

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

## STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY ON OMNIBUS SPENDING BILL

"I am pleased to see that the federal omnibus spending bill contains hundreds of millions of dollars in funding that can be used for the Portal Bridge and the Gateway tunnel. As I have said repeatedly, this essential project is not just a matter of state or regional importance, but a national priority. It is vital to our economic security, will generate billions in economic development, and will bring thousands of good-paying jobs to the region.

"I thank the bipartisan delegation from New Jersey and New York that fought for this funding, in particular Senator Menendez, Senator Booker, Congressman Frelinghuysen and Senate Minority Leader Schumer.

"While we still have a long road to travel, I look forward to this bill's passage and to continuing to work with our partners at the Gateway Development Corporation to bring this project to life for the benefit of our region's commuters and the entire nation."

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