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HOFFA ANNOUNCES TEAMSTERS ENDORSE CORZINE FOR NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR

Cites Candidate's Emphasis on Jobs, Worker Protections

(WASHINGTON) — Teamsters General President Jim Hoffa announced the union's endorsement of New Jersey incumbent Gov. Jon Corzine in his race for re-election.

"As governor, Jon Corzine has worked hard to ensure the interests of Teamsters and all working men and women in New Jersey were protected," Hoffa said. "I am proud to announce our support of Gov. Corzine in his re-election and encourage everyone to get out and vote for Jon Corzine on Nov. 3."

Gov. Corzine has a record of standing with Teamsters on issues impacting the working families of New Jersey. He has always honored union contracts, fought to keep workers employed and supports giving workers the rights to form a union through majority sign-up. Under Corzine's leadership, New Jersey has taken the lead in cracking down on companies that misclassify their workers.

With the current fiscal crisis both nationwide and at the state level, New Jersey can not afford a governor like Corzine's opponent, Chris Christie, who has said he would weaken regulations on businesses, reduce workers' job protections, and lay off thousands of workers. During a time of unprecedented economic upheaval, Christie has proposed putting workers' defined-benefit pensions at risk in the stock market by switching to a risky 401(k)-style plan. Christie has even pledged to refuse federal stimulus funds that would create thousands of jobs in New Jersey to help rebuild the state's infrastructure.

"Gov. Corzine believes that strong unions make New Jersey strong," said Anthony Artificio, President of Teamsters Joint Council 73. "Chris Christie seems to think unions are the problem, and as governor he would do everything he can to weaken and divide the working people of New Jersey."

Founded in 1903, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters represents 1.4 million hardworking men and women in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

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Re-Elect JON CORZINE:

The Workers' Candidate for Governor

Governor Jon Corzine

- **Protecting Workers:** Under Governor Corzine, New Jersey has taken the lead in cracking down on companies that misclassify their workers.
- **Working with Organized Labor:** Governor Corzine expanded access to union membership and job training through the Helmets to Hard Hats Program, which places former servicemen and servicewomen in the unionized work force.
- **Safeguarding Pensions:** Jon Corzine contributed more money to the public employee pension system in three years than his predecessors in the past 15 years, combined.
- **Creating Jobs:** In a time when the country is recovering from an economic crisis, Governor Corzine will keep looking for ways to stimulate job creation even as he continues to stabilize the state's long-term financial practices.
- **Safeguarding Unemployment Insurance:** While his predecessors raided the Unemployment Trust Fund of almost \$5 billion, Jon Corzine stopped the raids. Even in an era of sharply declining revenues, he committed over half a billion dollars to the fund.



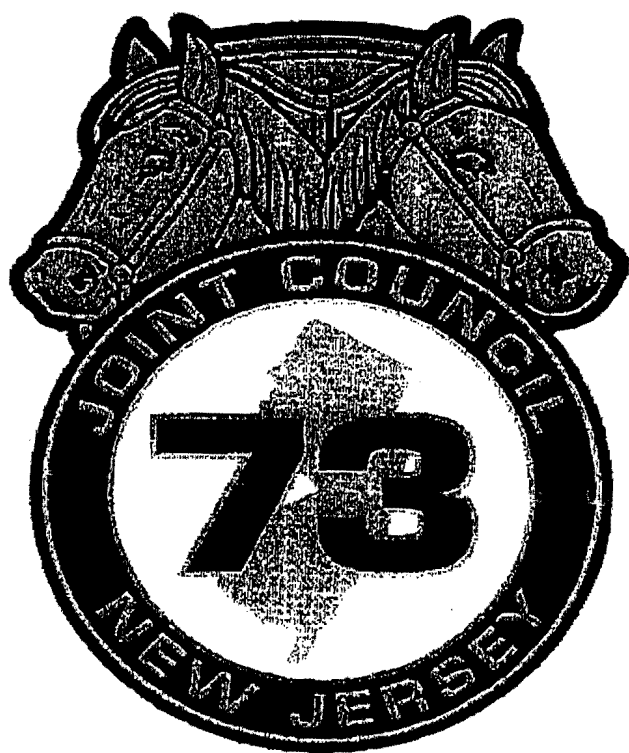
Chris Christie

- **Fighting Against Organized Labor:** Christie opposes giving workers the freedom to join a union through majority sign up and he will do everything in his power to oppose honoring existing union contracts.
- **Supporting Big Business over New Jersey's Working Men and Women:** Christie wants to weaken regulations on businesses and reduce workers' job protections.
- **Putting our Retirement Security in Jeopardy:** Christie has pledged to get rid of unions' negotiated defined-benefit pension plans and replace them with a contribution plan that puts our retirement security at the mercy of the stock market.
- **Against investing in our state:** Christie has said he would have rejected federal stimulus money for New Jersey; money that is needed to create and maintain jobs, provide unemployment insurance assistance, and invest in infrastructure projects across the state.
- **Supporting Insurance Companies over Individuals:** Christie's proposal would give insurance companies free rein to avoid covering life-saving preventative care like cancer screenings and mammograms, so that even people with insurance wouldn't be able to get such things covered.



Vote for Jon Corzine on November 3rd!

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