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Governor Christie: We Are Proud Of What We Have Done On The Issue Of A...

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Transcript:

Governor Christie: So you come to this chamber because you care about our children? Well, it is affecting our education system. Children coming to school high or tortured by a drug culture at home cannot learn. You came to this chamber because you cared about improving the health care system? Great. It is affecting the medical community. The costs of this epidemic is putting a burden on our system, which we will not be able to bear in the years to come. You came here because you're concerned about law and order and safety in the streets? That's great. But this is affecting how we fight crime. Police are in danger every day, citizens are at risk on the streets and on the roads as drug addiction causes behavior that law enforcement simply cannot handle. You care about the economy and jobs? And that's what you brought you here. Well believe me, it is affecting the financial security of every person it touches. Jobs lost, savings wasted, potential ruined—all by a culture of addiction. None of that adds to our economy—just stalls it. Let's say you came here today because you care most about your own family? Well, let me tell you this. Only through the grace of God has it not touched your family already. You are among the lucky ones and your luck could run out at any moment. This Administration has done more than any in New Jersey history on the issue of addiction and we're are proud it. We're proud of what we have done, but it has not been enough. We must do more. I know this is a very different State of the State address. But when our children our dying, New Jersey should be offended if I came up here and gave the typical political laundry list speech. I'll tell you, they will be even more

offended if we do not act on this plan without delay. The challenge is enormous but I know we collectively have the resolve to meet it.

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