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When I asked for your vote four years ago, New Jersey was broken. Our government was billions of dollars in deficit and tens of billions of dollars in debt. 115 taxes and fees were hiked over the prior eight years, making New Jersey the highest taxed state in the nation. Our citizens were so lacking in optimism that only one in four New Jerseyans thought our state—the place where they lived, were raising their children and taking care of their grandchildren—was moving in the right direction.

I knew our state didn't have to continue down that path. New Jersey is where I was born and raised—I knew in my heart that our best days were not behind us, they were ahead of us. All we needed to do was look each other in the eye and tell the truth about what needed to be done. We needed to make government smaller, to lower taxes and cut spending, and to empower the private sector to grow jobs again. We needed to work to deliver a quality education to every child in our state, and we needed to break the cycle of abuse and corruption to restore faith in our government. And that's exactly what we have done.

In four years, we balanced four budgets without raising taxes and spend less today than Jon Corzine spent six years ago. We brought together Republicans and Democrats to enact bold reforms that many said were impossible to accomplish. We saved taxpayers \$120 billion dollars over the next 30 years by reforming our pension and health benefits system. We put a cap on property taxes that has slowed tax growth to its lowest levels in 25 years. We cut taxes on small businesses to unleash the private sector and create nearly 150,000 private sector jobs. We changed the way Trenton operates from the outside in and have given you a government you can be proud of. We did all of this because we stood up together in a bipartisan way to put New Jerseyans first. As a result, today, most New Jerseyans believe we're headed in the right direction.

I'm asking for your vote for a second term because we still have work to do to give our children and grandchildren the same, great New Jersey life we've enjoyed. The challenge ahead of us is to continue that momentum to make sure more and more people have that opportunity. We must keep up with the hard, steady work of rebuilding our state from the worst natural disaster in our history, Superstorm Sandy. And we must build on our record of reform by delivering hope for those children trapped in failing schools, continuing to control costs to drive down property taxes, and to deliver real, meaningful tax relief directly to families. Continuing to work together, we will keep improving our state, getting the big things done, and making New Jersey a place you and your children can be proud to call home.