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### Transcript:

**Governor Christie:** I come here today asking for you to sit at the table with me on behalf of our constituents and work with me on a legislative proposal that will ensure that New Jersey's nearly monopolistic insurance carrier has the appropriate level of transparency and accountability and that the poor and the needy in our state will be better served. That is all I'm asking. I offered one proposal, you rejected it. Senator Vitale and Assemblywoman Pintor-Marin offered another proposal, the Senate passed it on a bipartisan basis. I support it. I urge the Speaker to come to the table and end these political games. I have compromised, I have listened, but I want to be clear to all of you, I will not capitulate to the high paid lobbyist smear campaign. That is not the Governor I have been or will ever be, and that's not who you are either. If we let the Horizon machine intimidate us into failing to act now, they will be even further emboldened to dominate healthcare policy decisions in this state for years to come. I'm leaving, you'll have to put up with the results of our failure to confront them now. We owe the people of our state much, much better than that. Work with me, end this shutdown, protect our citizens from this company, which unfortunately has forgotten why we created them in the first place. It's time we reminded them, let's do it together, and let's do it today and then go home.

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