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## Governor Christie: I Wake Up Every Morning Knowing That I Have The Chance To Do Something Great

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### Transcript:

**Governor Christie:** I remember after the budget crisis in 2010 when the Legislature was called back into session on the property tax cap, and it was the beginning of July before the Fourth of July weekend and I was pulling up in 90 degree heat to the back of the state house and if you walk in that back door, there's a ramp you have to walk up, and I was walking up that ramp and I thought to myself, how the hell am I going to do this for four years. I was so tired at that moment from the stresses and the pressures that we all were under at that time that I wondered how I'd be able to do it. The great news is, I just said, well hell I'm not going to walk in the back door anymore so I don't have to worry about the ramp. To heck with it, I walk in the front door now. Since 2011 I've been walking in the front door every day, that helps. It doesn't smell as much and it's not as hard a walk. But it also does one final thing. When you walk in the front door, you see the majesty of the history of this state. You walk through the extraordinary rotunda, with the paintings of my predecessors, lining the walls and then you walk to the right to the office of the Governor. And you see your name on it and if that doesn't put a smile on your face then it's time to get into another business. When the fourth graders come for those visits to the statehouse, they invariably ask me two questions, what's your favorite color, always, and what's the best part of being Governor. And I will tell you the same thing I have told every one of those fourth graders from the day they first visited me in January 2010 until today. The best part of being governor is I wake up every

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morning knowing that I have the chance to do something great. I don't do something great every day. I'm human. But I have a job that gives me a chance to do something great every day. And that is an enormous blessing. Thank you for the last seven years of giving me that blessing. And God bless you and the state of New Jersey. Thank you all very much.

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