

YOUR MONTHLY UPDATE FROM TRENTON

FOR NEW JERSEY'S THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



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Help for the Homeless

Legislation authored by Senate President Steve Sweeney to expand housing aid for vulnerable families and individuals who face imminent threat of becoming homeless has advanced. The bill offers food and clothing, as well as temporary rental assistance or mortgage payments to keep people housed and utility payments to keep them warm.

“My goal all along has been to provide assistance to those who are living on the edge and facing the imminent threat of being forced onto the streets,” said **Senate President Sweeney**. “This assistance

can be a lifeline for the most vulnerable members of our communities who are experiencing hard times that make it all but impossible for them to meet basic needs, including food and shelter.”

The legislation provides provisions for the most fragile populations – including those suffering from abuse, addiction, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, mental illness or other disabilities, and the chronically unemployed, who are likely to go through cycles of homelessness.

Saluting Those Who Serve



Senate President Sweeney recently honored the American Red Cross, New Jersey Region, for its service to the people of New Jersey.

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Senate President Sweeney hosted a daylong public hearing on the State's budget plan for the coming year at Salem Community College in Carneys Point. Dozens of constituents, groups, and organizations shared their testimony.

“This public hearing provided a forum for a broad cross section of individuals and organizations to give voice to the budget priorities that they believe are important to New Jersey,” said **Senator Sweeney**. “We have to continue to make the reforms that will allow for investments that address the needs of the people, that make New Jersey a more affordable place to live and that ensure that government operates efficiently and effectively.”

The public participants spoke about the need for continued increases in education aid, Pre-K, higher education, responsible management of the pension system, support for transportation infrastructure, job training programs and services that care for the most vulnerable.

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