

Governor Christie has provided business leaders with the assurance they need to decide to stay, expand or locate in our state

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What They're Saying:

N.J. Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Thomas Bracken: "Under Gov. Christie's pro-business agenda and with the support of the Legislature, we have made progress in the past seven years." (Press Release, 5/22/17)

- "Lower taxes, reduced red tape and common sense fiscal policies have all contributed to the numbers outlined today by the Governor."
- "As we approach election season, we urge all of our leaders in Trenton to stay vigilant, and continue to maintain a pro-business agenda and the tax reforms enacted in the last seven years which will continue to grow jobs and improve our economy."

African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey Founder, President & Chief Executive Officer John E. Harmon, Sr., IOM: "This was very encouraging news for our State and we are committed to working with Governor Christie, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and our colleagues in the business community to increase opportunities so that more New Jerseyans secure employment. Our collective efforts to date are being realized in the data that was presented by Governor Christie today, however, there is much work that remains to be done to achieve our desired level of competitiveness for New Jersey. We salute the Christie Administration on its efforts to reduce unemployment in our state." (Statement, 5/22/17)

Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey President Anthony Russo: "The Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey (CIANJ) is encouraged by the state's continuing labor achievements, as illustrated by the record 16-year low 4.1 percent unemployment rate and the unprecedented 4.34 million people employed – all clear indications that New Jersey's economic health is strong." (Press Release, 5/22/17)

- "For five straight months, New Jersey has seen a drop in its unemployment rate, a sure sign of economic growth and confidence."

Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey President & CEO Debra P. DiLorenzo: "Since his election, our Chamber has supported the Governor's efforts to keep our state competitive by keeping taxes and regulations in check, while putting into place incentives for companies to locate or expand in New Jersey. Evidence of the success of Governor Christie's policies is reflected in the most recently released New Jersey numbers on private sector job growth and business filings." (Press Release, 5/22/17)

- "These numbers tell a story – businesses are confident that New Jersey is a good place to do business! This Governor clearly recognizes that high taxes, unnecessary and burdensome regulations and bureaucratic indifference do have an impact on the business community and, therefore, job growth. By vetoing tax increases, creating a process to identify and remove archaic and counterproductive regulations, and insisting that government treat

business as a valued partner Governor Christie has provided business leaders with the assurance they need to decide to stay, expand or locate in our state.”

•“Having a Governor that places a high priority on creating a climate that makes New Jersey more competitive in attracting and retaining businesses has made a world of difference in how business perceives our State – which translates into job growth. Working in close cooperation with the State Legislature, programs like the Economic Opportunity Act are bringing back Camden City.”

Chemistry Council of NJ Executive Director Dennis Hart: “The manufacturing companies represented by the Chemistry Council of New Jersey are encouraged by the direction of New Jersey’s unemployment numbers, and want to thank Governor Christie for his leadership on improving the business climate in the state. As the candidates for governor move through the primaries and onto the general election, they should discuss how to keep this momentum going by sharing specific proposals to improve the manufacturing sector, and attract new corporate investments into our research and manufacturing industries, major contributors to the state’s job growth and economic recovery.” (Statement, 5/22/17)

New Jersey Gasoline, C-Store, Automotive Association Executive Director Sal Risalvato: “The small business members that operate NJ’s Gasoline Service Stations recognize the difference in the business climate today in comparison to the dreadful climate that existed 7 years ago. I was especially appreciative that today Governor Christie recognized the importance of Lieutenant Governor Guadagno’s effort as the Chair of the Red Tape Review Commission to help create a better business climate in NJ. Together their efforts have really paid off. Thankfully Governor Christie recognized how difficult it was to operate a business in NJ when he took office. He made it a priority to change that, and as he mentioned in today’s press conference, he tasked the Lieutenant Governor with “Improving the NJ Business Climate” as her number one goal. My members can attest that clearly they made great progress towards achieving their goal.” (Statement, 5/22/17)

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