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June 30, 2010

The Honorable Stephen M. Sweeney  
Senate President  
935 Kings Highway, Suite 400  
West Deptford, New Jersey 08086

The Honorable Sheila Y. Oliver  
Speaker of the General Assembly  
15-33 Halsted Street, Suite 202  
West Orange, New Jersey 07018

Dear Senate President Sweeney and Speaker Oliver:

Please be advised that, pursuant to the constitutional provisions cited in my June 28, 2010 letter to all State legislators, I am hereby convening a Joint Session of the Legislature for Friday, July 2, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. for the purpose of continuing to address the matters described in that letter, as follows:

“[T]o address the proposed constitutional amendments to be placed on the ballot for the general election this November to impose a 2.5% cap on tax levy increases by local units of government and a 2.5% cap on increases in spending on state government operations. I am also convening this special session of the Legislature to address the thirty-three legislative proposals to reduce costs at the municipal, school and higher education levels, that were transmitted to Senate President Sweeney and Speaker Oliver on May 10, 2010 and to consider any action I may take on Senate Bill No. 29.”

Yesterday I signed the appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2011, closing an unprecedented \$11 billion deficit, reducing spending by almost nine percent, and preserving a surplus of over \$300 million without raising taxes. Now it is time to turn our full attention to enacting real, sustainable property tax relief for New Jerseyans. The taxpayers need relief and expect us to act soon. That is why the public interest requires this session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie".

Chris Christie  
Governor