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### **FLORIO CONTINUES DRIVE FOR CAR INSURANCE REFORM**

EWING -- Pleased by the response its received, Governor Jim Florio continued to push support for his car insurance reform package, today urging auto workers to get behind their legislators and help get the proposal adopted.

"Send letters to your state legislators and if you don't feel like sending a letter, just send a postcard with the word 'fair' on it," said Florio, before members of United Auto Workers Local 731. "That's F-A-I-R: For Auto Insurance Reform."

While his proposal has picked up the support of seniors and newspapers, Florio noted that not everyone was happy with his plan especially the insurance companies. "I'd be worried if the insurance companies liked it," he said. "Then I'd have to wonder whether my plan was really helping the drivers of New Jersey."

"The King of England didn't much care for the Declaration of Independence, but it was pretty good for the average person," the Governor said.

"No one can defend a system where good drivers get treated like bad drivers. Where insurance companies can turn down drivers for no reason. Where the JUA can run up a \$3 billion debt through their own incompetence and then make the drivers of the state pay for it," Florio said. "What I'm talking about is a system that is fairer - that treats people with dignity and respect."

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