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Safe, secure jobs and a healthy, sustainable environment

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## **Press Statement from the NJ Work Environment Council**

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### **Statement from New Jersey Work Environment Council on the Passing of U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg**

**(TRENTON, NJ) – NJ Work Environment Council Director Rick Engler issued the following statement on learning of the death of U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg:**

“Frank Lautenberg was a powerful champion in our state and nation whose interest was always to protect the health and safety of workers, people, and the public. Despite industry opposition, he successfully won enactment of the federal chemical right to know law, which makes it possible for plant neighbors, emergency responders, and workers to understand the risks of hazardous materials. Since 2011, he has fought for national legislation to ensure that chemical plants, which are vulnerable accidents and terrorist attack, are safer and more secure. This helped promote a safer chemical industry in New Jersey. And this month, he continued efforts to ensure that chemicals could not be marketed unless they could be first proven safe for workers and consumers.

He was a hero for those who advocate for safe and healthy workplaces and communities and he will be deeply missed.

WEC extends our condolences to his wife, his children, and his grandchildren.”

The New Jersey Work Environment Council (WEC) is a statewide alliance of 70 labor, environmental, and community organizations working for safe, secure jobs and healthy, sustainable environment. WEC worked closely with Senator Lautenberg on all the issues noted above.

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