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Whitman Urges Senate to Pass S-3 Auto Insurance Reform Bill Will Conditionally Veto Bill to Guarantee Savings for All Good Drivers

Gov. Christie Whitman today urged the Senate to pass S-3, as amended by the Assembly yesterday, so she can conditionally veto the bill in a way that guarantees that all good drivers will be able to realize savings as a result of auto insurance reform.

"We have had discussions with the leaders of both parties in the Senate and have asked them to urge their members to pass S-3 in its current form so that I can conditionally veto the bill in ways that provide every good driver in New Jersey with guaranteed savings as a result of automobile insurance reform," the Governor said.

"As I said yesterday, I am pleased that the Assembly took action on S-3 because, even as it is amended, it does contain laudable provisions. The bill attacks many of the costs inherent in our auto insurance system, and by controlling those costs we can guarantee savings for good drivers. I believe, however, that the bill must provide guaranteed savings for all, not just some, good drivers," Gov. Whitman said.

"Guaranteed savings for all good drivers is a fundamental principle for any true auto- mobile insurance reform, and I will conditionally veto S-3 to ensure that it provides those savings for all good drivers regardless of where they live," she said.