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Where Are They Now?

As The Legislature's Delay In Taking Up Ethics Reform Reaches 741 Days, We Get A Little Nostalgic For An Earlier Time, A Simpler Time, When Democrats Seemed Willing To Take Up The Cause

"Ethics reform in New Jersey has been a patchwork of half measures that failed to be fair and uniform, left gaping loopholes for special interests to maneuver through and fell far short of what the public demands... These measures are about good, open and honest government, where the playing field is level for everyone and the rules are unambiguous."

– Governor Chris Christie Proposes Rigorous Ethics Reforms Package, Press Release, September 8, 2010

Senate President Steve Sweeney (D-Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland)



"The Governor's proposals will be thoroughly reviewed and discussed by the caucus. At first read, there appear to be areas of likely agreement." (Sweeney: 'Responsive

Government– Not Applause From Fawning, Hand-Picked Crowds – Should Be Our Goal', [NJ Senate Democrats](#), 9/8/11)

Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg (D-Bergen)



"New Jersey's taxpayers pay a premium for the backroom deals and favor-trading inherent in the practice of pay-to-play. We need to end this blight on government in New Jersey, in addition to creating more openness and transparency in government operations and campaign finance." (Weinberg Letter to Governor on Ethics Reform: 'Work With Us For Good Government', [NJ Senate Democrats](#), 12/13/10)

"Whether it's tighter restrictions on pay to play, greater oversight and public scrutiny over spending, greater disclosure of income for policymakers or more public reporting of campaign spending, these are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the necessary ethics reforms that will drastically change this state's culture of corruption." (Loretta Weinberg, "Opinion: Governor's Reform Agenda Just The Starting Point", [The Record](#), 9/21/10)

Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle (D-Bergen)



"In any economy, waste and abuse are intolerable, but now more than ever we need to ensure that taxpayer dollars are being maximized in the most efficient manner." (Assembly Democrats, "Weinberg, Johnson & Vainieri Huttle Urge Christie To Hold Town Hall Meeting In Hackensack To Discuss Ethics Reform," [Press Release](#), 9/27/11)

Assembly Majority Conference Leader Gordon Johnson (D-Bergen)



"A great deal of taxpayer money is spent at the local level. Residents deserve to know that the strictest measures are in place to protect their hard-earned dollars from waste and abuse." (Assembly Democrats, "Weinberg, Johnson & Vainieri Huttle Urge Christie To Hold Town Hall Meeting In Hackensack To Discuss Ethics Reform," [Press Release](#), 9/27/11)

Senator Linda Greenstein (D-Mercer/Middlesex), Assemblymen Wayne DeAngelo (D-Mercer) and Daniel Benson (D-Mercer)



"We all know there is still work to be done to ensure that government at all levels operates to the highest standards of openness and accountability. Local officials already have the tools at the ready to do what's right by their taxpayers. We remain committed to working on a bipartisan basis to tighten the law." ("Greenstein,

DeAngelo & Benson Call For Local Officials To Close Pay-To-Play Loopholes," [PolitickerNJ](#), 9/16/11)

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