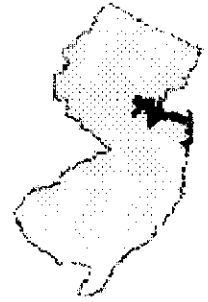




News from
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New Jersey Congressman, Sixth District



**Pallone Works with State Senator Karcher to
Craft Bill to Close Prevailing Wage Loopholes**

Working with the New Jersey Building and Construction Trades, the Monmouth County Building and Construction Trades, other labor leaders and elected officials, U.S. Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. and State Senator Ellen Karcher have crafted legislation that would close loopholes in the current prevailing wage law that allows developers to receive government benefits yet not pay a fair wage to workers.

The legislation, S. 2886, was recently introduced in the New Jersey State Senate by Senator Karcher. If passed, the law would require any developer whose contract receives any public benefit to meet prevailing wage requirements for workers. This legislation is a result of discussions Congressman Pallone has had with local labor leaders regarding construction projects on the Jersey Shore. In response to an inquiry by the Congressman, Commissioner Socolow of the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development indicated that under current law developers were not required to pay locally prevailing wages despite numerous public benefits they had received at the taxpayer's expense.

As this bill progresses in the State Senate, Congressman Pallone and Senator Karcher will continue to work with labor leaders and elected officials from around the state to close these unfair loopholes. Please contact either Congressman Pallone's office at (732) 571-1140 or Senator Karcher's office at (732) 462-8883 with any questions or concerns you may have on this topic.