

**Gubernatorial Local Union Sample  
Health Care Sector Workers**

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,

There are a lot of reasons to vote in the governor's race this year, but we know what's really important. Our jobs, wages and benefits are being threatened. It's getting harder to provide for our families.

**We need a governor who will support working families. But Chris Christie has made it clear that he does not side with us on the issues.**

**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.

**Christie threatens to cut funding for state health programs.** Christie believes that every spending program and every budget item should be on the table during budget cuts. This includes funding for vital state health programs like Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare, which ensure low-income seniors and children have access to health care. It also includes any state funding for hospitals and emergency services, putting our public safety at risk.

**Christie even opposes paid family leave.** Christie thinks paid family leave is an unnecessary cost of businesses. New Jersey was the third state in the nation to pass paid family leave. It allows workers to take up to six weeks off to care for a newborn, adopted child or sick family member without fear of losing their job.

**For more information about Chris Christie's record on key working family issues, please visit [www.therealchrischristie.com](http://www.therealchrischristie.com).**

How you vote is a personal decision, but on Nov. 3 think about which candidate will work to create the future you want for your family.

In Solidarity,