

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY ON U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION STRIKING DOWN BAN ON SPORTS BETTING

TRENTON – Today, Governor Phil Murphy released the following statement following a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Murphy v. NCAA*:

"I am thrilled to see the Supreme Court finally side with New Jersey and strike down the arbitrary ban on sports betting imposed by Congress decades ago.

"New Jersey has long been the lead advocate in fighting this inherently unequal law, and today's ruling will finally allow for authorized facilities in New Jersey to take the same bets that are legal in other states in our country.

"Today's victory would not have been possible without the incredible bipartisan effort from so many in our state, particularly former Governor Christie and former State Senator Lesniak. I look forward to working with the Legislature to enact a law authorizing and regulating sports betting in the very near future."

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