

**Gubernatorial Local Union Sample
Private Sector Workers**

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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.

Chris Christie opposes federal assistance to help turn our economy around. Christie sides with Gov. Sarah Palin and Gov. Bobby Jindal, saying "it makes sense" that other governors have tried to refuse federal recovery money—which has been used in New Jersey to protect and create jobs, invest in infrastructure projects and ensure unemployment assistance. He says the money is "a gimmick."

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 education, health care, and infrastructure projects. Christie believes that every spending program and every budget item should be on the table during budget cuts. This includes funding for our schools, vital state health programs like Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare, and infrastructure projects to keep New Jersey working. It also includes any state funding for hospitals and emergency services, putting our public safety at risk.

Christie even opposes basic workers' rights and wants to silence our voices. He doesn't support the Employee Free Choice Act or paid family leave. He promises to get rid of rules and regulations that protect our rights on the job. And he wants to make it easier for anti-worker politicians to get elected by preventing our union from supporting pro-worker candidates.

For more information about Chris Christie's record on key working family issues, please visit 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,