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New Jersey Grassroots Leaders and Activists Denounce Corruption and Nepotism in the US Senate Democratic Primary Election

NEW JERSEY'S NEXT SENATOR WILL BE DECIDED IN JUNE 2024 (Voters Just Don't Know it Yet)

We, the liberal and progressive grassroots activists who do the work of the Democratic party — are incensed with the [corruption and nepotism](#) within the Democratic Party. These actions lead to dynasties for those in power. With nearly one million more registered Democratic than Republican voters, it means that the next US Senator from New Jersey will be decided in the June 2024 closed primary election, not the November general election.

We are offended that the corruption from Senator Menendez, who is under indictment and who has still refused to resign, is going to be replaced with nepotism. We are the backbone of the Democratic party and we will not work for a process that [subverts democracy](#). Before First Lady Tammy Murphy had even announced her candidacy for the Senate seat, many powerful Democrats like Senator [Dick Codey](#) and power broker [George Norcross](#) have already come out to endorse her. Let's be clear, if her name was Tammy Johnson, we would not be having this conversation. It is because Tammy Murphy is married to the Governor.

In addition to using the political apparatus to give her positive press mentions such as when her husband signed a [new law](#), with Governor Murphy as head of the New Jersey Democratic Party, Tammy Murphy has already been reported as receiving the [county line endorsement](#) — a premier placement on every ballot — in every county. It's a done deal, except that Democratic voters don't know it yet. The effect of this is immense and that's why the race has been called already.



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voters, you're getting Sen. **Tammy Murphy**, whether you like it or not



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A [study](#) completed by New Jersey Policy Perspective has shown that New Jersey's unfair ballot design is rigged, giving candidates who get the "[county line](#)" on New Jersey's ballots in the primary election with as much as a 35-point advantage. The race hasn't even started and we have data that it's not a fair race.

With the world in peril, between Ukraine fighting for their democracy and the war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, we need a Senator who is qualified and can step into the US Senate ready to serve our state and country. There are immensely [qualified women](#) and men in this state, including those in the Congressional delegation and those serving in the state Legislature.

We are the ones who do the voter outreach when the party asks. We write the postcards, we mobilize the volunteers to get out the vote, and we knock on doors on Election Day — even in the rain. **We stand against anti-democratic actions that dampen voter turnout and lead to noncompetitive and unfair primary elections.**

Above all, **we ask for Democratic leaders and county clerks to provide us with a fair ballot, giving no candidate preferential position on the ballot.** Democratic voters should have an opportunity to vote for the best candidate who can step into the US Senate on Day 1, someone who can face the perilous attacks on multiple fronts in our world.

With a million more registered Democratic than Republican voters in New Jersey, our next US Senator will be decided in June 2024. New Jersey voters deserve a primary election that is fair and provides an equal playing field.

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