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REMARKS OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS H. KEAN

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AT THE

PUBLIC SIGNING OF THE TEN BILL PACKAGE COMPRISING

THE ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST PROGRAM

RIVERVIEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

TOTOWA, NEW JERSEY

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GOOD AFTERNOON.

THIS WEEKEND, WE PASSED ANOTHER MILEPOST ON OUR
CALENDAR. FALL BEGAN. ANOTHER SEASON HAS PASSED.

I SUPPOSE THAT'S AN APPROPRIATE BACKDROP FOR THE MOMENT
THAT STANDS BEFORE US TODAY.

AS THE CALENDAR SHOWED US, TIME DOESN'T WAIT. IT
DOESN'T SLOW DOWN WHILE WE STRUGGLE TO COME UP WITH THE BEST
SOLUTIONS TO OUR PROBLEMS. IT KEEPS GOING.

AND AS IT DOES, SOME OF THOSE PROBLEMS GET WORSE. THE
NEED FOR A SOLUTION BECOMES MORE URGENT.

OF ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT FACE NEW JERSEY, NONE ARE AS URGENT AS THOSE THAT THREATEN OUR ENVIRONMENT. AND FEW ARE AS DIFFICULT.

THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR, WE HAVE SEEN THOSE PROBLEMS RISE UP AND DEMONSTRATE -- DRAMATICALLY -- THE NEED FOR US TO BE HERE TODAY.

WE HAVE SEEN POLLUTION IN THE WATER CLOSE SOME OF OUR PRIZED BEACHES AT THE JERSEY SHORE.

WE'VE SEEN SEWAGE VISIBLY FLOATING IN OUR RIVERS AND OCEAN.

WE'VE SEEN LANDFILL SPACE FILL UP RAPIDLY.

WE'VE SEEN UNSAFE DUMPS CLOSED, AND OTHERS RUNNING OUT OF ROOM.

NEW JERSEY IS NOT ALONE IN FACING THESE PROBLEMS.

I READ OVER THE WEEKEND, AS PERHAPS YOU DID, OF THE GROWING ALARM OVER THE POLLUTION OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY.

THAT ESTUARY -- THE LARGEST IN THIS COUNTRY -- IS A

VERITABLE WONDERLAND OF MARINE LIFE, A HABITAT FOR

WATERFOWL, AND A SUSTAINER OF HUMAN LIFE.

YET THE CHESAPEAKE IS THREATENED. AND THE STATES THAT
CONTRIBUTE TO IT -- PENNSYLVANIA, MARYLAND, AND VIRGINIA --
TEAMED UP TO COME UP WITH A PLAN FOR ITS PROTECTION AND CLEANUP.

THE VERY FIRST RECOMMENDATION IN THAT PLAN WAS TO BEGIN
TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT SEWAGE IS TREATED BEFORE IT
FLOWS INTO THAT REMARKABLE BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES.

THOSE STATES ARE RECOGNIZING WHAT WE RECOGNIZED AT THE
BEGINNING OF THIS ADMINISTRATION -- WHEN I FIRST PROPOSED
THE SO-CALLED "INFRASTRUCTURE BANK". THAT TIME DOES NOT
WAIT. THAT SEWAGE, IF UNTREATED OR NOT ADEQUATELY TREATED,
WILL DAMAGE OUR CLEAN WATER -- PERHAPS IRREVERSIBLY. AND
THAT WE MUST BEGIN -- AT ONCE -- TO BUILD THE NECESSARY
PLANTS TO TREAT SEWAGE.

TODAY, NEW JERSEY IS TAKING A LEG UP ON THOSE STATES,
AND MANY OTHERS.

TODAY, NEW JERSEY IS ENACTING ITS PLAN FOR CLEAN WATER.

TODAY, WE ARE PUTTING IN PLACE THE VEHICLE WE NEED TO
GET OUR NEEDED SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS BUILT.

AND TODAY IS NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON.

I AM HERE TO SIGN THE PACKAGE WHICH
ESSENTIALLY COMPRISES WHAT WE'VE CALLED THE ENVIRONMENTAL
TRUST.

IT IS A PROGRAM FOR A CLEAN NEW JERSEY.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF BILLS TO WHICH I AM ABOUT TO PUT
MY PEN.

THE FIRST CREATES THE NEW JERSEY WASTEWATER TREATMENT
TRUST -- THE ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST.

THIS BILL EMBODIES THE CRITICAL FEATURE OF THE PACKAGE
-- BECAUSE IT CREATES AN ENTITY WHICH CAN USE LEVERAGED
FINANCING, THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS -- TO MAKE
SURE THAT WE GET THE MOST OUT OF THE DOLLARS WE DEVOTE TO
SEWAGE TREATMENT.

IN SHORT, CREATION OF THE TRUST WILL ALLOW US TO HELP
MORE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BUILD MORE NEEDED PLANTS, FASTER AND
MORE CHEAPLY THAN THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO ON THEIR OWN.

THE SECOND BILL IS JUST AS IMPORTANT, IF NOT MORE
IMPORTANT -- IT PROVIDES THE MONEY!!

THAT BILL CALLS FOR THE PASSAGE OF A \$190 MILLION BOND ISSUE THIS FALL TO CAPITALIZE BOTH THE TRUST AND THE REVOLVING FUND THAT WILL ALSO BE CREATED. THE REVOLVING FUND WILL MAKE LOANS -- AND IN SOME CASES GRANTS -- TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO HELP THEM BUILD THESE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS.

I PROBABLY NEED NOT STRESS THE IMPORTANCE -- THE ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL IMPORTANCE -- OF ALL OF US HERE TODAY COMING TOGETHER TO PASS THIS BOND ISSUE. I THINK THAT WHEN THE VOTERS UNDERSTAND THE STAKES FOR NEW JERSEY, THEY WILL BE EAGER TO VOTE FOR IT. IT IS OUR JOB, AND I INTEND TO MAKE SURE IT GETS DONE, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DO UNDERSTAND THEM.

THE MONIES FROM THIS BOND ISSUE, WHEN COMBINED WITH THE FEDERAL GRANTS WE ANTICIPATE, NECESSARY STATE MATCHING FUNDS, AND LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS, WILL PROVIDE A GRAND TOTAL OF \$2.55 BILLION OVER THE NEXT FIFTEEN YEARS TO HELP BUILD PLANTS TO TREAT SEWAGE.

THAT'S \$2.5 BILLION FOR CLEAN WATER.

AND THAT'S ENOUGH TO ALLOW US TO BUILD EVERY ONE OF THE
286 PROJECTS THAT WE KNOW WE NEED RIGHT NOW.

WITHOUT THESE BILLS, THOSE PLANTS JUST WOULDN'T GET
BUILT.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS JUST WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD THEM
BY THEMSELVES WITHOUT ASTRONOMICAL PROPERTY TAXES OR
ENORMOUS USER FEES.

WE WOULDN'T HAVE CLEAN WATER.

WE WOULD HAVE SEWAGE CONTINUING TO FOUL OUR OCEAN AND
RIVERS.

AND -- BECAUSE WE WOULDN'T HAVE THE KIND OF CLEAN WATER
THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REQUIRES -- WE COULD WELL HAVE
BUILDING BANS IN HUNDREDS OF TOWNS AROUND THE STATE.

SO TODAY, WE ARE STRIKING A BLOW FOR LOWER LOCAL
PROPERTY TAXES.

WE ARE STRIKING A BLOW FOR CLEAN WATER.

AND WE ARE STRIKING A BLOW FOR CONTINUED ECONOMIC
GROWTH.

TAKE THE PLANT BEHIND ME. THE RIVERVIEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT. TOTOWA USES THIS PLANT AND THE WEST END PLANT ACROSS TOWN TO TREAT ITS SEWAGE. BOTH PLANTS NEED TO BE UPGRADED. THAT WILL COST OVER \$17 MILLION.

TOTOWA IS CURRENTLY FORTY-FIRST ON THE PRIORITY LIST. THAT MEANS IT MAY GET FEDERAL GRANT MONEY. IN 1988, MAYBE. OR IN 1989, MAYBE.

WITH THE PACKAGE WE ARE SIGNING TODAY, TOTOWA WILL HAVE OTHER OPTIONS -- BESIDES JUST WAITING, OR PAYING THAT HUGE PRICETAG BY ITSELF. IT WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR LOANS OR GRANTS FROM THIS PROGRAM. AND IT MAY BE ABLE TO UPGRADE ITS TREATMENT SOONER, AND CHEAPER, AS A RESULT.

BUT THIS PACKAGE ALLOWS US TO DO MORE THAN CLEAN UP OUR WATER.

IT ALSO, FOR THE FIRST TIME, PROVIDES A SOURCE OF FUNDS TO TURN GARBAGE INTO SOMETHING USEFUL -- ENERGY.

ONE BILL PROPOSES ANOTHER BOND ISSUE -- THIS ONE FOR \$85 MILLION -- TO SET UP A REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO HELP BUILD RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES, AND -- WHEN NEEDED -- SAFE, SANITARY LANDFILLS.

RESOURCE RECOVERY IS A KEY COMPONENT -- PERHAPS THE KEY COMPONENT -- OF ANY LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH GARBAGE.

FOR DECADES, NEW JERSEY DID NOT HAVE ANY STRATEGY.

WE CAME TO OFFICE DETERMINED TO PURSUE ONE -- AND WE HAVE.

TODAY, WE ARE PUTTING THE MONEY WE NEED TO IMPLEMENT OUR STRATEGY IN PLACE.

THAT STRATEGY IS MULTI-PRONGED, OF COURSE.

WE WILL CLOSE UNSAFE LANDFILLS, AS WE HAVE ALREADY DONE -- OVER 100 OF THEM IN JUST THE PAST THREE AND ONE-HALF YEARS.

WE WILL PUSH FOR RECYCLING TO REDUCE THE WASTE STREAM. NEW JERSEY ALREADY HAS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL VOLUNTARY RECYCLING PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY. BUT WE NEED MANDATORY RECYCLING, AND WE NEED IT NOW.

WE WILL SITE LANDFILLS, WHEN THEY ARE NEEDED, THAT ARE SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE WILL MOVE AHEAD WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE RESOURCE RECOVERY PLANTS.

THE BOND MONIES WILL BE USED TO CAPITALIZE A REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO HELP PAY FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTION. IT WILL FINANCE ABOUT 11% OF PROJECT COSTS. SO THERE STILL WILL BE A GREAT EXPENSE. AS WE'VE ALL SAID BEFORE: THIS IS NOT A FREE LUNCH; IT'S MERELY A CHEAPER LUNCH.

SEVERAL OTHER BILLS IN THIS PACKAGE WILL HELP US IMPLEMENT THIS STRATEGY FOR GARBAGE.

ONE WILL APPROPRIATE \$50 MILLION FROM THE 1980 NATURAL RESOURCES BOND ACT SO THAT WE CAN USE IT FOR RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECTS.

ANOTHER WILL PUT A QUESTION ON THE BALLOT THIS FALL WHICH WILL ALLOW US TO USE THAT OLD BOND MONEY IN A REVOLVING LOAN FUND -- SO THAT WE CAN KEEP USING IT TO HELP FINANCE THESE PLANTS; OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

YET ANOTHER BILL WILL APPROPRIATE \$33 MILLION SPECIFICALLY TO ESSEX COUNTY TO HELP MOVE AHEAD WITH CONSTRUCTION OF ITS RESOURCE RECOVERY PLANT.

THAT SHOULD MAKE THAT COUNTY'S EXECUTIVE -- WHO SUPPORTS THIS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST PACKAGE -- HAPPY!

AND IT UNDERLINES BOTH THE BI-PARTISAN APPROACH THAT HAS HELPED US GET WHERE WE ARE TODAY, AND THE BI-PARTISAN CONSENSUS THAT EXISTS ON THE NEED TO CLEAN UP OUR ENVIRONMENT.

THERE IS ONE BILL IN THIS PACKAGE THAT I AM NOT SIGNING TODAY.

THAT BILL WOULD APPROPRIATE \$30 MILLION FROM THIS YEAR'S BUDGET FOR LANDFILL CLOSURE COSTS -- PRINCIPALLY TO HELP TAXPAYERS IN THOSE TOWNS THAT ARE NOW FACING CLOSURE OF MAJOR LANDFILLS BEAR THE COST OF CLOSING THEM DOWN.

I AGREE WITH THE INTENT OF THE BILL. IN FACT, THE PACKAGE WE DRAFTED CONTAINED \$50 MILLION IN BOND MONIES FOR EXACTLY THIS PURPOSE.

BUT RIGHT NOW, OUR DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IS CONDUCTING A STUDY OF ALL THE LANDFILLS IN THE STATE TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT THOSE COSTS ARE AND WILL BE.

THAT STUDY IS NOT FINISHED YET.

MEANWHILE, OUR END OF THE YEAR SURPLUS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR, IF YOU TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THOSE BILLS NOW ON MY DESK WHICH I EXPECT TO SIGN, IS \$143 MILLION -- FAR BELOW, IN FACT TWENTY PERCENT BELOW, THE AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE TREASURER.

WE HAVE GOT TO BE CAREFUL BEFORE WE EAT INTO THAT ANY MORE. AND WE HAVE GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE NEED IS BEFORE WE SPEND ONE DIME MORE THAN WHAT'S NEEDED.

THEREFORE, I AM GOING TO HOLD OFF ON FINAL ACTION ON THAT MEASURE UNTIL THE D.E.P.'S STUDY IS COMPLETE -- AND WE HAVE A CHANCE TO REVIEW THE D.E.P.'S ESTIMATE OF NEED WITH THE STATE TREASURER TO SEE HOW MUCH WE CAN AFFORD.

IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT SOME TOWNS ARE SUFFERING. PRINCIPALLY, THEY ARE THOSE TOWNS AFFECTED BY THE CLOSING OF KINSLEY LANDFILL IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY AND PARKLANDS AND L&D LANDFILLS IN BURLINGTON COUNTY.

SO I CAN ASSURE SENATOR DALTON AND OTHERS THAT I WILL BE SIGNING SOME AMOUNT INTO LAW TO HELP THE RESIDENTS OF THOSE COUNTIES.

THE REST OF THE BILLS IN THE PACKAGE, WHICH I AM SIGNING, ARE MAINLY TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE BILLS I HAVE JUST DESCRIBED.

THE PASSAGE OF THIS PROGRAM IS THE LARGEST STEP THAT NEW JERSEY HAS EVER TAKEN TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF KEEPING OUR WATER CLEAN AND DISPOSING OF GARBAGE SAFELY.

AND I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR THEIR COOPERATION IN PASSING THIS COMPROMISE PACKAGE.

ON SOME ISSUES, WE SIMPLY CANNOT BE DIVIDED -- THE PUBLIC INTEREST DEMANDS THAT WE WORK TOGETHER. CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT IS ONE SUCH ISSUE.

I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE SEVERAL LEGISLATORS THAT PLAYED PIVOTAL ROLES IN THE PROCESS OF DRAFTING AND PASSING THESE BILLS. BUT BEFORE I DO, I WANT TO THANK EVERY ONE WHO IS SITTING UP HERE WITH ME.

YOU ARE THE PRINCIPAL SPONSORS AND COSPONSORS OF THE BILLS. YOU HAVE LED YOUR COLLEAGUES. AND NEW JERSEY WILL BE THE BETTER FOR IT.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE CITIZENS OF NEW JERSEY. THEY SUPPORT THE STEPS WE ARE TAKING TODAY.

AND THEY HAD LEADING THEM -- IN THE FINEST TRADITION OF PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS -- A COALITION OF SUCH GROUPS WHICH WORKED FOR THIS BILL. THAT COALITION -- WE CALLED IT THE COALITION FOR A CLEAN NEW JERSEY -- SPOKE OUT FOR THIS PACKAGE. CAJOLED WHEN NECESSARY. WORKED TO GET IT PASSED.

I AM GOING TO INTRODUCE THE LEADERS OF THAT COALITION MOMENTARILY. BUT AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK EVERY MEMBER.

AND I WANT TO ASK YOU -- BEFORE YOU THINK YOU'RE OFF THE HOOK -- FOR YOUR HELP ONCE MORE.

WE STILL HAVE A FORMIDABLE TASK AHEAD OF US. WE HAVE THREE QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT FROM THIS PACKAGE. AND WE MUST GET THEM PASSED.

I'M ASKING YOU TODAY TO CONTINUE TO LEAD THE PUBLIC. TO CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUT. AND TO CONTINUE YOUR FINE WORK SO THAT THE VOTERS UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT A CLEAN NEW JERSEY IS TO THEM.

I -- AND I AM SURE THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE -- PLEDGE OUR FULL SUPPORT, COOPERATION, AND HELP AS YOU UNDERTAKE THIS VITAL MISSION.

WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO SIGN THESE BILLS -- MAKING UP THE ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST PACKAGE.

A PACKAGE THAT WILL HELP GIVE US CLEAN WATER. AND THAT WILL HELP GET MORE OF IT, IN MORE PLACES, FASTER AND CHEAPER THAN IF WE HAD NOT AGREED TO ACT.

AND A PACKAGE THAT WILL SET US ON THE ROAD TO RESOURCE RECOVERY -- AND A LONG-AWAITED COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOR DISPOSING OF GARBAGE IN NEW JERSEY.

THANK YOU.

THERE WERE A LOT OF KEY PLAYERS IN AS BIG AN UNDERTAKING AS PASSING A TEN BILL PACKAGE WHICH PROVIDES BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT FIFTEEN YEARS.

BUT A FEW STAND OUT.

NOT LONG AGO, IT LOOKED LIKE NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS PACKAGE HAD REACHED AN IMPASSE. BUT THE SENATE EVENTUALLY CAME UP WITH THE COMPROMISE PACKAGE I AM SIGNING TODAY. THEY COULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT WITHOUT THE LEADERSHIP, THE WORK, AND THE FORESIGHT OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT, CARMEN ORECHIO. CARMEN:

THREE YEARS AGO, WHEN WE FIRST CAME UP WITH THIS IDEA, WE CALLED IT THE INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST. THE PRINCIPAL SPONSOR AND MOVING FORCE BEHIND IT IN THE SENATE WAS BILL GORMLEY. BILL HAS KEPT WORKING ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST. HE REMAINS A DRIVING FORCE -- AND A TIRELESS WORKER. BILL:

THE PRINCIPAL SPONSOR OF THE KEY BILL IN THIS PACKAGE,
THE BILL WHICH ESTABLISHES THE TRUST, IS SENATOR DAN
DALTON. SENATOR DALTON HAS WORKED LONG HOURS IN PUTTING
THIS PACKAGE TOGETHER, AND HE DESERVES ALL OF OUR THANKS.
DAN:

THERE ARE MANY LEADERS IN THE ASSEMBLY TO THANK FOR
THESE BILLS, BUT I THINK THE MOST COMMITTED TO THE PROGRAM
WAS THE SPONSOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST PROGRAM WHICH I
ORIGINALLY OUTLINED IN MY STATE OF THE STATE. THAT IS
SOMEONE WHO HAS PUSHED RELENTLESSLY FOR THESE BILLS -- THE
MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY, CHUCK HARDWICK. CHUCK:

ANOTHER KEY ASSEMBLYMAN IN ACHIEVING TODAY'S SUCCESS IS
MARTY HERMAN. MARTY WORKED WITH US FROM THE BEGINNING. HE
WAS WILLING TO COMPROMISE. HE WAS WILLING TO DRAFT NEW
BILLS, TO INCORPORATE EVERYONE'S CONCERNS. BUT HE WASN'T
WILLING TO GIVE UP. MARTY REALIZED, PERHAPS MORE THAN
ANYONE, HOW VITAL IT WAS TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE BILLS WERE
PASSED, AND I THANK HIM FOR THAT. MARTY:

IF THERE IS ONE ASSEMBLYMAN WHO IS MOST ACUTELY AWARE OF THE NEED TO KEEP OUR OCEAN CLEAN, IT IS DOC VILLANE. DOC HAS BEEN CRUSADING FOR A CLEAN OCEAN EVER SINCE I HAVE KNOWN HIM. IT'S NOT SURPRISING, THEN, THAT HE WAS AN ORIGINAL COSPONSOR OF OUR FIRST INFRASTRUCTURE BANK BILL -- AND HE HAS BEEN WITH US EVERY STEP OF THE WAY SINCE THEN. DOC:

I MENTIONED THAT A NUMBER OF GROUPS CAME TOGETHER TO PUSH FOR PASSAGE OF THIS BILL -- AND OBVIOUSLY, THEY WERE EFFECTIVE.

THERE WERE THREE CO-CHAIRS OF THAT COALITION, REPRESENTING BUSINESS, LABOR, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY. THEY DON'T ALWAYS AGREE. BUT THEY AGREED ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK EACH OF THEM TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

FIRST, BRUCE COE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW JERSEY BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION.

THE SECOND CO-CHAIR IS PEGGY HASKIN. PEGGY IS A
LIFELONG ENVIRONMENTALIST, AND A TIRELESS WORKER. IN
ADDITION TO CHAIRING THIS COALITION, SHE SERVES THE STATE ON
THE NEW JERSEY WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY, AND ON THE DROUGHT
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. PEGGY:

THE THIRD CHAIR OF THE COALITION IS CHARLIE MARCIANTE,
THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE AFL-CIO. CHARLIE KNOWS THAT THIS
PROGRAM WILL CREATE JOBS IN NEW JERSEY, AND HIS HARD WORK
SHOWS THAT. CHARLIE COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY, BUT HE HAS
SENT ED PULVER, THE TREASURER OF THE AFL-CIO TO REPRESENT
HIM. ED:

I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
COALITION -- CANDY ASHMUN, A COMMISSIONER ON THE PINELANDS
COMMISSION; BOB BRYANT OF THE UTILITY AND TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION; MAYOR DENNIS COLLINS OF BAYONNE;
IDCK FORMAN OF THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS; MAYOR
BOB GRASMERE OF MAPLEWOOD; JIM GROGAN OF THE NEW JERSEY
BUILDING TRADES; FRANK LEHR, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATURAL
RESOURCES CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL; JOHN MADDOCKS OF
PSE&G; DAN PINCUS OF THE BUILDERS ASSOCIATION; MAYOR JACK
RAFFERTY OF HAMILTON TOWNSHIP; DIANE WALKER OF THE SIERRA
CLUB; AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THE INDEFATIGUABLE ELLIS
VIESER OF THE ALLIANCE FOR ACTION.

YOUR HELP HAS BEEN INVALUABLE.

NOW LET'S ALL GO OUT TOGETHER AND GET THOSE BOND ISSUES
PASSED.

THANK YOU.