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ACTION ALERT

ISSUE: S-543 (Gill & Ruiz) establishes a loan redemption program for teachers under which they are permitted to redeem loan amounts received under the New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students Loan Program by employment in public schools in New Jersey. It does not include nonpublic school teachers.

OUR

POSITION: The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families seeks to include nonpublic school teachers in this loan redemption program.

ACTION: Please contact the Bill's sponsors listed below and ask that they include nonpublic school teachers in this program. Please feel free to use the fact sheet enclosed with this bill to support your position.

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ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF OUR POSITION ON S-543

1. Nonpublic school teachers save the taxpayers of New Jersey millions of dollars by their dedicated commitment to teaching in a nonpublic school.
2. Nonpublic school teachers normally work for a smaller salary than their public school counterparts.
3. The federal Perkins Loan Redemption Program has routinely included nonpublic school teachers since its inception.
4. If we recognize the value of the teaching profession, we should not make nonpublic school teachers second class citizens for the service that they perform to the citizens of New Jersey.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Representing the Archdiocese of Newark, Diocese of Camden, Diocese of Metuchen,
Diocese of Paterson, Diocese of Trenton, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic and
Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac Catholic Diocese