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Transcript:

Governor Christie: The tradition in the state has been that the person who holds the governor's seat, their party, if in fact there is an opening, is permitted to have as many as four, but no more than four. There are three Republicans, two Democrats and one independent. Us having a fourth Republican goes right along with the many years, you know, that there were four Democrats on that court. The people of the state of New Jersey have voted twice for a Republican governor and I made a large part of each one of those campaigns, nominations to the Supreme Court. This was no shock to any of them. This has been just absolute stonewalling by the senate and it is unacceptable. So we are putting forward Judge Bauman, whose credentials are unquestioned by the very people he is supposed to go before. Go back and look at his confirmation hearing for lifetime tenure. Judge Bauman gave a two minute opening statement and then opened the floor for questions and he did not even get a question before every member of that committee, Republican and Democrat, voted yes. And then every member present, voting in the New Jersey state senate on the floor voted yes as well. This is nothing more than bald politics if they don't confirm this man. No reason not to confirm him. Extraordinary academic background, a magna cum laude graduate of Columbia University, law school from Boston College, a distinguished career in the private sector in a law firm for seventeen years, ten of them as a partner. And now, for nearly the last eight years on the Superior Court in New Jersey in every area that you can work on as a judge: general equity, family, civil and now criminal. And when he was in the civil division, he ran the civil division in Monmouth County, one of the busiest civil divisions in the state. This is someone who is absolutely, beyond question, qualified.

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