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"Chris Porrino is an outstanding choice to serve as New Jersey's next Attorney General... He has a terrific legal mind, wonderful judgment and a unique ability to resolve complex problems."

Former U.S. Senator and Former N.J. Attorney General Jeff Chiesa: "Chris Porrino is an outstanding choice to serve as New Jersey's next Attorney General. I was extremely fortunate to have the chance to work with Chris in the DLPS. He has a terrific legal mind, wonderful judgment and a unique ability to resolve complex problems. Chris has already distinguished himself as a gifted public servant both as the Director of the Division of Law and as Governor Christie's Chief Counsel, and I am confident that he will continue to distinguish himself as our next Attorney General."

Former Governor Jim McGreevey: "Chris Porrino has been a tremendous advocate for reentry. The Governor's selection of Chris will ensure that New Jersey continues to move toward a more compassionate criminal justice system with more effective reentry services."

"Quietly and diligently, Chris guided our efforts as Governor's Counsel to assist those returning from incarceration. Chris repeatedly met with reentry advocates to break through regulatory barriers, while crafting legislative and administrative changes to provide enhanced access to treatment, housing, and employment training."

Former Attorney General John J. Degnan: "Chris Porrino is an excellent choice to be Attorney General. His qualifications as a respected lawyer and Chief Counsel to the Governor are just what this position requires. His experience in government will allow him to hit the ground running and, based on my work with him as Chairman of the Port Authority, his tenure will be one long sprint."

Senate President Steve Sweeney: "I worked with him a great deal. In my experience he was always trustworthy." (John Reitmeyer, Christie, Unlike Interim Attorneys General, Christie's New Pick Must Be Vetted By Senate, NJ Spotlight, 6/17/16)

Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean Jr.: "He's always shown wonderful dedication to the interests and the needs of the people of New Jersey. I think it's a really good nomination on behalf of the people of New Jersey." (John Reitmeyer, Christie, Unlike Interim Attorneys General, Christie's New Pick Must Be Vetted By Senate, NJ Spotlight, 6/17/16)

Former Acting Attorney General John J. Hoffman: "I simply can't think of another attorney who could occupy this chair as well as Chris. Our state will be tremendously well served by his vast experience, razor sharp intellect and unswerving moral compass."

Assembly Minority Leader Jon Bramnick: "The state is extremely fortunate that the governor has selected an outstanding lawyer with extensive experience in the private and public sectors. Both sides of the political aisle respect Chris because of his integrity and humanity. Common sense and fairness are his trademarks."

Assembly Republican Conference Leader David Rible: "Chris is fair and has the integrity to be a great attorney general. He has been an invaluable part of the governor's administration. I can't think of anyone better or more

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qualified to be the state's next attorney general."

Gary Wings, Lowenstein Sandler's chairman and managing partner: "This nomination is testament to Chris' experience, judgment and raw legal talent. We will miss him, but know he will serve the people of New Jersey exceptionally well." (Press Release, 6/16/16)

Michael Himmel, Lowenstein partner, and Co-Chair of the Litigation Department: "Chris is a strategic leader with a uniquely sophisticated understanding of the law and the public interest. He will bring a strong national reputation, and an intimate familiarity with New Jersey to his new role." (Press Release, 6/16/16)

Justin P. Walder, Member of Pashman Stein Walder Hayden: "Chris Porrino possesses an extraordinary balance of intellect, integrity, independence and common sense. The public interest will be well served."

Patrick Hobbs, Former Dean Of Seton Hall School Of Law: "I have known Chris for over twenty years. The people of New Jersey will be well served. He is an extraordinary lawyer and has all the skills necessary to carry out this enormous responsibility. He will bring a level of dedication and integrity that is unmatched."

Kathleen M. Boozang, Dean and Professor of Law at Seton Hall School Of Law: "Chris Porrino is a fabulous appointment. I am happy for the citizens of New Jersey. This is an exciting day for Chris, but also for his alma mater. We could not be prouder." (Press Release, 6/16/16)

"Seton Hall Law graduates continue to make their mark at all levels of public service, including at the highest levels of the bench and bar. Like Justice Walter Timpone, who was sworn in to the New Jersey State Supreme Court earlier this month, and Judge John Vazquez, who was sworn in to the U.S. District Court in May, Chris combines intellect and integrity with the common sense essential to being an outstanding lawyer and our state's next Attorney General."

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