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Governor Christie Whitman today filed with the State Senate the following nominations:

**Jayne LaVecchia of Bridgewater** to be Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance. LaVecchia, now serving as Acting Banking and Insurance Commissioner, was the Director of the Division of Law in the Department of Law and Public Safety since 1994. She also served as the Director and Chief Administrative Law Judge in the Office of Administrative Law. LaVecchia was previously Deputy Chief Counsel to Governor Thomas H. Kean. She received her law degree from Rutgers School of Law, Newark.

**Robert King Thompson of Hamilton** to be Director of the Division of Taxation. Thompson has over 27 years of experience within the New Jersey state government in the areas of state and local tax administration, tax policy and regulation, technological efficiencies and budgeting. He has served as the Deputy Director of the Division of Taxation since 1994 and was the Acting Director during the transition between administrations.