

Senate President Steve Sweeney
Third Legislative District

Senator Steve Sweeney has served as President of the New Jersey Senate since 2010. He has been a leader on actions that address the most important state issues in New Jersey, passing laws to increase the minimum wage, allowing Paid Family Leave, establishing marriage equality, setting a two-percent cap on annual property tax increases, and promoting equal educational opportunity for all of our college students through the Dream Act. For New Jersey's public schools, he led the effort to bring every school district to full funding and he successfully negotiated the largest increase in school funding since 2008.

Senator Sweeney has fought to create jobs and to expand economic opportunity for everyone. He sponsored bills to provide economic incentives for job creation, job training for the unemployed and to restore tax cuts for the working poor. Recognizing the importance of transportation infrastructure to the state's economy, our quality of life and our future, he was a leader on renewing funding for the Transportation Trust Fund. He continues to work to make college more affordable and to reduce college debt for New Jersey's students and middle-class families. He fought for workers' pensions by passing a law ensuring that the state makes quarterly pension payments. He also championed legislation authorizing the state to use an innovative reverse auction system to choose its prescription benefits manager, a reform that will save the state \$1.6 billion over the next 3 years.

Senator Sweeney has taken a leading role in promoting property tax relief and making government operate more effectively and more efficiently. He also helped build schools for special needs children, established parks for children with disabilities, and created a statewide registry of offenders who abused individuals with developmental disabilities.

Senator Sweeney has represented the Third Legislative District since 2002.

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