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Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie today released the following statement on the passing of former State Senator Raymond Bateman:

"We extend our deepest condolences today to the family of former State Senator Raymond Bateman on his passing.

"He was a lifelong New Jerseyan and a loyal representative of the people. He served our state as Majority Leader in the General Assembly, Senate President, Acting Governor, Chairman of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority and as the Republican nominee for Governor in 1977. In all of those roles he exemplified honesty, integrity and dignity. He was the father of New Jersey's county college system. He was a model public servant and an icon of the New Jersey Republican Party.

"The state will miss his selfless service and his family will miss their patriarch. He is a great example of a life well lived. Mary Pat and I extend to the Batemans, on behalf of all New Jerseyans who benefitted from Senator Ray Bateman's service, our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time."

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