To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 763 (First Reprint) without my approval.

Today, I signed the Fiscal Year 2013 Appropriations Act prepared and passed by the legislative majority. That budget, which contained billions of dollars in spending, failed to address the single issue that strikes at the heart of our shared interests and our continued prosperity: immediate tax relief for all New Jersey residents. To the contrary, and for the third time in as many years, the legislative majority has proposed raising income taxes as a solution to years of leaderless governance that was the norm in Trenton before January 2010.

Accompanying that budget were a number of additional bills, including this proposal, that would ladle on even more government spending. Separating these bills from the Appropriations Act is little more than a thinly veiled attempt to circumvent the tough choices required to meet the constitutional obligation of passing a balanced budget. Some elected officials persist in the convenient thinking, honed to perfection in the years prior to my Administration, that a spending bill or a tax increase passed outside the budget is not really taxing and spending as usual. But as every homeowner with a mortgage, every student with a tuition bill, and every business with a delivery knows, simply wishing for more money to pay the bills is a reckless, childish, guaranteed path towards financial disaster.
for the people whose welfare we are privileged to help protect. I join me in the great and worthy task of leadership with and access our space, and welcome all members of the legislature to will continue to answer the call to action that those who loudly sectetted in the past are rewarded with a better tomorrow. I that are fair, on the compromise, that ensure those who have harder road, the difficult decision, the fight for principles present, but we are New Jerseyans, we do not shy away from the purpose to avoid theincummenent, but essential, changes of the broader issue. Mortgaging our future and our children’s debt with the defeat of the democracy. It was noted that government has pledged three decades ago. It was noted that government has pledged live within our collective means. In a similar vein, more than attempts to raise taxes, I implore the legislature to learn to live within our collective means. In a similar vein, more than twice months ago, in reflecting the second of three

For our next fiscal year, rather than next June, dollars. That dialogue should begin now, as we begin planning spending again. The conflicting proposals for using taxpayer money and honestly debate the merits of their preferred legislative is serious in advancing these ideas. Let the members of the constitution, and expected by the people. I am speaking without their desire for budget reductions as required by the legislature to accept a majority of their reductions. Instead, I am telling the legislature to accept the cuts and adjustments to the budget. These cuts passed by the legislature outside the budget.
Chief Counsel to the Governor

/s/ Charles B. McC nana

Attest:

Governor
/s/ Chris Christie

Respectfully,

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approval.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY