

Governor Phil Murphy

Statement by Governor Murphy on the Passing of AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka

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"I am shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of my friend, AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka. America's and New Jersey's working families have lost one of their most steadfast and dedicated allies. Organized labor has lost one of its most powerful voices.

"I was honored that Rich served on my Restart and Recovery Commission, ensuring that the needs of working families and union members would not be overlooked as we worked to reopen our economy after the early and darkest days of the pandemic. But, even more, I was proud to have his support as our administration restored the historic seat at the table for organized labor.

"I will direct all flags across New Jersey to fly at half-staff in his honor and memory. Tammy and I send our deepest condolences to his wife, Barbara, and son, Richard – and to his entire New Jersey State AFL-CIO family. We have lost a good man, and I know we will feel his spirit as we continue our work for a stronger and fairer New Jersey that works for every family."

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