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## AFT on Re-election of NJ Sen. Steve Sweeney

**WASHINGTON**—AFT President Randi Weingarten on the re-election of New Jersey Senate President Steve Sweeney:

"AFT members—K-12 educators; college professors, adjunct faculty and staff; and nurses and healthcare professionals—worked hard side by side others in the labor movement to re-elect Steve Sweeney, who for years has served as a check on the Christie administration and a champion for working people. With Phil Murphy in the governor's office and Sweeney leading the state Senate, we have a shot at advancing an agenda in New Jersey that invests in the great neighborhood public schools all children deserve, high-quality and affordable healthcare, and good jobs that deliver economic security to working people. And we can put an end to the divisive politics we've faced in this state under the Christie administration."

AFT New Jersey President Donna M. Chiera on Sen. Sweeney's re-election:

"Congratulations to Senate President Steve Sweeney and to voters who rejected the politics of division and realized the strength of their current representation. AFT New Jersey has been privileged to work with Sen. Sweeney in standing up for education and labor, and we were proud to endorse his re-election so we could continue building a state where working-family values are the top priority."

Health Professionals and Allied Employees President Ann Twomey on Sen. Sweeney's re-election:

"Sen. Sweeney has been a true and consistent advocate for healthcare workers and the community. This electoral victory is well-earned."

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