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**OROHO, McHOSE, & CHIUSANO APPLAUD
COURT RULING ON E-VERIFY**

**- Supreme Court upholds Arizona law punishing employers who knowingly hire
illegal immigrants -**

State Senator Steve Oroho, Assemblywoman Alison Littell McHose, and Assemblyman Gary Chiusano (R-24) praised a United States Supreme Court ruling today sustaining an Arizona law that penalizes businesses for hiring workers who are in the United States illegally. In its ruling, the Court rejected arguments that states have no role in immigration matters.

By a 5-3 vote, the Court said that federal immigration law gives states the power to impose sanctions on employers who hire illegal workers. The law in question was passed by Arizona's legislature in 2007.

"This is a great day for the rule of law, a great day for those businesses that play by the rules, and a great day for American jobs," Oroho said, noting that the Court said, "The Arizona law fell 'well within the confines' of the powers Congress left to state legislatures."

In the Senate, Oroho is the prime sponsor of New Jersey's E-Verify legislation (S-2733), while Chiusano and McHose are prime sponsors of the Assembly version (A-189).

"Illegal immigration costs state taxpayers \$2.1 billion every year," McHose noted. "We must always be strengthening our laws concerning illegal immigration and finding ways to make New Jersey affordable for legal residents."

Chiusano noted: "We cannot continue to function as a sanctuary state. If we don't address the problem, we will never succeed in getting government spending under control. The Court's ruling gives a green light for the New Jersey Legislature to get to work passing what we've proposed."

As proposed by Oroho, McHose, and Chiusano, the E-Verify program in New Jersey would certify that all employees hired by companies are legally authorized to work in this country.

The 24th District delegation strongly opposes legislation that would extend benefits such as in-state tuition rates and drivers' licenses to illegal immigrants.

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