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Dear Mayor:

As the 216th Legislative Session ended and the 217th session began there was a flurry of activity earlier this week in Trenton.

I. Governor Takes Action on Numerous Bills

At the close of the 216th Legislative Session, Governor Christie took action on 70 bills. The Governor signed 50 bills into law, conditionally vetoed 11 bills and vetoed 9 bills. For more on the bills of interest to municipalities please click [here](#).

II. Bills Awaiting Governor's Action

Before the close of the 216th Legislative term, the legislature sent numerous bills to the Governor. The Governor has 7 days to either sign or veto a bill. If the Governor fails to take any action on a bill during the 7 period, it is considered a pocket veto. The [following bills of interest](#) have been sent to Governor Christie for his consideration. **We urge you to contact the Governor's office and express your support or opposition, as appropriate, on the bills of interest. You can either call 609-292-6000 or submit your comments online by clicking [here](#).**

III. Governor Delivers 2016 State of the State

On Tuesday, Governor Christie delivered his sixth State of the State speech to a joint session of the legislature. After touting his leadership and listing his accomplishments since taking office, and after contrasting them with the lack of bipartisan success in Washington, the Governor turned to current events. [Click here](#) for more on the Governor's State of the State address.

IV. Senator Booker Asks Assistance on Coastal Drilling Issue

As you may recall, in January 2015, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell announced the [Draft Proposed Program](#) for the 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. In that document, the Administration included leasing areas in the Atlantic Ocean. We believe the

next draft of the plan, the Proposed Program, is expected to be released some time in February. Leading up to the announcement, New Jersey Senator Cory Booker will be using his social media accounts to raise awareness and public opposition to any plan that includes the MidAtlantic.

Starting today, and on each Friday for the balance of the month, Senator Booker wants to encourage concerned Mayors to participate by using the hashtag #ProtectOurAtlantic and share your opposition to the plan by posting facts, graphics, and links that bolster our argument. Also, please help by sharing and retweeting Senator Booker's posts as well ([Twitter.com/CoryBooker](https://twitter.com/CoryBooker) or [Facebook.com/CoryBooker](https://facebook.com/CoryBooker)).

Below are the topics the Senator will be posting about on each specific date.

Friday, January 15th - Economic Impacts to Recreation, Tourism, Fishing Industries

Friday, January 22nd - Environmental Impacts

Friday January 29th - Public Safety Impacts, Energy Efficiency and Conservation, & Renewable Energy Alternatives

It is hoped that this social media campaign will lead up to an event on the Jersey Shore to demonstrate the widespread opposition to offshore drilling in New Jersey. We hope all Mayors will unite on this matter, which poses a threat to their colleagues along the coast and to a crucial component of the State's economy and environment.

V. 2016 Campaign Contribution Notice

At the Department of State's request, please see the 2016 Campaign Contribution Notice [here](#). It is important that this notice come to the attention of each municipal clerk.

Sincerely,

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Director