Christie, Town Halls Are Perfect Together

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Gov. Chris Christie held his 100th town hall meeting in Stafford Wednesday, and it was, quite fittingly, a command performance. …

Using skills honed as a prosecutor, Christie answered all of the questions directly. He offered sympathy. He pledged to do everything he could to help those in need. For those with specific problems, he had an aide provide contact information for people in his administration who might be of help. … Most of all, he gave people hope that better days were ahead. …

Much of Christie's appeal as a leader is his candor, his willingness to say what he feels, regardless of whose feathers he may ruffle. He doesn't vacillate. He doesn't parse words. He doesn't pander.

But it goes beyond that. He connects with the audience, as a native, as a Jersey guy, as someone who loves the state, loves the Shore, loves Springsteen music and loves the grit of New Jersey's residents. …

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