

**GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT UPON SIGNING
SENATE BILL NO. 2839**

Today I am pleased to sign Senate Bill No. 2839, which will provide necessary support for the New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program. I commend the sponsors of this bill for recognizing the importance of investing in the Manufacturing Extension Program, which has shown an 11:1 rate of return on such investments, in addition to creating and saving jobs across New Jersey. The availability of matching federal funds to support entry-level training programs focusing on the underserved, veterans, under-employed, and re-entry workers in diverse areas of manufacturing makes this an even more appealing investment.

As I noted last summer when signing the annual State budget law, I was, and continue to be, very pleased to have reached a comprehensive deal with my partners in the Legislature concerning the State's spending plan for Fiscal Year 2019. Our agreed-upon budget for the year ending at midnight on June 30, 2019, satisfies our shared constitutional obligations to enact a single appropriations law governing overall State spending needs for the year, as determined through the legislative process. See Article VIII, Section 2, Paragraph 2 of the New Jersey Constitution. I am particularly pleased that the Legislature's budget, as enacted, included practically all of the investments in New Jersey's future that I recommended back in March, as well as hundreds of millions of dollars in additional spending to support and sustain important legislative priorities. With this budget, we truly began the collaborative process of building a stronger and fairer New Jersey. Even though this initiative was not included in the Legislature's spending plan in June, I believe it is a worthy addition to the Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

Date: December 17, 2018

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/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Matthew J. Platkin

Chief Counsel to the Governor