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*Democrat*

When you first elected me to the Senate, I promised to fight for New Jersey families against insiders and special interests. Unbought and unbossed—that’s how I’ve served. As your Governor, I will bring these same principles to Trenton.

New Jerseyans deserve straight talk and honest numbers. We deserve a government that respects the values that bind us together.

As Governor, I will ban pay-to-play at all levels—from school boards to the Statehouse. I will fight for an elected State comptroller with the power to root out waste, fraud and abuse. Also, I will slam shut the revolving door between government service and lobbying, once and for all.

I will be the Governor who gives people fair value for their hard-earned tax dollars and puts an end to no-bid contracts. I pledge to cut waste, increase efficiency and reform the budget process. Common sense tells us that we should grow our economy, instead of increasing taxes. We must replace the failed practice of “tax, borrow and spend” with a new strategy of “invest, grow and prosper.”

I have a real, affordable property tax plan that provides immediate, direct and long-lasting relief to both homeowners and renters. We will fully restore rebates and grow them 10% a year, 40% over four years. This targeted relief will help those who need it most—middle-income families and seniors. By enforcing budget caps at the local level, we will control the spending that fuels rising property taxes.

As Governor, I will invest in industries and technologies—including embryonic stem cell research—that are vital to our future health and prosperity. I will harness our state’s resources and economic potential by creating the “Edison Innovation Fund” to support research, development and job-creation in cutting-edge businesses.

I believe polluters should pay to clean up their own toxic mess, and developers should pay to expand infrastructure required for their projects. I wholeheartedly support preserving our open space like the Highlands—particularly to create public parks.

I recognize that government has no more important role than protecting its citizens’ safety and security. That is why I will appoint a “cabinet-level” Director of Homeland Security who will be an anti-terrorism professional reporting directly to the Governor. Additionally, I will create a bipartisan Homeland Security Commission modeled after the 9/11 Commission. I will also increase rail and chemical security, make certain all funding is risk-based and improve interstate coordination.

As your Governor, I will safeguard New Jersey’s assault weapons ban and child-proof handgun law so both remain on the books. I will protect a woman’s right to choose. Also, I’ll make healthcare more accessible and affordable, while giving more rights to consumers and patients.

Within our borders, we have all the assets we need to make our state the best it can be. In my life, I’ve been blessed to live the American dream. As your Governor, I will work to make certain everyone in New Jersey has the same chance to make the most of life’s opportunities.