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NYPIRG STATEMENT APPLAUDING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR NEW YORK'S "DREAM ACT"

“NYPIRG applauds the actions of the state Senate and Assembly to allow college students who are undocumented immigrants to be eligible for financial aid like all other students. This action is long overdue. During the Pataki Administration, legislation was passed to grant these students eligibility for in-state tuition rates as public colleges and universities. It’s been well over a decade that those students had to pay full freight due to the failure then to change the state’s system of financial aid. The Governor has stated his support for this legislation and we look forward to New York showing the nation that access to a college degree is a right, regardless of immigration status.”