



MEMO OF SUPPORT

[A494-A \(Epstein\) / S6199-A \(Myrie\)](#)

*Requires candidates nominated for county committee
to be notified by the NYC BOE*

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TITLE OF BILL

An act to amend the election law, in relation to notifying candidates of designation for certain county committees.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS

Section 1 adds a new subdivision 14 to Election Law §6-134 to require that the New York City Board of Elections notify candidates of their being placed on the ballot for nomination to county committee, and also inform them of the process for declining or accepting the designation.

Section 2 provides that the bill takes effect 180 days after becoming law.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

We support this legislation because we believe it will prevent county party committees from subverting democracy.

Journalists at [the New York Times](#) and [The City](#) have repeatedly detailed county parties' efforts to nominate individuals for county committee without their consent. This outrageously unethical and likely illegal behavior denies individuals the right to determine whether or not they hold elected office. Such practices are more common in dictatorships than in free societies. That this bill even needs to exist is an embarrassment for New York State.

We urge the Assembly and Senate to pass the bill, and the Governor to sign it.