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May 13, 2011

Mr. Joseph A. Balzano
Executive Director
South Jersey Port Corporation
P.O. Box 129
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Camden, New Jersey 08101

RE: Minutes of the South Jersey Port Corporation
April 26, 2011 Meeting

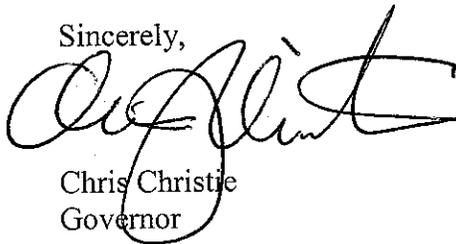
Dear Mr. Balzano:

I have reviewed the minutes of the April 26, 2011 meeting of the South Jersey Port Corporation ("SJPC"). In accordance with the authorization contained in N.J.S.A. 12:11A-5g, I hereby return the minutes with a veto of the action taken at the April 26, 2011 meeting with respect to the approval of payment in the amount of \$3,036.80 for the Operating Unpaid Bill List and Expense Report for the period March 17, 2011 to April 13, 2011.

I recognize the importance of generating new business for the SJPC; however, SJPC is not private industry and is subsidized by the State. Methods of business development used in the private sector such as "winning and dining" potential customers are not recommended for use in the public sector. In particular, the Board approved at the April 26, 2011 meeting two restaurant expenditures totaling \$1,705.89, each in excess of \$800.00 which included alcohol. These are not expenses that the taxpayers of New Jersey should be expected to bear. A review of previously submitted Expense Reports approved by the Board for business development also shows other excessive restaurant bills including alcohol. It is incumbent upon the SJPC to create innovative ways of attracting business to the SJPC without incurring unnecessary expenditures inappropriate for the public sector.

Until the veto period expires, I specifically reserve my right to veto any other action taken by the Authority at its meeting on April 26, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Chris Christie
Governor

- c. Honorable Richard A. Alaimo, Chairman
Deborah L. Gramiccioni, Director, Governor's Authorities Unit