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ACTION ALERT

ISSUE: S1607 (Urban Enterprise Zone Jobs Scholarship Act) is currently in the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee for a vote. Testimony was received from the Committee on June 16, 2008; however, no vote was taken at that time. We are attempting to have the bill voted on at an upcoming session of Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee in early March.

OUR POSITION: The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families have supported S1607/A2897 since its inception. It is a corporate tax credit bill (not a voucher!) which is modeled after a similar bill that has been operating for many years in Pennsylvania. The legislation would offer the opportunity for scholarships for low-income students living in the districts contained in the bill in order for them to attend a participating nonpublic school in their area. Up to 25% of the scholarship funds may be utilized for current nonpublic school students to remain in their nonpublic school of choice.

ACTION: Telephone, Email, fax, or visit the members of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee with respect to S1607. Ask them to vote favorably on the bill and release it for a full Senate vote. Talking points are attached for your review with respect to this bill. Although no Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee member's vote should be taken for granted, please place particular emphasis on contact with Senators Sarlo, Vitale, Sweeney, Ruiz, Cunningham, and Redd.

*For those who prefer, the Capwiz link is provided for
a simplified way to express your message of support for S1607/A289*

<http://capwiz.com/njsca/home/>

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE FOR CONTACT INFORMATION

**WE ALSO ASK THAT YOU EXTEND THIS ALERT TO
AS MANY MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY AS POSSIBLE.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE COOPERATION

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