Legislation To Expand Early Voting In New Jersey Despite The Expected Cost To Taxpayers To Be \$80 Million. “Thompson also noted the costs to taxpayers statewide. Estimates range from about \$20 million on the low end to \$80 million on the high end. "It simply doesn't work (to increase turnout). There's a disconnect. People, they either want to vote or they don't," Thompson said. "This is legislated by people who don't have any idea what we do, and we are stuck putting this together by the skin of our teeth."

Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker (D), another primary sponsor of the legislation, said making voting more convenient is a worthwhile endeavor even if there's not a spike in overall turnout. It could still mean the difference for a single working parent. And, he said, much of the cost is a one-shot deal associated with updated old voting equipment. Giles, the state's elections chief, said there's been a long history of making voting more convenient. Even Election Day, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, was chosen out of convenience: When the U.S. was primarily agrarian, people were planting in the spring, tending to their growing crops in the summer and harvesting in the late fall. Travel in the winter wasn't reliable and people spent the weekends in church.” (*Star Ledger*, 10/16/21)

Young Voters

In 2023, Zwicker Touted His Repeated Efforts To Push Legislation Allowing Some 17 Year Old Residents To Vote In Primaries So Long As They Turned 18 By The General Election.

“A proposal to allow many 17-year-old New Jerseyans to vote in primary elections is moving again after stalling several times in recent years -- including falling victim to then-Gov. Chris Christie's veto pen. The bill would permit Garden State residents who are 17 to vote in primaries -- the races that determine political parties' nominees -- as long as they will turn 18 by the time of the general election. The state Assembly State and Local Government Committee narrowly approved the latest version of the measure, sponsored by Democrats and known as the "New Voter Empowerment Act." It passed by a vote of 3-2, with both Republicans on the panel opposing it. Assemblyman Anthony Verelli, D-Mercer, the committee's chairman and a co-sponsor of the legislation (A3690), noted more than a dozen states allow this and argued it's reasonable someone who votes in the general election should be allowed to pick the nominees chosen to run in it. "Voter enfranchisement is always a good thing for a democracy," Verelli said before Thursday's vote. "Seventeen-year-olds today, I like to think, are more engaged than ever. ... I believe they are informed, thoughtful, and compassionate. I trust their ability to make voting choices like any other citizen registered to vote." The bill would need to pass the full Assembly and state Senate -- both of which are controlled by Democrats -- before Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy could decide whether to sign it into law. New Jersey voters are already allowed to register to vote starting at 17 if they turn 18 by the general election. Christie, a Republican, signed that into law in 2015. This bill to allow them to vote in primaries was introduced a year later and passed both houses of the Legislature. But Christie rejected it. He wrote in his veto message that supporting registration at 17 was not designed to be "a preliminary step toward underage, and potentially unconstitutional, voting" and argued this proposal "sets the state on a

slippery path toward further erosion of critical and constitutional requirements for voter eligibility." The measure resurfaced in each of the next two legislative sessions but didn't make it out of the Legislature. State Sen. Andrew Zwicker, D-Middlesex, the bill's original sponsor when he served in the Assembly, said it likely stalled because of a mixture of the COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainty over mail-in voting in recent years. But he said he's optimistic the fourth time will be the charm. Zwicker argued it's important because of the greater impact elected officials have on younger people today, whether it be laws related to climate change or online activity. "When I look and see how we can get more people engaged civically and get them to become voters and advocate for what they believe in, we should do this," Zwicker told NJ Advance Media. "Young people are more active than we've ever seen them." He also stressed that primaries make a difference in New Jersey because so many districts are not competitive in general elections." (*Star Ledger*, 5/11/23)