

Governor Markell: President's Plan Grows Economy, Strengthens Workforce

President Obama outlined his vision for creating jobs and growing the middle class in a State of the Union Address that focused on expanding economic opportunity and improving education, Governor Markell said shortly after the speech.

“The President’s focus on making our country a magnet for job creation and ensuring Americans are equipped with the skills they need to do those jobs shows his commitment to the continued growth and prosperity of this nation,” Governor Markell said.

Many of the proposals outlined during the President’s remarks mirror those shared by the Governor during his [State of the State address](#) last month, including efforts to strengthen our schools, invest in high quality pre-school education, improve energy efficiency, and reduce gun violence.

“The world we now live in is more global, more productive, more competitive. It is a new world of unprecedented opportunities to create new partnerships, to sell to new customers, to innovate and collaborate in ways previously unimaginable. The President recognizes that the best way we can compete in an ever-evolving, global economy is by making smart investments in our workforce and creating opportunities to expand the number of available jobs in our country.”

The topic of education, from early education to college, was a significant component of the President’s remarks, and one that Governor Markell believes is key to future economic growth.

“The President understands that education has never been more important when it comes to finding a job and expanding

opportunities for every American, and that's why in Delaware we are holding our students to higher academic standards and surrounding them with quality educators who inspire, motivate and challenge them," Governor Markell said. "Delaware has been leading in an effort that the President committed to tonight by working to provide more children access to quality-rated early education programs. I look forward to seeing the President's early childhood proposal and how it can build on the great start we have on giving our kids a good start in life."