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### What They're Saying: Volume 3:

*'The sales tax cut will help residents keep more of their money and ultimately put more back into our economy, helping us build a stronger New Jersey.'*

**Burlington County Regional Chamber of Commerce President Kristie Howell:** "The sales tax cut will help residents keep more of their money and ultimately put more back into our economy, helping us build a stronger New Jersey. Residents have long been fleeing our state to avoid the estate tax. This bold move will keep some of our residents in the state during their retirement years. We applaud the Governor for these bold moves to improve the economic viability of our great state." (Statement, 10/6/16)

**Meadowlands Regional Chamber CEO Jim Kirkos:** "The Governor's bipartisan agreement to fund the Transportation Trust Fund by also balancing a sales tax reduction with the elimination of the estate tax proves there are solutions to address critical issues facing New Jersey. Investing in our infrastructure will have a positive return on investment for all residents in NJ and the corresponding tax reductions make us more competitive with our neighboring states." (Statement, 10/6/16)

**South Jersey Building Trades President Will Pauls:** "South Jersey's tourism-based economy relies upon our roads and bridges, which are already in desperate need of repair or replacement, to transport millions of visitors to and from the shore. Without the bipartisan work between Governor Christie, Senate President Sweeney, and Speaker Prieto to replenish the Transportation Trust Fund, New Jersey would lose out on billions of dollars in matching federal funds which would mean even higher property taxes and more of our friends and neighbors out of work." (Statement, 10/6/16)

**African American Chamber of Commerce President John Harmon:** "This is the type of leadership that taxpayers appreciate, which produces outcomes that will positively affect all New Jerseyans. Specifically, monies dedicated to improving New Jersey's infrastructure, the elimination of the estate tax, increased earned income tax credits, and lower sales taxes; all of which contribute to a more competitive New Jersey." (Statement, 10/6/16)

**NJ Farm Bureau President Ryck Suydam:** "New Jersey is one of only two states that imposes both an inheritance tax and Estate Tax. New Jersey family farms and family farmers in the past have been in jeopardy because of the current level of the estate tax. It is about time New Jersey gets in a fair playing field with our neighboring states to help our family farms and farmers. The eventual elimination of the estate tax would help preserve New Jersey family farms and New Jersey farmers" (Statement 10/6/16)

**Somerset County Freeholder Brian Levine, CPA:** "New Jersey has an overly burdensome inheritance and estate tax system – it is badly in need of reform. Middle class residents and their families, especially those with small businesses, have been hurt by this tax; I have seen this first-hand on innumerable occasions over the years as a practicing CPA with a varied clientele. Reducing and eliminating these tax assessments will keep

residents from fleeing our state, reduce the tax burden on middle class New Jerseyans, and contribute to our state economy in a positive way. We cannot afford not to change the status quo." (Statement, 10/6/16)

**Morris County Chamber of Commerce President Paul Boudreau:** "The estate tax phase-out and other tax changes in this agreement will help us retain our citizens. New Jersey will see long term benefits in additional tax revenue and job creation." (Statement, 10/6/16)

**Somerset County Business Partnership President Michael Kerwin:** "Currently, our residents are leaving at a historic rate, and by supporting the phase out of the estate tax, Somerset County residents will be more likely to remain and retire in New Jersey." (Statement, 10/5/16)

**Sussex County Surrogate Gary Chiusano:** "We need to encourage, entice and enable retirees to remain in New Jersey by reducing state taxes on their retirement income and eliminating the New Jersey estate tax. When these residents leave New Jersey, they take their spending power, capital and even their charitable donations to another state. Thanks to the hard work of Senator Oroho and a compromise between Governor Christie and the Legislature, this bipartisan proposal contains tax cuts that will help retirees stay in New Jersey." (Statement 10/6/16)

**Sussex County Freeholder Rich Vohden, US Army Combat Engineer 1955-1958:** "It is good to hear this compromise plan contains an income tax cut for veterans and will result in an income tax reduction for 90 percent of senior citizens. Our veterans sacrificed to serve our state and our nation, and our seniors worked hard their entire life. They deserve to be part of the tax relief conversation in Trenton. I commend Senator Oroho, Governor Christie, and the Legislature for reaching a bipartisan agreement that funds our roads and cuts taxes." (Statement, 10/6/16)

**Roselle Park Mayor Carl Hokanson, Corporal USMC 1969-1971:** "I welcome the news of tax cuts for New Jersey's veterans as part of the Transportation Trust Fund agreement. Our state's veterans served us, and we should take every opportunity to provide them with tax relief to make New Jersey more affordable." (Statement, 10/5/16)

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