

REMARKS OF
THE HONORABLE THOMAS H. KEAN
GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY
AT THE
VISIT OF PRESIDENT REAGAN
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
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THANK YOU, BO. AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR THAT WARM
WELCOME.

IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS, THE PEOPLE OF NEW JERSEY WILL
MAKE A CHOICE.

THEY WILL MAKE A CHOICE BETWEEN A FUTURE OF HOPE AND
OPPORTUNITY, OR A RETURN TO THE POLICIES THAT FAILED US SO
MISERABLY IN THE PAST.

THEY WILL MAKE A CHOICE BETWEEN THOSE WHO ARE AGAINST NEW TAXES, AND THOSE WHO CAN'T WAIT TO RAISE THEM.

AND THEY WILL MAKE A CHOICE BETWEEN LEADERSHIP THAT'S WORKING, AND A LACK OF LEADERSHIP THAT HELPED PUT PEOPLE OUT OF WORK.

IN NEW JERSEY, THE CHOICE IS CLEAR.

ON THE CONGRESSIONAL LEVEL, I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE PEOPLE WILL CHOOSE MARGE ROUKEMA, WHO HAS BEEN ONE OF OUR HARDEST WORKING REPRESENTATIVES FOR THESE LAST FOUR YEARS, AND NEIL ROMANO, A BRIGHT AND AGGRESSIVE CHALLENGER WITH VISION.

ON THE SENATE LEVEL, WE ALL HAVE TO ADMIRE THE COURAGE AND CONVICTION OF MARY MOCHARY. AS YOU KNOW, MARY COULD NOT BE WITH US TODAY, BECAUSE SHE HAD TO BE AT HER HUSBAND'S SIDE AS HE FACES THE TRAUMA OF A HEART TRANSPLANT. BUT HER COURAGE IN THE FACE OF THIS ADVERSITY, AND HER PERFORMANCE OVER THESE MANY MONTHS IN A TOUGH CAMPAIGN, SPEAKS LOUDER THAN ANY WORDS SHE COULD HAVE GIVEN US. SHE IS TRULY A CHAMPION. AND SHE DESERVES OUR SUPPORT ON NOVEMBER 6TH.

AND FINALLY, THERE IS PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT CHOICE OF ALL: WHO WILL LEAD OUR COUNTRY FOR THESE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

THIS IS PRESIDENT REAGAN'S FOURTH VISIT TO NEW JERSEY THIS YEAR. BUT DURING HIS TERM, HE HAS PAID ATTENTION TO NEW JERSEY WITH MUCH MORE THAN VISITS.

HE HAS BEEN SENSITIVE TO OUR NEEDS -- ON THE ENVIRONMENT, ON DEVELOPING OUR WATERFRONT, ON CREATING A BETTER TOMMORROW. HE HAS HELPED NEW JERSEY'S ECONOMY LEAP AHEAD INTO THE AGE OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY. HE HAS BROUGHT US HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF NEW JOBS.

BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, HE HAS REKINDLED A SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM THAT HAS INFECTED NOT ONLY NEW JERSEY BUT AN ENTIRE NATION.

AN EARLIER GREAT PRESIDENT, ONCE SAID THAT: "WE NEED LEADERS OF INSPIRED IDEALISM, LEADERS TO WHOM ARE GRANTED GREAT VISIONS, WHO DREAM GREATLY AND STRIVE TO MAKE THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE, WHO CAN KINDLE THE PEOPLE WITH FIRE FROM THEIR BURNING SOULS."

WELL, A FIRE IS ONCE AGAIN BURNING IN THE SOUL OF THIS
GREAT NATION.

AMERICA IS BACK.

ANT THAT IS WHY I AM NOT ONLY PERSONALLY HONORED, BUT I
AM PROUD, AS THE GOVERNOR OF A STATE WHICH HE HAS HELPED SO
MUCH, AND AS AN AMERICAN, TO INTRODUCE THE CURRENT AND FUTURE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: RONALD REAGAN.