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*Assembly Democrats Are Obsessed With Raising Taxes,
While Governor Christie Has Fought To Lower Them*

"We've seen this movie before. They raised taxes and fees 115 times in eight years. That's a tax or fee increase every 25 days. ... Here's the thing with Assembly Democrats, they're obsessed with raising taxes."

— Governor Chris Christie, Town Hall, Garfield, NJ, May 2, 2012

GOVERNOR CHRISTIE TAKES ACTION TO LOWER TAXES

WHILE ASSEMBLY DEMOCRATS ARE OBSESSED WITH RAISING THEM

Governor Christie Has Proposed A **10 Percent Income Tax Cut Across The Board**, As Well As An Increase To The Earned Income Tax Credit. In The Last Two Years, Assembly Democrats Have Proposed Increasing Income Taxes **Three Times**. (A10, Passed Assembly: 46-32, 5/20/10; A4202, Passed Assembly: 46-32, 6/29/11; Jarrett Renshaw, "N.J. Assembly, Senate introduce tax cuts targeting residents earning less than \$250K," *The Star-Ledger*, 3/6/12)

Governor Christie's Proposal Will Bring Tax Relief To **Every New Jerseyan**. The Assembly Democrats' Tax Cut **Excludes Up To 42 Percent Of Tax Filers**. (New Jersey Department Of The Treasury, Division Of Taxation, 2008 Statistics Of Income, Tables 1.4; 3.5)

In His First Six Months In Office, Governor Christie Reduced The Size Of New Jersey's Government By 8.3 Percent And Closed A Combined \$13 Billion In Deficits **Without Raising Taxes**. ("Governor Christie Signs Historic FY2011 Budget Closing \$11 Billion Shortfall Without Raising Taxes," Press Release, 6/29/10)

Trenton Democrats Increased Taxes **115 Times** To Pay For Out Of Control Spending Over The Eight Years Before Governor Christie Took Office.

Governor Christie Signed Sweeping Bipartisan

32 Out Of 46 Assembly Democrats Voted **Against** The

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Pension And Benefits Reform That Will Save New Jersey Taxpayers \$120 Billion Over The Next 30 Years.

(Governor Chris Christie, "Governor Christie Signs Into Law Bold, Bipartisan Pension and Health Benefits Reform," Press Release, 6/28/11)

Bipartisan-Supported \$120 Billion Relief For Taxpayers. (S2937, Passed Assembly: 46-32-1; 6/23/11)

Governor Christie Has Signed Into Law \$2.35 Billion In Tax Relief To New Jersey's Job Creators— To Be Phased In Over Five Years — Spurring Economic Growth And The Creation Of Sustainable Jobs For New Jersey Families. ("The Governor's FY 2013 Budget: Budget Summary," Office Of Management And Budget, 2/21/12)

The Result: 2011 Was The Best Year Of Private Sector Job Creation Since 2001.

By 2009, New Jersey Had Been Ranked As The Worst State Business Tax Climate For 4 Consecutive Years, Thanks In No Small Part To Democrats' 115 Tax Increases. ("State-Local Tax Burdens and Ranks by State, 2009," The Tax Foundation, 2/23/11)

In 2009, New Jersey Also Had The Highest State-Local Tax Burden In The Nation. ("State-Local Tax Burdens and Ranks by State, 2009," The Tax Foundation, 2/23/11)

In July 2010, Governor Christie Signed A 2 Percent Hard Cap On Property Taxes. In 2011, New Jersey Homeowners Saw An Average Rise Of 1.7 Percent In Effective Property Taxes. ("The Governor's FY 2013 Budget: Budget Summary," Office Of Management And Budget, 2/21/12)

"The Smallest Increase In Nearly Two Decades" (Megan DeMarco & Eric Sagara, "Did N.J. Property Tax Reform Help Most Taxpayers?" *Star Ledger*, 1/8/12)

Four Members Of The Assembly Voted Against The Property Tax Cap ... You Guessed It, All Democrats:

John Wisniewski (D-Middlesex)

Patrick Diegnan (D-Middlesex),

Annette Quijano (D-Union),

Bonnie Watson-Coleman (D-Mercer) (S29, Concur Gov Rec; Passed Assembly: 73-4-2; 7/12/10)

Governor Christie Has Vowed To Veto Any Increase To The Gas Tax. (Governor Chris Christie, Town Hall, Evesham, NJ, 5/10/11)

Assembly Democrat-Sponsored Bill Proposed Raising The Gas Tax \$2.4 Billion. (A2718, Introduced, 5/13/10)

Assemblyman And State Democratic Party Chairman John Wisniewski Repeatedly Proposed Increasing Gas Tax. (Bob Makin, "Assemblyman faults Gov. Christie on Transportation Trust Fund," Home News Tribune, 2/12/2011; Larry Higgs, "Gas tax hike: Are there any reasonable alternatives?" Asbury Park Press, 4/20/2010; "Wisniewski & Cryan on Christie's Decision to Kill Hudson River Commuter Rail Tunnel Project," NJ Assembly Democratic Office, 10/8/10)

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