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June 28, 2010

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Andrew Hendry, Executive Director  
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Assembly Democratic Office

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Assembly Republican Office

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. Chiesa, Chief Counsel to the Governor 

**RE:** Special Session

Please be advised that the Governor has called for a Special Session of both Houses of the Legislature on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. We are sending to each member of the Legislature a letter containing the following text:

Pursuant to my authority under the New Jersey Constitution, Article V, Section 1, Paragraph 12 and Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph 4, I am hereby convening a Special Joint Session of the Legislature for Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., in order to address the proposed constitutional amendments to be placed on the ballot for the general election this November to impose a 2.5% cap on tax levy increases by local units of government and a 2.5% cap on increases in spending on state government operations. I am also convening this special session of the Legislature to address the thirty-three legislative proposals to reduce costs at the municipal, school and higher education levels, that were transmitted to each of you on May 10, 2010 and to consider any action I may take on Senate Bill No. 29.

As an additional measure to ensure that all members of the Legislature receive notice of and attend the Special Session, I ask that you also contact the members of your respective caucuses to notify them of the date, time, and purpose of this Special Session.

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The Honorable Stephen M. Sweeney  
Senate President  
935 Kings Highway, Suite 400  
West Deptford, New Jersey 08086

The Honorable Sheila Y. Oliver  
Speaker of the General Assembly  
15-33 Halsted Street, Suite 202  
West Orange, New Jersey 07018

Dear Senate President Sweeney and Speaker Oliver:

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New Jersey residents have waited far too long for property tax relief. New Jersey families pay an average \$7,281 in property taxes, up 70 percent in the last 10 years. The people of our state simply can no longer afford to pay the highest property taxes in the nation. The time to act is now. We can no longer afford to wait for real, sustainable property tax relief. That is why I have determined that the public interest requires this Session.

Respectfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie".

Chris Christie  
Governor