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ACTION ALERT

ISSUE: S-1872(Lesniak, Kean)/A-2810(Fuentes, De Croce) – the Opportunity Scholarship Act remains in the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee in the Senate. However, a favorable action took place on June 24 with the referral of the bill from the Assembly Education Committee to the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee. The hope is that this bill will have a better chance of success in the Committee.

OUR POSITION: The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families support the bill and have worked consistently for its passage.

ACTION: Please maintain the following steps with respect to the passage of the bill:

1. Continue to Email, call, and visit the offices of the members of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee (see attached list). Also please ask Senator Paul Sarlo, Chair of the Committee to schedule the bill for a hearing and a vote in his committee.
2. Call your Senator regarding the legislation and indicate your support for S-1872. Ask that your Senator speak with his or her colleagues on the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee indicating that this is an important bill for your Senator's constituents.
3. Email, call, or visit the members of the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee (see attached list) to express your support for A-2810. Ask Assemblyman Albert Coutinho to schedule the bill for a hearing and vote.
4. Call the members of the New Jersey Assembly in your own district to ask for their support for A-2810. Ask them to speak with their colleagues on the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee to express their support.

You may also use the New Jersey Catholic Conference Capwiz system which may be accessed at:

<http://www.capwiz.com/njcathconf/home/>

This Alert should continue with contact being made on a regular basis, even during the time when the legislature is not in session this summer. Please pass this on to several of your relatives, friends, and neighbors to ask for their support as well.

Thank you for your immediate cooperation with this request.

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Diocese of Paterson, Diocese of Trenton, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic and
Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac Catholic Diocese