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Governor Christie: Our state has always been at the forefront of medical revolution. Always been at the forefront for developing new medicines, new treatments. It's why New Jersey has always been known as America's medicine cabinet. Because we've been the ones who have helped to lead the way through our extraordinarily well educated populace and the great industries both public and private that we've had here in the state. This now presents us with an even greater opportunity- to provide hope and courage to cancer patients and their families and to save lives that otherwise would've been needlessly lost. There's lots of things you get to do as governor, I have often said to folks, as I said in discussing the Speaker's role, that in the six and a half years that I've been governor, there is nothing that I have done that is more important than this. This has improved our state's university. This has improved our state's healthcare system. This has improved the opportunity for folks to feel as if they have an equal opportunity to receive the type of care and treatment that they need. And that is what government is here to do. And so, it wasn't easy. There was definitely some blood left on the floor. Sheila's laughing. She helped me mop up some of that blood afterwards. But, all of the folks on her staff, on Steve's staff and on my staff who worked on this, I've told all of them that it's days like today that make all that effort and tumult and argument worthwhile. Because the political arguments are not what's important. It's the results of those political arguments. So when Dr. Barchi thanked me for being here today, there was

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no place else I would be. He came here to help make sure that if we effectuated this restructuring that it would work. He has been extraordinarily effective with the team he has put together in making it work. And that's when government operates at its best. I can't tell you how many things they have drawn up for on a white board and guaranteed me would work. We finally found one, Sheila, and we're really happy about that. And so, I want to congratulate all the people at the Cancer Institute, all the folks at University Hospital and at our state university for becoming a team that is going to help to provide better care and hope for our state's citizens. And to all the patients who are here, having gone through this myself with the loss of my mom to cancer, I know not only the pain and the challenge that you feel every day, I know even more acutely about the pain and the challenge and the worry that your families feel on your behalf. This place is here to serve all of those people. Not just the patient, but to provide assurance and comfort and candor to the families who go through this at the side of their loved one. And so for all those patients, thank you for your courage and your confidence and we're going to try to make sure that we return that confidence with the very best treatment that you can receive and so that your life can be lengthened. Not only in years, but in the quality of those years. And I think that's exactly what this place will do. So, to everyone here, thank you for having me and thank you for doing this. It's very important.

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