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### Transcript:

**Governor Christie:** Today, I am proud to announce I am nominating a familiar face – Chris Porrino, my former chief counsel as the next Attorney General to the state of New Jersey. Chris will succeed General Robert Lougy, who I recently nominated to the Superior Court in Essex County. He will hold the position as Acting Attorney General while we go through nomination process, but his nomination will be dropped today by this office. I am delighted that Chris coming back. You all know that he served as my chief counsel, that he provided me great guidance and wisdom during some really challenging times, having broad responsibility overseeing appointments, legislative matters. In addition, he worked closely with me and members of the Legislature from both sides of the aisle to secure the passage of a numerous of pieces of really critical legislation over the course of time. For those of you who don't recall, Chris also served as Director of the NJ Division of Law from February 2012 to January 2014, overseeing a team of 500 lawyers. Under his leadership, the Division of Law was a major difference-maker on behalf of New Jersey citizens, achieving a number of important outcomes for us in really big litigation and obtaining hundreds of millions of dollars in judgments and recoveries for the State. Prior to serving as the Director, Chris was a partner at Lowenstein Sandler, one of the state's largest law firms and he now leaves that firm as the co-chairman of their national litigation practice and I thank the partners and the other folks at Lowenstein Sandler for their continued support of Chris and his public service. Before entering private practice he served as a law clerk to Judge Freda L. Wolfson U.S. District Court for District of New Jersey. He's a graduate of Lehigh University and Seton Hall Law School, and most importantly, he is one of the most respected members of the New Jersey Legal Community. Great experience in both civil and criminal matters and has served clients extraordinarily well over the course of his career in both of those venues in both federal court and in

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state court. It is incredibly gratifying for me on a personal level to welcome Chris back to the administration. I have missed him during his absence, he has continued to serve as an important advisor to me and he and Christina and their boys continue to be good personal friends of mine and Mary Pat's. Chris is open, he's honest, he's smart, he's tough and he's forthright. All the types of things you would want in an Attorney General. And so I am pleased that he has come to rejoin the administration, I look forward to a swift confirmation by the state senate and for his service as the Attorney General for the people of the state and to serve the departments of state government who need legal advice and counsel. I welcome him back and welcome him to the podium for remarks.

**Chris Porrino:** I am honored and truly humbled to have this opportunity to return to public service. I look forward to appearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee and I wanted to thank Governor Christie for his continued expression of confidence in me. And I would also like to thank Robert Lougy for his incredible dedication and commitment to the Department of Law and Public Safety. Thank you.

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