



**GREATER  
ATLANTIC CITY  
CHAMBER**

June 21, 2017

The Honorable Vincent Prieto  
1 Harmon Plaza, Suite 205  
Secaucus, NJ 07094

Dear Speaker Prieto:

Re: Assembly Bill A4927

On behalf of the members of the Greater Atlantic City Chamber, we wish to formally advise you of our opposition to Assembly Bill A4927.

The Chamber represents over 700 member companies, many of which are small businesses. If approved, the legislation would substantially increase costs, especially to small business.

As things stand now we are not competitive with our neighboring state of Pennsylvania, which does not offer paid family leave at all. Substantially increasing our paid family leave benefit will make us even less competitive as our small businesses continue to struggle with high taxes and a lack of affordability.

New Jersey is one of only three states who have a paid family leave benefit. The others are Rhode Island and California, in addition to the District of Columbia. New Jersey is one of only six states that even have temporary disability.

New Jersey cannot afford to become less affordable for small business. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph D. Kelly, President

c: Governor's Office  
Senate President Stephen Sweeney  
Senator Jim Whelan, Assemblyman Chris Brown, Assemblyman Vincent Mazzeo,  
Senator Jeff Van Drew, Assemblyman Bob Andrzejczak, Assemblyman Bruce Land  
Senator Chris Connors, Assemblywoman DiAnne Gove, Assemblyman Brian Rumpf  
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