

YOUR MONTHLY UPDATE FROM TRENTON

FOR NEW JERSEY'S THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



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SWEENEY, BURZICHELLI & TALIAFERRO CONTINUE FIGHT FOR CONSTITUENTS IMPACTED BY COVID-19

Senate President Steve Sweeney, Deputy Speaker John Burzichelli, and Assemblyman Adam Taliaferro continue to explore and support legislative relief for Third District constituents who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic:

- ◇ Senate President Sweeney reached an [agreement](#) with other state leaders on a comprehensive economic recovery package that will support small businesses and drive sustainable economic growth, targeting historically underserved communities that have also been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The plan will also help attract more high-growth businesses to the Garden State and provide additional support to small businesses during this unprecedented time.
- ◇ Senate President Sweeney expressed renewed hope as federal lawmakers reached a bipartisan deal on a COVID-19 relief package. Sweeney previously [shared optimism](#) that Congress would reach a comprehensive agreement, which Sweeney said is critical to New Jersey's recovery from the economic and fiscal impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

"New Jersey truly needs this stimulus relief from the federal government because a lot of small businesses stayed alive only because of the Payroll Protection Plan loans, and they are desperately relying on this new round of relief," said
Senator Sweeney.

- ◇ Senator Sweeney and Assemblyman Taliaferro touted recently-passed [legislation](#) to encourage the production of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by New Jersey firms and to protect businesses forced into layoffs by pandemic shutdowns from large Unemployment Insurance rate increases. Sweeney and Taliaferro were the featured speakers at the Salem County Chamber of Commerce's Government Relations & Economic Development Committee's Virtual Luncheon.

"The economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic has caused businesses to miss out on significant amounts of revenue, hurting many of our businesses here in Salem County. We are working hard to fix our state's finances and pursue creative solutions to make government more efficient at both the state and local government level to hold down taxes for businesses and individuals," said
Assemblyman Taliaferro.

COVID-19 Related News

- ▶ New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development sends [\\$1.3 billion in FEMA benefits](#) to 817,000 New Jersey Workers, offers new round of payments as state [distributes nearly \\$20 billion](#) in benefits so far
- ▶ **Burzichelli [legislation](#)** seeking a more localized approach to managing the spread of the virus that would require the creation of a county-based mitigation plan to allow businesses and services to operate based on area COVID-19 cases during the pandemic passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SWEENEY, BURZICHELLI, AND TALIAFERRO ANNOUNCE \$6+ MILLION IN GRANT AWARDS FOR DISTRICT 3 ROAD PROJECTS

Cumberland County:

* [\\$948,540](#)

Gloucester County:

* [\\$3,321,904](#)

Salem County:

* [\\$1,744,617](#)



Legislative News and Notes



Sweeney and Taliaferro farmland preservation [legislation](#) that would appropriate \$11.5 million to the State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants passed the New Jersey Senate.

Sweeney [legislation](#) to promote the purchase of American-made steel and iron products by state entities was approved by the Senate, giving a boost to efforts to promote the use of domestically manufactured products. The bill is intended to boost job creation by ensuring that, whenever possible, tax dollars are spent on goods made in the United States by American workers.



Acting to protect diabetes patients from extensive medical costs, the Senate approved a [bill](#) sponsored by Senate President Sweeney that would require health insurers to limit copayments for insulin.