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## Gov. Christie: Policyholders Paid For Carnival Of Lobbyists Horizon Enlisted To Protect Profits

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#### Transcript:

**Governor Christie:** They're the only nonprofit insurer in the state. They are unique. They are a nonprofit insurer with a charitable mission so designated by law in the State of New Jersey. They didn't just appear out of nowhere. They are a creation of the state. They are not a private company. They are a nonprofit public insurer. Horizon's doing everything they can to try to be less accountable and less transparent, and throwing stuff up against the wall is part of what they did including the carnival that they put on yesterday at the State House. I wonder how much that cost, and by the way, policyholders paid for all of it. You know everybody who is talking about concerns about policyholder money. I read a Philadelphia Inquirer story that said that they have 10 different in-house lobbyists, five different out in the outside lobbyists, and they put on that whole carnival yesterday. Maybe you all should be asking them how much that costs, how much all their lobbying costs, and that all comes from the policyholders. So you know not to mention all their advertising in the media. Go look at the Horizon Foundation and see how many people who are actually opposing this legislation got money from the Horizon Foundation. Go find out how many of these organizations are getting money from Horizon to the Horizon foundation. I mean you know the fact is that I know this is a concept that is abhorrent to discuss but there are times that interest groups in this city are bought and paid for.

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