

## Senate Republican Leader Anthony M. Bucco 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

In October of 2019, Republican Assemblyman Anthony M. Bucco was unanimously appointed to represent the 25th Legislative District in the New Jersey Senate after the death of his father, Senator Anthony R. Bucco. He was elected to serve the remainder of the term in November of 2020 and re-elected again in November of 2021 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> full term. Senator Bucco currently sits on the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committees. In November of 2021, he was selected to serve as the Republican Whip in the New Jersey Senate for the two hundred and twentieth State Legislative session. In July of 2023, Senator Bucco was selected by his Senate colleagues to serve as Minority Leader of the New Jersey Senate Republican Caucus.

Senator Bucco previously served five terms in the New Jersey General Assembly representing the 25th District which includes parts of Morris and Somerset Counties. In January of 2018, Mr. Bucco was selected by the Republican Caucus to serve as the Assembly Republican Conference Leader after leading the Assembly Republicans as the Whip during the 217th Session. Anthony served as Deputy Minority Leader for the 215th and 216th Sessions of the New Jersey Legislature and served on the Assembly Budget, Transportation and Utilities Committee, the Commerce and Economic Development Committee, the Council of State Governments, the State Fire Commission, the Legislative Services Commission and the New Jersey Parole Advisory Board. Anthony is a lifelong resident of Morris County and currently resides in Boonton Township with his wife Amy. They have six adult children and five grandchildren. Anthony is a civic leader, a community volunteer, a husband, a father and a grandfather. Anthony is a partner in the law firm of Murphy McKeon, P.C.

Over the last 30 years, Anthony has been heavily involved in many state and local organizations as a community volunteer, spending tens of thousands of hours volunteering and helping others. This includes four decades as a Boonton volunteer fireman. Anthony also serves as a Morris County Crime Stoppers Commissioner and was appointed by both Republican and Democrat Governors, to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

During his time in the Senate, Anthony has had several notable bills signed into law. Some examples of his accomplishments are: A883 which directs the development and posting of notices containing information for victims of human trafficking. A3629/S86 which established Class Three special law enforcement officers to provide security in public and nonpublic schools and county colleges to protect our students and faculty while reducing costs for local property taxpayers. S3006 which expands the crime of auto theft trafficking and established a third-degree crime of a participant in such a network. S3340 expands opportunities for restaurants, bars, distilleries, and breweries to provide outdoor dining and permits certain sales at seasonal farm markets in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. A2920 which directed the Department of Education to develop a dating violence policy and required school districts to provide dating violence education in the health curriculum. S929 which increased the amount of tobacco tax revenues to the New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research and established a non-lapsing Cancer Research Fund. SJR85 designates August 31 of each year as "Overdose Awareness Day" in New Jersey.

During his time in the legislature, Anthony has earned numerous legislative awards including: the 2020 Rooting for Recovery Award from The Global Recovery Movement, the 2019 State Chamber of Commerce Legislator of the Year, the 2018 Bayada Nurses Champion Award; the 2017 New Jersey Food Council Legislator of the Year; the 2017 & 2016 Award for Conservative Excellence by The American Conservative Union; 2016 Heroic Legislator Award by the Alliance of Free Choice in Education; 2015 Columbian Foundation Humanitarian and Achievement Award; Defender of the Taxpayer from 2010-2013 and 2016 and Taxpayer Hero in 2014 from Americans for Prosperity; Defender of the Family in 2012 from the New Jersey Family Policy Council; Defender of Liberty in 2012 and 2013 from the American Conservative Union; Taxpayer Champion Award in 2011 from the New Jersey Taxpayer Alliance; Guardian of Small Business for 2011 from the National Federation of Independent Businesses; and the 2014 New Jersey Small Business Development Center's Business Advocate Award.