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Justice Roberto A. Rivera-Soto
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Dear Justice Rivera-Soto:

This morning, I received your letter requesting that you not be considered for reappointment to the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Mindful of your long service to the citizens of our State and Nation, and your stated desire to return to the practice of law, I will honor your request.

Your tenure on the Court has been marked by a conscientious commitment to the rule of law, and enduring respect for the core principles of fairness, decency, and impartiality that support our legal system. As the first Hispanic American to serve on our State's highest Court, you have used your historic appointment to provide an intelligent and balanced voice in each decision. Your thoughtful and reasoned opinions in scores of cases will guide New Jersey through the next century, and your distinguished career as a public servant will serve as an example for generations of future lawyers.

I am grateful for your dedicated service. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors, and thank you once more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie".

Chris Christie
Governor