

February 17, 2010

Chris Christie  
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Dear Governor Christie:

During the most recent Governor's election, you campaigned to all emergency services and made specific promises regarding the protection of the police and fire retirement system. I have included the letter which was sent to all members around the state declaring any rumor that you would in fact alter the pensions of current, future, or retired firefighters was a 100 percent lie. I strongly urge that you keep your promise and hope that you will be a governor who will say what he means and means what he says.

Respectfully,

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As one of New Jersey's bravest, you put your life on the line each and every day to protect your community. Every New Jerseyan owes you a debt of gratitude for your commitment and sacrifice. You deserve a governor who will stand with you no matter what, and ensure you have the tools and resources to do your job.

Recently, you may have heard rumors about my position regarding firefighter pensions and health benefits. These claims are a blatant attempt to swing your vote to Governor Corzine.

**The notion that I would eliminate, change, or alter your pension is not only a lie, but cannot be further from the truth. Your pension and benefits will be protected when I am elected Governor.**

I spent the last seven years in law enforcement as the US Attorney for New Jersey. I worked day in and day out with the men and women on the front lines who dedicate themselves to keeping families and communities safe. No one respects what you do more than I do and no one will stand up for you more than I will.

The safety of our citizens is the governor's number one priority, which is why I can say that will be my number one priority. I will make sure that you have the resources and the training you need to effectively do your job.

Do not believe the lies Governor Corzine is spreading. They are a disgraceful attempt to scare and intimidate you, and they do every New Jerseyan a disservice.

While I have put forward proposals to cut taxes and cut spending so we can bring change to New Jersey to make it more affordable for families, I have repeated time and time again that the pension agreement made with our firefighters must be respected. It is a sacred trust. **Nothing will change for the pensions of current firefighters, future firefighters or retirees in a Christie Administration.**

I respectfully ask for your vote this November 3rd. If you choose to vote for another candidate, I hope you will do so based on the facts and their vision for the future, not because of misinformation spread by my opponent.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris", with a stylized flourish at the end.