

**Gubernatorial Local Union Sample Letter #3**

Please copy this letter onto your local union letterhead. The President or Business Manager is strongly encouraged to sign the letter and mail it to every active and retired member. **Please fax a copy to the NJ State AFL-CIO at (609) 989-8734.**

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Dear Union Member and Family,

A lot is being said about Chris Christie's health care plan, and Christie has recently misrepresented his position. We think you should know the truth about his dangerous plan and how it could impact the quality of care you receive.

**Chris Christie's health care plan promises to lower the quality of insurance plans and deny coverage for basic procedures.** Like many states, New Jersey has laws that require insurance companies to cover basic, vital services. But if Christie gets his way, insurance companies will be allowed to offer "mandate-free," bare-bones plans that can deny coverage for services like mammograms, childhood checkups, prostate cancer screenings and maternity minimum stays. Christie's mandate-free plans will cause prices for better, more comprehensive plans to increase, leaving workers who need good coverage with higher premiums. **You can learn more about Chris Christie's health care plan at [www.TheRealChrisChristie.com](http://www.TheRealChrisChristie.com).**

**We can count on Gov. Jon Corzine to expand our quality of care, not take away our benefits.** He has fought hard to ensure New Jersey's families have secure and affordable health care. While nationally the number of uninsured people increased 1.5 percent from 2007 to 2008, the number of people in New Jersey without health insurance declined by 147,000 people. In 2008, Gov. Corzine established mandates for health care coverage for all children. He followed that up with an additional \$400 million for the Children's Health Insurance Program, allowing 33,000 more low-income children into the program. We can count on Gov. Corzine to make health care a priority, not an afterthought.

**On November 3rd, think about what matters most to you when you vote.** Your union has negotiated good health care benefits that will cover you if you get sick or hurt. We need a governor who will protect those benefits. While how you vote is a personal decision, **we believe Gov. Jon Corzine is the best choice for protecting your health care.**

In Solidarity,