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Whitman Applauds Senate Confirmation of Peter Verniero

NJ Gov. Christie Whitman applauded today's vote by the NJ Senate's to confirm Peter Verniero to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

"The Senate's confirmation of Peter Verniero will ensure that the court continues to function as one of the greatest courts in the nation.

"Notwithstanding the bitter partisan debate that seems to have defined far too much of the discussion on this nomination, I have full confidence that Peter Verniero will be a unifying force for justice in New Jersey.

"Peter Verniero understands full well the concept and the practice of equal justice under the law. I have watched him weigh equities on a day-in and day-out basis and I have seen him making decisions that will affect people's lives in long and lasting ways.

"Under all of these circumstances he has responded with a sense of fairness, with a clarity of logic and an abundance of compassion that are beyond his years and which will serve this state and its residents well.

"I am pleased with today's action and look forward to Mr. Verniero's service on the court," she said.