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Governor Christie: Now Is The Time To Stand Up To Fight And Save Lives

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Transcript:

Governor Christie: In the end, no matter where you are on the political spectrum, no matter what education level you have, no matter where you live, that should be the thing in this issue that unites all of us; that every one of these lives is an individual gift from God and there but for the grace of God go I. I am just lucky it's not me and you are just lucky it's not you and 52,000 deaths last year should prove that. It can be any of us. So now it's time for us as a country to decide we're going to stand up and we're going to fight to save lives. People have asked me why I emphasize this in the last year of my governorship- well, I've been talking about it for 22 years. I got on the board of Daytop Village in 1995, so when I read some of the cynical things in the press, oh this is the governor trying to burnish his legacy for the last year, it's typical ignorance from the press because if they did any basic background on me they would know that I started on this fight in 1995 with my personal money and my personal time because Father Joe Hennen, who founded Daytop Village and got me up there as a young County official in 1995 said to me, Chris, you have to be involved in this, you have to be committed to it. I said, Joe, there's so many other things, I was 32 years old, I said there's so many other things I want to do, why this? And he said, because you want to be involved in a place where miracles happen on earth and this place, you can see God's hand. Miracles happen here, we save lives. I'm committed to this in my last year because times have gotten worse and worse and worse and I'm dealing with all the other problems in New Jersey and this one keeps catching up and passing those. When your kids die, property taxes just seem less important. It's not that they're unimportant, they're important, but they seem less important, you know? So this is what second term governors do. They don't worry about which thing will poll best. They don't worry about

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which thing will make them look politically better, they deal with the problems they need to deal with before the sand runs through the hourglass.

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