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Governor Christie's "Tool Kit:" What can I do to oppose these proposals?

1. Call Governor Christie:

- Take one minute to speak with the Governor's staff by calling 609-292-6000.
- Tell them you want to express your opposition to his "tool kit" because it hurts local governments ability to fund and provide essential services, undermines the collective bargaining process and allows for local governments to abolish civil service.
- Give them your name and address.

2. E-mail Governor Christie at: <http://www.state.nj.us/governor/contact/>

- In the drop down menu, select "budget."
- Fill out the required information and insert your comments in the "message" portion of the form.
- Please personalize your message, but consider the following main issues when writing the Governor:

I am writing to ask you to withdraw your "tool kit" proposals that hurt local governments' ability to fund and provide essential services, undermines the collective bargaining process and allows for local government to abolish civil service.

Your proposal to amend the constitution to implement a 2.5% cap on state spending will effectively prevent the restoration of severe cuts to vital government services.

Your proposal to cap all collective negotiations agreements at 2.5% for wages, benefits, health insurance and others, undermines the collective bargaining process and if passed, due to inflation and the rising costs of health insurance, would effectively translate into government workers never getting a raise again.

Your proposal to allow local governments to opt-out of civil service would end one of the most important worker standards we have. Civil Service is a core labor policy that ensures public jobs are not subject to politics and patronage, which often leads to waste and fraud and political interference. Ending Civil Service would jeopardize these long standing practices. This proposal would permit employers to pick and choose which employees are laid off – often as a result of politics.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I oppose these "tool kit" recommendations and others that hurt local governments' ability to fund and provide essential services, undermines the collective bargaining process and allows local government to abolish civil service.

3. Write your legislators: Visit: www.njafclcio.org

- Click on the "Tool Kit icon" on the top left hand side
- Click on "TAKE ACTION to Oppose Governor's "Tool Kit"