PENPAC ENDORSES PRO-BUSINESS PRO-JOB CANDIDATES

The Private Enterprise Political Action Committee (PENPAC) today announced its endorsements of pro-business candidates seeking state Senate and General Assembly seats in districts throughout New Jersey. PENPAC also endorsed Governor Chris Christie and Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno to another four year term.

The endorsements reflect a cross-section of candidates -incumbents, challengers, Democrats, and Republicans -who are committed to working to improve the business climate in New Jersey with the goal of creating private sector jobs.

“Our board of trustees was impressed by these candidates. They understand our philosophy and they want to create private sector jobs, lower taxes, eliminate burdensome regulations and rein in government to make New Jersey more competitive,” said Tomi Gerber, chairwoman of PENPAC, which is affiliated with the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey.

Each of the candidates who received PENPAC’s support responded to a survey asking for their views on issues critical to New Jersey’s economic growth, such as taxes, transportation, health care, education and energy. The decisions of the PENPAC trustees were also based on the candidates’ voting records and one-on-one interviews.

PENPAC was established more than 30 years ago. Its mission is to encourage and support candidates willing to serve as business advocates in Trenton. State government is the focus of PENPAC since it regulations and policies can have a direct effect on whether or not a business succeeds in New Jersey.

The candidates endorsed by PENPAC in the Nov. 5 elections are:

**For Governor and Lieutenant Governor**
The Honorable Chris Christie, R, Governor
The Honorable Kim Guadagno, R, Lt. Governor

**District 1**
Susan Adelizzi-Schmidt, R, Senate
Samuel Fiocchi, R, Assembly
Kristine Gabor, R, Assembly

**District 2**
Frank X. Balles, R, Senate
John F. Amodeo*, R, Assembly
Chris A. Brown*, R, Assembly

**District 3**
Stephen M. Sweeney*, D, Senate
John Burzichelli *, D, Assembly

**District 7**
Diane Allen*, R, Senate
Anthony Ogozalek, R, Assembly
Jeff Banasz, R, Assembly

**District 8**
Dawn Marie Addiego*, R, Senate
Chris Brown*, R, Assembly
Maria Rodriques-Gregg, R, Assembly

**District 9**
Christopher J. Connors*, R, Senate
Brian E. Rumpf*, R, Assembly
DiAnne C. Gove*, R, Assembly

**District 10**
James W. Holzapfel*, R, Assembly
David W. Wolfe*, R, Assembly
Gregory McGuckin*, R, Assembly

**District 11**
Jennifer Beck*, R, Senate
Mary Pat Angelini*, R, Assembly
Caroline Casagrande*, R, Assembly

**District 12**
Samuel D. Thompson*, R, Senate
Ronald S. Dancer*, R, Assembly
Robert Clifton*, R, Assembly

**District 13**
Joseph Kyrillos*, R, Senate
Declan J. O’Scanlon*, R, Assembly
Amy H. Handlin*, R, Assembly

**District 14**
Peter A. Inverso, R, Senate
Ronald Haas, R, Assembly
Steve Cook, R, Assembly

**District 15**
Donald J. Cox, R, Senate
Anthony Giordano, R, Assembly

District 16
Christopher “Kip” Bateman*, R, Senate
Jack Ciattarelli*, R, Assembly
Donna Simon*, R, Assembly

District 17
Upendra Chivukula*, D, Assembly

District 18
David Stahl, R, Senate
Robert A. Bengivenga, R, Assembly
Lisa Goldhamer, R, Assembly

District 19
Robert Luban, R, Senate
Stephanie Ziemba, R, Assembly

District 21
Thomas H. Kean Jr.*, R., Senate
Jon M. Bramnick*, R, Assembly
Nancy Munoz*, R, Assembly

District 22
Robert Sherr, R, Senate
John Campbell, R, Assembly

District 23
Michael J. Doherty*, R, Senate
John DiMaio*, R, Assembly
Erik Peterson*, R, Assembly

District 24
Steven Oroho*, R, Senate
Parker Space*, R, Assembly
Alison McHose*, R, Assembly

District 25
Anthony R. Bucco*, R, Senate
Anthony M. Bucco*, R, Assembly
Michael Patrick Carroll*, R, Assembly

District 26
Joseph Pennacchio*, R, Senate
BettyLou DeCroce*, R, Assembly
Jay Webber*, R, Assembly

**District 27**
Lee S. Holtzman, R, Senate
Laura M. Ali, R, Assembly
Angelo Tedesco, R, Assembly

**District 30**
Robert Singer*, R, Senate
Sean T. Kean*, R, Assembly
David Rible*, R, Assembly

**District 35**
Nellie Pou*, D, Senate

**District 36**
Brian A. Fitzhenry, R, Senate

**District 37**
Paul A. Duggan, R, Senate

**District 38**
Fernando A. Alonso, R, Senate
Joan Fragala, R, Assembly
Joseph J. Scarpa, R, Assembly

**District 39**
Gerald Cardinale*, R, Senate
Holly Schepisi*, R, Assembly
Robert Auth, R, Assembly

**District 40**
Kevin J. O’Toole*, R, Senate
David C. Russo*, R, Assembly
Scott T. Rumana*, R, Assembly

* incumbent