

# Where they stand on issues that matter to AFT Rutgers members



**Chris  
Christie**



**Jon  
Corzine**

## **Union Rights**

**Will dismantle collective bargaining rights.** Christie opposes majority sign-up and says collective bargaining agreements, “constrict the governor’s ability to manage the government.” (New Jersey 101.5 FM Radio, July 9, 2009)

**Supports the rights of all employees to form unions and to bargain collectively.** Gov. Corzine stood up for the Union of Rutgers Administrators (AFT Local 1766) and defended its right to form a union through majority sign-up. (AFT.org, Jan. 26, 2007)

## **Job Protection**

**Will lay off thousands.** Christie will impose unilateral layoffs of up to 20,000 employees, including those who work in higher education, before honoring what he calls a “deceptive deal” with labor unions. (www.politickernj.com, Candidate Statement, June 5, 2009)

**Protects jobs.** Worked with unions at the bargaining table to protect jobs in the midst of a state budget shortfall. (www.nj.com, June 4, 2009)

## **State Budget Funding**

**Opposes federal assistance for higher education.** Christie has said he would not accept federal assistance that could increase funding for higher education. Furthermore, he vows to cut taxes for the wealthy which would further jeopardize education funding. (www.christiefornj.com; www.politickernj.com, Sept. 9, 2009; Sean Hannity, Fox News Channel, May 18, 2009; *Herald News*, Feb. 20, 2009)

**Restored funding for higher education.** Corzine proposed \$40 million in federal assistance for higher education and is committed to working with unions to find proper funding for higher education. (*The Philadelphia Inquirer*, May 22, 2009; AFT New Jersey Survey, Sept. 8, 2009)

**AFT Rutgers recommends  
Gov. Jon Corzine in the Nov. 3 election.**



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