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### NJ Latino Legislators Applaud U.S. Senator Bob Menendez for Decades of Leadership Fighting For Latinos and Immigrants

**Trenton** – New Jersey Legislative Latino Caucus Chairwoman Senator Nellie Pou along with Latino legislators across New Jersey released the following statement in recognition of U.S. Senator Bob Menendez’s efforts fighting for Latinos and immigrants.

“Time and again, President Trump and his Republican colleagues have demonstrated their distaste for one of the building blocks of our country: the American immigrant. From his very first speech as a presidential candidate, when he grossly attacked Mexican immigrants, to his hateful policy of separating migrant families fleeing unspeakable violence, the President has constantly targeted the Latino community.

But it is not our way to sit silently while those in power target the most vulnerable. Senator Bob Menendez, one of our own, has spent decades fighting for the rights of immigrants seeking a better life. In 2013, Senator Menendez was the pivotal member of the bi-partisan “Gang of Eight” that shepherded comprehensive immigration reform through the Senate with 68 votes – no easy task in today’s deeply polarized political climate. Moreover, he has fiercely advocated for immigrant families throughout his career by defending the rights of DREAMers, fighting to preserve Temporary Protected Status designations, and co-sponsoring the Keep Families Together Act.

On Friday, Senator Menendez was once again there, standing tall with religious and civic leaders at the Elizabeth Detention Center – the front line of a humanitarian crisis President Trump has created – to support children needlessly caught in the crossfire of this Administration’s wrath. Without Senator Menendez – the son of Cuban immigrants who is a symbol and champion in our community – there would be no one to stand up to President Trump’s draconian policies. We are confident in his leadership to guide us through one of our nation’s darkest moments and thank him for always standing up for New Jersey.”

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