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Governor Christie: We Are Fighting For Mothers, Fathers, Children, Workers Abandoned By Horizon

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Gov. Christie: We're Fighting For Mothers, Fathers, Children, Work...

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Transcript:

Governor Christie: Let me tell you what we're really fighting for in this debate. It's not just words on a page and believe me it's not just politics. Here's what we're fighting for. We are fighting for the mother and father wracked with grief over their child who is drug addicted, but unable to get Horizon to pay for his treatment through the policy they paid for or to get any help through Horizon meeting its charitable obligation. In this fight, we are fighting for those parents and Horizon is fighting against them. We are fighting for the mother, whose husband had abandoned her and their newborn child and who is left with no one to help them but the doctor who their Medicaid coverage provides to them. We did not expand Medicaid in this state to allow Horizon to delay paying claims, refuse to take her phone calls, and make \$163 million in the process. That's not why I expanded Medicaid and I know it's not why you advocated that I expand Medicaid. By supporting the Vitale bill, we are fighting for that single mother. Horizon, as it was fined \$15.5 million last week, due to the conduct of working against that patient and against that doctor. We are fighting for the middle aged carpenter, who pays a fortune already for his health insurance to Horizon, then watches them increase his premiums each and every year and work hard to hide why they question every claim he submits for he and his family. What if he knew that those denials funded, in part, multi-million dollar executive salaries, and armies of lobbyists and lawyers to stop this bill, which will do nothing more than hold them accountable? We are having this fight because those of us who support this are fighting for that New Jersey family through the Vitale bill; Horizon has shown you all week, they are fighting only for themselves. And that, my friends, is just flat out wrong. That's why we are fighting. That's why we care. And that's what we are fighting for in this debate. And here we are at an impasse. Government is

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closed over a transparency and accountability fight. I am at a loss, I'm at a loss for the true motivation of what's happening here. I'm at a loss for why someone would refuse to even have a conversation with members of their own party, let alone of the other party.

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