

Governor Markell Statement on President Obama's 2016 State of the Union

Wilmington, DE – Governor Markell issued the following statement in reaction to President Obama's State of the Union address:

"The President delivered the messages needed for our country to meet the challenges of the 21st century, recognizing that the new economy offers incredible possibilities for all of us if we tap into the talents of all of our people, embrace the promise of new technology, and ensure everyone has the opportunity to reach his or her potential.

"He recognized that this means providing access to high quality education and training from pre-K students through workers who are retooling for new industries. It means engaging with economies around the world, while working together to address the impacts of climate change, and it means removing the barriers to our citizen's success, including political gridlock. I was pleased to hear he hopes to work with Congress to address the substance abuse epidemic and inequities in our criminal justice system. And I was inspired by his call for the Vice President to lead our country's efforts to cure cancer. Joe Biden has been fighting for people for four decades, and this mission may be his greatest and most lasting gift to our country.

"While our prosperity certainly requires effectively fighting national security threats from foreign enemies, it also demands that we hold true to our values, as the President said tonight. There is no reason why leaders at the national, state, and local levels cannot rally together around these missions."

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