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Mayors Across New Jersey Give Governor Christie's Sick Pay Reform Two Thumbs Up!

"As a Democrat, I've been encouraged by the bipartisan progress made by the state legislature and the Christie administration. I encourage my fellow Democrats to keep working in a bipartisan manner and pass the Governor's sick and vacation pay reforms so New Jersey municipalities can deliver significant savings to constituents."

- Mayor Dawn Zimmer, Hoboken (D)

"The taxpayers of New Jersey deserve property tax relief and if Trenton Democrats passed the remaining items of the Governor's 'tool kit' reforms, relief would be on the horizon. First on the list should be the Governor's common sense reforms to end sick pay abuses."

- Mayor John Gentless, Stratford (R)

"One year ago today, Republicans and Democrats in Trenton came together and passed Governor Christie's interest arbitration reform that helped me control spending in Toms River. Now it's time for sick and vacation pay reforms. Each day that passes, another expense is added to my town's already strained budget and the taxpayers of Toms River deserve relief now."

- Mayor Thomas Kelaher, Toms River (R)

"Governor Christie's reforms are providing local officials with the tools we need to control spending and our residents' property taxes. Trenton Democrats must enact the Governor's sick pay reforms, which will save Harrison millions. These savings can then be passed along to deliver needed relief."

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-Mayor Raymond McDonough, Harrison (D)

"Sick day payouts are forcing towns to borrow millions of dollars which further strains already strapped town budgets. The Legislature must pass Governor Christie's sick pay reforms before another town has to borrow millions more to cover these costs."

- Mayor Russell Litchult, Waldwick (C)

"Governor Christie has made real progress for New Jersey families and it is time for Trenton Democrats to continue that work and pass the Governor's sick and vacation pay reforms."

-Mayor John Hipp, Rutherford (R)

"When long-overdue interest arbitration reform was signed by Governor Christie, Trenton demonstrated that bipartisan legislation is possible. Now it's time for those same Trenton Democrats to pass sick and vacation pay reform. This mis-use of funds is costing our taxpayers millions of dollars each year and we must act now to stop it."

-Mayor Jim Rilee, Roxbury (R)

"I support Governor Christie's initiative to reform sick pay and hope our Legislators will also. By working together earlier this year, the Governor and our Legislature have already enabled towns such as Alpine to control better some of the major expenses which drive up property taxes. We need more such cooperation now on this. "

-Mayor Paul Tomasko, Alpine (D)

"My town is on the hook for \$6,104,782.00 in accumulated sick and vacation days and the taxpayers of Middletown cannot afford this outrageous perk. The Legislature must pass Governor Christie's reforms now."

-Mayor Tony Fiore, Middletown (R)

"Accumulated sick and vacation day payouts are costing taxpayers millions of dollars every year and every year those costs are added onto property tax bills. Mayors from every corner of New Jersey are supporting Governor Christie's reforms and demanding action from the Legislature now."

-Mayor Joseph Kuehner, Egg Harbor City (D)

"Sick Leave and vacation payouts cost New Jerseyans \$43 million in 2010, that's \$43 million too much. Governor Christie has proposed to end the rampant abuse but the Legislature has dragged its feet in acting on real reform. As the Mayor of Manalapan, I demand an end to this practice now, in order to protect our local taxpayers. It is time for the Democrats in the Legislature to act. "

-Mayor Andrew Lucas, Manalapan (R)

"In the last month, over 230 Mayors came together in a bipartisan manner to support Governor Christie's sick pay reforms that would end this wasteful practice for good. I hope that the Legislature joins me and my colleagues in supporting the Governor's proposal to end sick and vacation day payouts."

-Mayor Robert Walsh, Howell (R)

“Governor Christie’s pension reform bill from the past year will provide our community’s property taxpayers with a \$718,000 overall pension savings in our upcoming budget, which will greatly assist in mitigating the other rising costs for our local government. If the Legislature enacts the Governor’s sick and vacation pay reforms for local government employees, it will help to provide additional relief for our local budget, and other towns across the state.”

-Mayor John F. Bencivengo, Hamilton, Mercer County (R)

“Under Governor Christie’s leadership, critical reforms have been enacted that have provided cities and towns the necessary tools to control spending on a local level. But as Mayor, I need sick and vacation pay reform. Residents of Perth Amboy should not be forced to pay for accumulated sick and vacation days when they are already struggling to makes ends meet.”

-Mayor Wilda Diaz, Perth Amboy (D)

“Republicans and Democrats have made significant progress under Governor Christie’s leadership. Bold reforms and legislation has been enacted to help Mayors control property taxes across New Jersey but there is a glaring exception: sick and vacation pay reform. I hope the Legislature will finally enact the Governor’s proposal. “

-Mayor Michael Beck, Lower Township (I)

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