

SENATOR BOB MENENDEZ. DEMOCRAT.

Standing Up for Asian-Americans & Pacific Islanders. No Matter What.

Expanding Opportunities for All –

Making College Accessible to All Young People

- n Without financial aid, Bob would not have been able to afford a higher education. That is why he has worked relentlessly to increase federal financial aid, including Pell Grants, Perkins Loans, and has proposed increasing and expanding the HOPE Scholarship Tax Credit to help more New Jersey families send their children to college.

Encouraging Children to Pursue Careers in Science

- n To ensure that students from all backgrounds are prepared to succeed in the global environment, Menendez fought to expand opportunities in science and technology fields and encourage elementary students to pursue science-related fields.

Fighting Bias & Violent Hate Crimes –

Menendez Authored Landmark Bias Crime Law

- n When Hindus were attacked in Jersey City in the late 1980s, Bob stood with the community. He authored the Bias Crime Law while in the New Jersey State Legislature, the first law of its kind in the country to impose tougher penalties for violent acts based on ethnic bias.

Prosecuting Hate Crimes

- n When Bob went to the United States Congress, he continued to fight against hate crimes by introducing the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act in Congress in 1993.

Supporting Cultural Diversity –

Recognized for Support of the Arts

- n Americans for the Arts has given Menendez a perfect score of 100% for his strong pro-arts and culture voting record.
- n Bob has consistently fought to increase funding for the National Endowment for the Arts. He supported providing over \$130 million in 2004, more than current funding.

Responding to International Disasters –

Standing with Our Community through Natural Disasters

- n Bob has repeatedly responded to propose swift and thorough U.S. assistance, and expressed solidarity with India, Thailand, Indonesia, and other countries that have suffered great loss from natural disasters.

Providing Relief and Caring for Victims of the Tsunami

- n In response to the tragic 2004 tsunami that devastated coastal communities across South Asia, Bob introduced legislation to care for the orphans left behind, provide funding for long-term reconstruction, and develop an early warning system to better protect people from future disasters.

Ending Health Disparities and Increasing Prevention –

Authored Law to Increase Access to Health Care in Minority Communities

- n In 2005, Bob authored the Patient Navigator Law to address health disparities and increase prevention by helping guide patients through the health care system.

Leading the Fight for Cancer Research

- n Bob has worked to increase funding for cancer research and expand efforts to find cures for various types of cancer. Bob has been recognized by the American Cancer Society for his leadership to fight cancer.

Providing Resources to Small Businesses –

- n Strong advocate for minority small businesses competing for contracts.
- n Working to increase loans available to small businesses and expand access to capital.
- n Helping small business with the cost of health care through tax credits and providing a health care program for small employers.

**Bob
Menendez**
United States Senator

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Tuesday, November 7**

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