



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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SENATOR CROCI AND THE STATE SENATE PASS BILL SUPPORTING ISRAEL AND OTHER U.S. ALLIES TARGETED BY BOYCOTTS

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Hauppauge, NY – Senator Thomas Croci (R, C, I – Sayville) announces that the New York State Senate passed a bill that prohibits the state from doing business with companies that seek to harm Israel and other American allies through boycotts and discriminatory economic agendas. The bill (S6378A) expands existing state law to prevent New York from entering into a state contract or investment with those seeking to economically harm American allies.

“New York taxpayers do not deserve to have their tax dollars used to support nations that seek to boycott United States allies, such as Israel. In essence, this legislation will ultimately increase our protection as a state because we have strengthened our relationship with our ally nations across the world. I am proud to support this bill and I hope that the Assembly and Governor will act quickly on this legislation that will put a stop to state contracts and investments with those that don’t support American allies,” stated Senator Croci.

The legislation passed this week would expand New York’s law by prohibiting state contracting with or state investment in businesses or individuals that promote or engage in activities to boycott, sanction, or divest in Israel and other American allied nations. This would prevent the state from becoming unwilling participants in a discriminatory agenda.

The state would use publicly available information to develop a reference list of companies, organizations, or other entities that have engaged in or promoted boycotts of American allies. New Jersey, Illinois, and South Carolina have adopted similar laws to ensure that their taxpayers are not paying to support these entities.

The bill will be sent to the Assembly.

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 - In Committee Senate

- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
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- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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