



What They Are Saying ...

“College Pathway Opens for N.J. Dreamers”

Governor Christie’s Approval Of The Tuition Equality Act Is “A Big Step Forward”

HISPANIC COMMUNITY LEADERS

Frank Argote-Freyre, President of the Latino Action Network: “This is a wonderful day for DREAMers in New Jersey and we are proud to be part of this historic moment.” (Press Release, 12/19/13)

Rev. Gabriel Salguero, President of the National Latino Evangelical Coalition: “This is a Christmas present for young promising immigrants.” (Press Release, 12/19/13)

- “Governor Christie’s endorsement of an in-state tuition bill for promising young people is just one example of what can be done when leadership is committed to laws that solve problems.”
- “[T]he leadership shown in New Jersey paves the way for a common-sense federal immigration bill.”

Martin Perez, Esq., President of the Latino Leadership Alliance of New Jersey: “We extend our gratitude to Governor Christie for keeping his word and commitment to the Latino community...” (Press Release, 12/19/13)

- “New Jersey is a better state thanks to ...you”

Carlos Medina, Esq., Chairman of the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey: “It is a brave move...” (Press Release, 12/19/13)

- “I would like to Thank the Governor for keeping his ...promise...”

The National Coalition of Latino Officers: “Governor Christie and the New Jersey legislature have once again shown America how to travel on the “Boulevard called Compromise” (Press Release, 12/19/13)

- “Governor Chris Christie ...is sincere when he speaks of befriending Hispanics.”

The Puerto Rican Congress of NJ, Inc.: “We praise the Governor for the foresight and commitment to making this dream come true...” (Press Release, 12/19/13)

- “Providing in state tuition ...is the ‘fair and just’ thing to do”

Rev. Joshua Rodriguez, Vice-President of the National Latino Evangelical Coalition: “The legislation ...represents real progress on an issue that Washington has left unresolved for too long.” (Press Release, 12/19/13)

Rev. Miguel Rivera, President of the National Coalition of Latino Clergy & Christian Leaders: “Governor Christie is a servant of a true democracy and leader of high integrity that always comes forward strong with the truth and in the best interest of our community.” (Press Release, 12/19/13)

- “Latino Christian Pastors around the Nation will remember Governor's Christie's actions...”

Rev. Jose C. Lopez, President of the Evangelical Pastors Association of Hudson County: “New Jersey is yet another example of a state taking the initiative to make education an accessible reality for youngsters...” (Press Release, 12/19/13)

- “This law is a measure that will benefit the state's economy, local communities, and most importantly, the hard working and tax paying families of these young New Jerseyans.”
- “We thank Gov. Christie for his leadership and longstanding commitment to serving, empowering and honoring our communities by way of his exemplary service.”

DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATORS

Senator Teresa Ruiz (D): “I am overwhelmed with joy. When you think about opportunities and the American dream and why almost all of our parents moved to this country, you think about the possibilities that this bill will unfold for many of the ...students who are here today.” (Press Conference, 12/19/13)

- “[T]he policy that New Jersey will undertake today will open the doors for equality and fairness for children who don't know home anywhere else but in this great Garden State.”

Senate President Steve Sweeney (D) and Senator Teresa Ruiz (D): “This is a victory for children who have grown up in our state, attended our schools and have asked only for the same opportunity as their peers to get a higher education, so they can do better for themselves and their families than the generations that came before them.” (Press Release, ‘Ruiz-Sweeney Statement on DREAM Act,’ 12/19/13)

Senator Sandra Cunningham (D): “This piece of legislation is important because we talk about, I talk about as well second chances for people. Well this bill gives people a chance. It gives our young people a chance to go to school and make their dreams come true ... be productive citizens and to do wonderful and great things for our state.” (Press Conference, 12/19/13)

Senator Nellie Pou (D): “We are taking a tremendous step forward in providing higher education access in New Jersey.” (Press Release, 12/19/13)

Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttie (D): “This bill is the only way we can help alleviate some of the financial burden faced by these students.” (Press Release, 12/19/13)

NEWSMAKERS

National Journal's Fusion: “College Pathway Opens for New Jersey Dreamers” (Jordan Fabian, “College Pathway Opens for New Jersey Dreamers,” [Fusion](#), 12/19/13)

The Star-Ledger: “[T]his is a big step forward.” (Editorial, “Christie's half-equity on tuitions,” [The Star-Ledger](#), 12/20/13)

Time's Mark Haleprin: “One thing I think people love about Chris Christie, and he did it in this case, is he really does just decide what he thinks is the right thing to do and defend and explain it. ... I just think for him, when he does what he thinks is right, he can defend it that way. He's very strong when he does that.” (MSNBC, 12/20/13)

Washington Post's Jennifer Rubin: “New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie reminded the media and conservative activists that compromise doesn't mean giving the store away.” (Jennifer Rubin, “Christie's immigration compromise,” [Washington Post – Right Turn](#), 12/20/13)

- “Christie is racking up win after win in New Jersey...”