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DNC RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR CHRISTIE AT RNC MEETING

Earlier today, Governor Christie spoke at a closed-press RNC meeting in Boston. While the theme of the RNC meeting is “Making it Happen” it’s clear that what Christie’s doing in New Jersey it isn’t working.

“From economic growth to education funding and supporting women’s health programs, Chris Christie doesn’t have a record to run on – it’s a record to run from,” **said DNC National Press Secretary Michael Czin.** “The RNC wants to talk about ‘Making it Happen’ but at every level of government their policies are failing middle class Americans. From Republicans in Congress’ unwillingness to support commonsense immigration reform with a path to citizenship to Governor Christie’s abysmal record of job creation – the Republican Party is failing to lay out a positive vision that will help ensure a better bargain for middle class Americans.

“If Republicans truly want to see what ‘Making it Happen’ looks like they should work with Democrats whose policies have led to 41 consecutive months of job growth, put us on track for the lowest deficit in five years and are expanded health care opportunities for millions of Americans – many for the first time ever.”

Please see below for background on the key shortcomings of the Christie administration:

GOV. CHRISTIE’S ECONOMIC THEORY FAVORS THE WEALTHY OVER THE MIDDLE CLASS

Star-Ledger Editorial: Christie’s “Priorities Are Bent” - “Favoring The Wealthy Over The Middle Class And Poor.” The Star-Ledger wrote of Christie and property taxes: “He compounds the problem by favoring the wealthy over the middle class and poor. Note that when he was faced with a shortfall, he went after the rebate programs, which target relief to the elderly and middle class. But he did not touch the income-tax deduction, which skews more toward the wealthy. The man’s priorities are bent.” [Editorial, Star-Ledger, [5/12/13](#)]

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GOV. CHRISTIE HAS SLASHED EDUCATION SPENDING

Christie Cut Education By \$1 Billion. “The picture may not be the most flattering, but the claims in it are hard facts: New Jersey's governor did cut education by a significant amount, and his actions have resulted in tax-break largesse for businesses... The governor made two cuts to education in 2010 totaling about \$1 billion to help close significant budget gaps.” [PolitiFact, [5/23/13](#)]

GOV. CHRISTIE'S RECORD HAS NOT BEEN GOOD FOR THE ECONOMY

Bloomberg: “Compared To The Country As A Whole, New Jersey Has Faltered Since Christie Took Office.” [Bloomberg, [8/15/13](#)]

Bloomberg: “Christie's Time As Governor Hasn't, In Fact, Been Good For New Jersey's Economy.” “Luckily, the crack economics team at Bloomberg News has created just such an index, called the Bloomberg Economic Evaluation of States, or BEES, which tracks everything from employment to home prices to the stock performance of companies based in the state. That index shows that Christie's time as governor hasn't, in fact, been good for New Jersey's economy. From the time he took office at the beginning of 2010 to March of this year, the state's performance on the measures tracked by BEES puts it 45th among the states. Before Republicans place Christie on a pedestal, they might want to take a closer look at those measures.” [Bloomberg, [8/15/13](#)]

· JUNE 2013: New Jersey Had The Sixth Highest Unemployment Rate And Had The Highest Unemployment Rate Among Its Neighbors By Nearly A Point. In June 2013, New Jersey's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.7%. New York's was 7.5%, Pennsylvania's rate was 7.5%, Delaware's was 7.3%, Maryland's unemployment rates was 7.0% and Connecticut's was 8.1%. The only states with higher unemployment were: Illinois, Nevada, Rhode Island, North Carolina and Mississippi. [[BLS.gov](#), Accessed 7/19/13]

· HEADLINE: “New Jersey Is A Bad State For Business” [CNBC, [7/13/13](#)]

GOV. CHRISTIE STOOD IN THE WAY OF ENSURING WOMEN GET PAID THE SAME AS MEN FOR THE SAME WORK

Christie Vetoed Equal-Pay Legislation Calling It “Senseless Bureaucracy.” “He also vetoed equal-pay legislation, saying it was ‘senseless bureaucracy,’ and opposed legislation that would eliminate gender wage discrimination in public contracts.” [Robert Weiner & Nakia Gladden Op-Ed, Star-Ledger, [6/7/13](#)]

GOV. CHRISTIE RESTRICTED WOMEN'S HEALTH

Christie Cut \$7.5 Million From Women's Health Funding. “A group of female legislators is again asking Gov. Chris Christie to restore \$7.5 million for women's health that he cut from the state budget. Perfect timing. If the governor vetoes this funding — for the fifth time — what will his argument be now?” [Editorial, The Star-Ledger, [6/18/13](#)]

· Christie's Cuts To Women's Health Caused Six Clinics To Close And Others To Reduce Services With 33,000 Fewer Patients Seen. Star-Ledger on Christie's cuts to women's health: "As a result, family planning clinics saw at least 33,000 fewer patients last year than in 2009 — a 24 percent drop. The number of clinical breast exams fell more than 30 percent. Six clinics closed, and others had to cut back on hours or increase waiting periods. Fewer regular checkups mean higher health care costs in the future." [Editorial, The Star-Ledger, [6/18/13](#)]

GOV. CHRISTIE OPPOSES MAKING HEALTH INSURANCE MORE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO WORKING AND MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES

2011: Christie Cut \$540 Million From State Medicaid Funding – Included \$140 Million Dropped From Nursing Home Coverage. "[T]he consequences of a U.S. default could still be dire, especially given the recent deep budget cuts by GOP Gov. Chris Christie to programs for the poor. Chris Christie cut \$540 million cut from state Medicaid funding in this year's budget; about \$240 million comes from specific program cuts, such as \$140 million dropped from nursing home coverage." [Associated Press, 7/29/11]

2010: Christie Cut \$12.6 Million From Hospital Charity Care Program Covering Uninsured Residents. "Medical industry professionals reacted to how they will be affected by the governor's belt-tightening measures that he included in his budget presentation Thursday. About \$12.6 million will be cut from the hospital Charity Care program. Charity Care is a state program that ensures access to hospital service for New Jersey's uninsured residents. They're usually for those who are not covered by other health care programs like Medicaid, Medicare or Family Care." [Gloucester County Times, 2/12/10]

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