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In Case You Missed It: “This unprecedented disservice to the people must stop now”

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Democrats wrong to delay confirmation

Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean

The Record

A SINGLE politician in Trenton, state Senate President Stephen Sweeney, is abusing his power by preventing justice across the state of New Jersey, hurting people in cities, suburbs and rural communities alike.

Senate Democrats who put Sweeney in charge of this Senate are also failing the people, sitting silent as justice for all is obstructed.

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This Senate president's ongoing partisan temper tantrum is jeopardizing people's daily lives. For each of the past six years, he has kept at least one vacancy on the state Supreme Court, which makes vital rulings relating to property taxes, state taxes, education, health care and affordable housing, for example.

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This unprecedented disservice to the people must stop now.

Under past Senate presidents, qualified Supreme Court nominees were confirmed in a few days or weeks, no matter what their political affiliations or the partisan breakdown of the legislative and executive branches.

Senate Democrats have no legal or constitutional basis to deny Bauman's nomination and they are executing the blatant partisanship gridlock that people hate about Washington, D.C. They know there's no language in New Jersey's constitution about Supreme Court political balance, or anything to do with the partisan makeup of the Supreme Court, or any constitutional requirement about political affiliations of Supreme Court justices.

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The people of New Jersey know they elected and reelected Governor Christie, in part, because of his public vow to change the state Supreme Court.

It's more important than ever for New Jersey to have a fully functioning Supreme Court to interpret and uphold New Jersey's constitution and laws.

Why? Because seemingly every day, Senate Democrats launch threats against our state constitution with proposals that are anti-democratic and with gifts for their special political class of campaign backers.

Under this Senate president's rule, the political games have gotten out of hand.

It's time for real leadership, not politics to prevail. It's time for Democrats to allow this Senate to achieve justice for all, starting by confirming Bauman to the Supreme Court.

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