

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2850

September 13, 2010

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2850 without my approval.

This legislation would authorize the sale of approximately 15.5 acres of land including four structures, currently part of East Jersey Prison, to Woodbridge Township for nominal value as an affordable housing deed-restricted parcel.

No matter how laudable the sponsors' goal, I will not approve legislation that will dispose of valuable State assets for the purposes of complying with a broken, outdated, and unworkable affordable housing scheme.

I implore the Assembly to resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 1. That legislation represents a bipartisan effort to bring about common sense reform and end the nightmare that has resulted from the Council on Affordable Housing. We can tolerate no further inaction and delay on this critical issue of reform.

Accordingly, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 2850 without my approval.

Respectfully,
/s/ Chris Christie
Governor

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Attest:
/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa
Chief Counsel to the Governor