



June 1, 2010

Thank you!

Honorable Barbara Buono
Senate Majority Leader
Two Lincoln Highway, Suite 401
Edison, NJ 08820

Dear Senator Buono:

On behalf of our 1.3 million members in New Jersey, we are writing to thank you for your opposition to cuts in the proposed state budget that would have hurt low-income seniors and disabled adults in the state prescription drug assistance programs. We were thrilled by your staunch opposition to these proposed cuts and we salute your outstanding leadership on this matter.

We believe that your leadership and other legislative leaders provided the impetus for Governor Christie to make his announcement at our AARP Day at the Capitol on May 20 that he was rescinding the proposed cuts. Thank you for helping to make this happen.

As a result of your leadership, more than 100,000 low-income seniors and disabled adults will be protected from having to pay the proposed cost increases such as the \$310 deductible and co-pay increases. This quite literally saved our most vulnerable population from having to pay more than \$50 million in increased health care costs.

And of course, on behalf of our members throughout the Garden State, thank you for appearing at our AARP Day at the Capitol on May 20.

Sincerely,

Sy Larson
State President

Jim Dieterle
State Director

Marilyn Askin
Legislative Advocate

Doug Johnston
Manager, Advocacy

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