

# What They Are Saying About The Bipartisan Economic Opportunity Act

*“Vital For Job Creation”; “Makes New Jersey A More Attractive Place To Relocate”; “Ensures That Good-Paying Jobs Remain Here”*

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## LEGISLATORS

**Senate President Steve Sweeney (D-Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem):** “I am proud of this legislation to help small and mid-sized businesses take advantage of state programs and incentives. This law will help create jobs and generate long-term growth throughout New Jersey, by consolidating and enhancing state incentive programs.” (Press Release, “Sweeney Statement on ‘NJ Economic Opportunity Act’ Becoming Law,” 9/18/13)

**Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver (D- Essex, Passaic):** “There can be ideological and philosophical difference with a lot of things, but one thing is certain: jobs and job creation represent the best kind of social program that government can stand up and support...I too would like to thank the sponsors of this legislation in both the Senate and the Assembly, the Governor’s office who worked with us in tandem for over 14 months to make this day possible.” (Press Conference, 9/18/13)

- ...”this is a win-win for you and the communities in which you live.”

**Senator Shirley K. Turner (D-Mercer, Hunterdon):** “Today’s signing of the New Jersey Economic Opportunity Act of 2013 means a new day for Trenton. The new law will help generate much-needed jobs for the residents of the Capital City.” (Press Release, “Turner Statement on Governor’s Signing Of The New Jersey Economic Opportunity Act of 2013,” 9/18/13)

- “...I applaud the Governor for working with us on crafting a bill that will help create jobs and stimulate development in Trenton.”

**Senator Donald Norcross (D-Camden, Gloucester):** “This could not come at a better time for New Jersey.” (Press Release, “Norcross Statement On Economic Opportunity Act Signing,” 9/18/13)

**Senator Bob Gordon (D-Bergen, Passaic):** “[W]e are creating a smarter and more effective approach to attracting companies to New Jersey and ensuring that good-paying jobs remain here. (Press Release, “Gordon Hails Signing of Economic Opportunity Act,” 9/18/13)

- “This will create new jobs, while generating economic activity that will contribute to local tax revenues and the overall financial well-being of the state.”

**Senator Steven Oroho (R-Sussex, Warren, Morris):** “This act streamlines the state’s business incentive programs enhancing the opportunity for companies across the state to take advantage of tax breaks and job creation programs, and increasing New Jersey’s ability to induce new capital investment and grow job.” (Press Release, “Oroho: Economic Opportunity Act Enhances Business Growth, Job Creation,” 9/18/13)

- “Under the leadership of Governor Christie and with bipartisan support for recent tax policy changes, we have begun to reverse some of the negative impact of previous tax and spend governance that chased capital investment away from our state.”

**Senator Joe Kyrillos (R-Monmouth):** “We came together; we compromised to create more opportunities for New Jersey families. This should be the bridge to comprehensive tax reform that New Jerseyans have been waiting on for far too long.” (Press Release, “Economic Opportunity Act’ Sponsor Kyrillos: This Should Bridge the Gap to Comprehensive Tax Reform,” 9/18/13)

**Assemblyman Benjie E. Wimberly (D-Passaic, Bergen):** “This law will streamline our existing laws to help lift our economy by attracting more businesses to the state and retaining the ones that are already here to create more jobs and keep the jobs we have, right here in New Jersey.” (Press Release, “Wimberly: Signage of “New Jersey Economic Opportunity Act of 2013” will Help Create Jobs, Boost NJ’s Sluggish Economy,” 9/18/13)

- “This law will help create opportunities that will help us better compete against our neighboring states, and provide much needed relief to residents who have been struggling to make ends meet.”

**Assemblyman Ruben J. Ramos Jr. (D-Hudson):** “This is a big step in the right direction toward New Jersey creating more jobs and economic growth.” (Press Release, “Ramos’ ‘New Jersey Economic Opportunity Act’ Signed into Law,” 9/18/13)

- “This law represents a comprehensive overhaul of the state’s economic incentive programs, and should go a long way toward creating more jobs and sparking economic growth throughout our state, including places that haven’t seen strong economic activity in years.”

**Assemblyman Paul Moriarty (D-Gloucester, Camden):** “This is an outstanding day for New Jersey and our ongoing effort to create jobs and spark economic growth. (Press Release, “Moriarty’s ‘New Jersey Economic Opportunity Act’ Signed into Law,” 9/18/13)

- “This is a sweeping revamp of the state’s economic development incentives...”
- “[W]hen all is said and done, the effect of these changes to our economic incentive programs will be felt in all regions of the state. That’s great news for our economy – and our residents.”

**Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-Mercer, Hunterdon):** “[T]his law that I sponsored will mean good things for Trenton, so I’m pleased to see it signed today.” (Press Release, “Watson Coleman Bill to Boost Trenton Job Creation & Economic Development Signed into Law,” 9/18/13)

- This sweeping revamp of the state’s economic incentive program is something we can all embrace...”

**Assemblyman Troy Singleton (D-Burlington):** “This is vital for job creation....”

**Assemblyman Herb Conaway, Jr. (D-Burlington):** “This law will allow us to increase the ability of existing New Jersey businesses, including small and mid-size companies, to use these economic development tools to expand their business and create and retain New Jersey jobs” (Press Release, “Singleton & Conaway Comprehensive Economic Opportunity Act Signed Into Law,” 9/18/13)

**Assemblyman Anthony M. Bucco (R-Morris, Somerset):** “Streamlining the programs that are designed to retain and create jobs, as well as spur investment in our state, will make it easier to grow our economy”

**Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (R-Union, Morris, Somerset):** “This important bipartisan legislation simplifies several of the state’s business incentive programs under one umbrella, which is a common sense way to make New Jersey a more business-friendly state. (Press Release, “Bramnick New Jersey Economic Opportunity Act now Law, 9/18/13)

- “The new law will help create jobs across our state.”
- “Governor Christie has been a leader in the effort to improve the state’s economy.”

## **BUSINESS LEADERS**

**New Jersey Business & Industry Association President Philip Kirschner:** “This new law levels the playing field between New Jersey and states across the region and nation vying for jobs and private-sector investment.” (Press Release, “NJBIA Applauds Enactment of the Economic Opportunity Act,” 9/18/13)

- “By working together, Governor Christie and the Legislature are demonstrating to businesses across the nation that they can work in a bipartisan manner to strengthen New Jersey’s economy. The Economic Opportunity Act is the

latest in a long line of accomplishments over the past four years, including regulatory reforms and business tax cuts, that will continue to make New Jersey a better place to do business.”

- “Our state officials have demonstrated in recent years that when it comes to strengthening the economy and creating jobs, they can put politics aside.”

**New Jersey Chamber of Commerce:** “This legislation is very good news for those who care about the New Jersey economy because it is specifically designed to grow jobs and motivate companies to expand in the Garden State.” (“Tax incentives overhaul arguments: More subsidies, or more opportunities,” PolitickerNJ, 9/18/13)

- “In short, it makes New Jersey a more attractive place to relocate and expand in an age when other states are competing for the same companies.”