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Gov. Whitman Praises Judiciary Committee Vote

NJ Gov. Christie Whitman issued the following statement after the Senate Judiciary Committee released the nomination of Peter Verniero to be an Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court:

"I am pleased by the Senate Judiciary Committee's vote today which moves this important nomination one step closer to final approval," she said.

"The Committee's hearing revealed that Peter Verniero is eminently qualified to serve on the Supreme Court. His praises were voiced by those who know him best, including Governor Tom Kean, Justice Robert Clifford, several former attorneys general, presidents of the state bar association, the local bar association, and others," she said.

"I am confident the nomination will be approved by the full Senate on Monday and I look forward to Attorney General Verniero joining the State Supreme Court," she said.