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President George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I was disappointed to read that a national lottery is among the ideas being considered to close the federal budget deficit.

I recognize the difficulties of balancing a budget, but I urge you to reject this proposal. A national lottery would once again take from a source of revenue that is very important to our state. In New Jersey, the lottery last year raised more than \$500 million. That money went to worthwhile programs for schools and seniors.

We in New Jersey are confronting our budget problem honestly. I believe the federal government should do the same. Leadership involves making tough decisions, and in New Jersey I've had to look to taxes as part of the answer.

We are in the midst of an intelligent debate among the people about how state government spends and raises revenue. The people of New Jersey would like to see fair, honest answers and rational debate from Washington, as well.

I urge you to take that route -- to confront the nation's problems -- rather than taking a patch-up approach that only adds to the already heavy burdens being placed on our states.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Florio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Florio  
Governor