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Governor Christie's Bold Action On Sweeping Bipartisan Reforms Has Laid the Groundwork for the New Jersey Comeback

GOVERNOR CHRISTIE'S RECORD OF DOING THE BIG THINGS IN A BIPARTISAN WAY IS MOVING THE GARDEN STATE FORWARD

Pension And Health Benefits Reform:

Governor Christie Signed Landmark Bipartisan Pension and Health Benefit Reform Legislation: Governor Chris Christie signed into law landmark pension and health benefit reform in June 2011, marking months of hard work, negotiation, compromise and ultimately bipartisan support. The fundamental reforms shake up New Jersey's out-of-date, antiquated and increasingly expensive pension and health benefit systems and bring to an end years of broken promises and fiscal mismanagement by securing the long-term solvency of the pension and benefit systems. At the same time, critical savings for state and local governments are achieved – pension reform alone will provide savings to New Jersey taxpayers of over \$120 billion over the next 30 years, and an additional \$3.1 billion over the next 10 years from health benefits reform.

- > Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, Senate Minority Leader Thomas Kean, Jr. and Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCroce: "After months of serious discussions, we are pleased to announce that we have reached agreement on legislation to reform our public pension and health benefits systems in New Jersey. . . .We all fully support this legislation and will work together to assure its passage by both houses of the Legislature and enactment into law. . . ." ("Statement from Governor Chris Christie and the Legislative Leadership," Press Release, 6/15/11)
- > New Jersey State League of Municipalities: "The League applauds the bipartisan efforts of those who can craft such legislation which would accomplish this while protecting our current retirees and grandfathering those eligible for retirement by not breaking our commitment to them. The League commends Speaker Sheila Oliver, Senate President Sweeney and Governor Chris Christie for their leadership championing these bipartisan reforms while achieving an important balance for all the major stakeholders." (New Jersey State League of Municipalities, "League Supports Progress on Pension and Health Reform," Press Release, 6/20/11)
- > New York Post: "New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie pulled off something of a miracle this week – pushing through a package of pension and benefits cuts for government employees that will save the state \$130 billion over the next 30 years. And he did it as the Republican governor of a blue state where Democrats run the House and Senate – and where unions have long run the Dems. The changes are remarkable." (Editorial, "Christie wins again," *New York Post*, 6/25/11)
- > The Newark Star-Ledger: "Compromise. Tackling A Critical Issue. . . The Deal Saves Money. Billions. And We Applaud It" (Editorial, "Benefits deal puts state on the right track," *Star-Ledger*, 6/17/11)

The Economy:

Enacted Job Creating Policies That Have Spurred Economic Growth Across New Jersey: Since Governor Christie took office, through the Partnership for Action, the Administration has continued to advance policies that will improve New Jersey's business climate, which has led to the creation of over 60,000 private sector jobs. Governor Christie sunset the

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