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Honorable Donald T. DiFrancesco Senate President State House Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Honorable Richard J. Codey Senate Minority Leader State House Trenton, New Jersey 08625 Honorable Jack Collins Assembly Speaker State House Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Honorable Joseph V. Doria, Jr. Assembly Minority Leader State House Trenton, New Jersey 08625

RE: <u>Annual Report on Reprieves, Pardons and Commutations granted</u> during the period of January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998

Dear Senator DiFrancesco, Senator Codey, Assemblyman Collins and Assemblyman Doria:

As you know, under New Jersey State law, the Governor is responsible for granting reprieves, pardons and commutations. A reprieve provides temporary relief from the execution of a criminal punishment or sentence, while a pardon forgives a person for past criminal conduct. A commutation allows someone currently serving a sentence to be released from incarceration or have his or her sentence reduced.

In accordance with the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2A:167-3.1, I hereby file this report to advise you that I have not granted any reprieves, pardons or commutations for the period of January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998.

Yours sincerely,

Governor