

Local Union Letter – Governor, New Jersey

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Dear Union Member and Family,

On **Tuesday, November 3rd** we have to choose what direction our state takes. We have a choice between a Governor who fought to protect our wages, benefits, and jobs when faced with the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression and a Bush Administration political appointee, who promises to dismantle our unions, eliminate our jobs, and sacrifice our health and pension benefits.

The choice is clear—that’s why your union has endorsed Governor Jon Corzine.

Governor Jon Corzine will continue to protect our wages, benefits, and jobs.

Gov. Corzine worked with the Obama Administration to secure \$2.2 billion in federal stimulus aid, saving and/or creating 100,000 jobs, investing in education, and funding massive infrastructure projects, unemployment insurance, and Medicaid. He signed legislation requiring prevailing wages on public projects and strongly supports our right to form a union. Gov. Corzine championed paid family leave, added millions in funding to the children’s health insurance program and supports health care coverage for all.

Chris Christie will return New Jersey to the failed economic policies of the Bush Administration. He has vowed to cut up to 20,000 state jobs, opposes prevailing wage requirements, and plans to eliminate unions’ negotiated defined-benefit pension plans. Christie would have rejected the \$2.2 billion in federal stimulus aid that has helped so many working families and opposes workers’ rights to choose a union through majority sign-up.

Governor Corzine has worked hard to navigate tough economic times *without turning his back on New Jersey’s working families.* In this economy, we need a governor who will stick with working families and protect our jobs, wages, and benefits. Your union believes Governor Jon Corzine is the only choice with a proven record of doing just that.

However you decide, please vote on Tuesday, November 3rd.

In Solidarity,