



**GREATER
ATLANTIC CITY
CHAMBER**

October 28, 2016

The Honorable Chris Christie
State House, PO Box 001
Trenton NJ 08625

Dear Governor Christie,

On behalf of its 700 member companies, the Greater Atlantic City Chamber would like to express its support for S2338.

The bill allows rural development areas zoned for industrial use under the Pinelands Commission comprehensive management plan to be included as areas eligible for incentives under the Grow New Jersey and the Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant programs administered by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

The Chamber has actively advocated for these types of incentives as a means of retaining and expanding legitimate businesses looking to grow. Atlantic County in particular needs to retain such companies as it begins to diversify and strengthen its economy. It is encouraging to note that there are industries that will be able to expand within the Pinelands.

The Greater Atlantic City Chamber urges you to approve the bill and assist Atlantic County and Southern New Jersey to expand its economic base and provide much needed employment for our region.

Very truly yours,

Joseph D. Kelly
President, Greater Atlantic City Chamber

C: Assemblyman Chris Brown
Assemblyman Vincent Mazzeo
Senator Jim Whelan