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ENDORSEMENT OF MR. JACK CIATTARELLI AS GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY

July 28, 2025

As President of the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, I am privileged to represent our thanks and support for New Jersey public employees and especially our law enforcement and first responder community, active and retired. In that light, I furnish this letter in support of the candidacy of Mr. Jack Ciattarelli as the next Governor of New Jersey, for the following reasons.

Since our candidates' night event on May 13, 2025, in Old Bridge, New Jersey, members of our Association of Former New Jersey Troopers, Inc., Board of Directors have actively watched and read with earnest interest, how each of the candidates for Governor have made their campaign positions known. During our May 13th event, Mr. Ciattarelli made his positions known and answered every question asked by those in attendance. His common-sense approach to those concerns most important to the law enforcement community and first responders, especially to our Association of some 2,000 plus retirees, life widows, familial, civilian, and sworn members, and their families, was refreshing and impressive.

Mr. Ciattarelli's steadfast promise to restore our Cost-Of-Living-Adjustment (COLA) was not only appreciated, but his plan to fund the COLA is of vital importance to our depleted State Police Retirement System, thanks to past administrations and legislatures who not only drained our once robust pension systems but continued to shortchange or not fund the State's required annual pension contributions. While the cost-of-living has certainly increased substantially since 2011, our dedicated public service employee-retirees have shouldered these skyrocketing costs with no COLA for the last fourteen-years. Enough is enough!

Mr. Ciattarelli's common-sense approach to governing through reduced state spending - reforming government so it works for the people, term limits for legislators, demanding affordable and accessible healthcare, respecting and protecting fellow citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities, fair elections, prioritizing qualifications – not partisanship on the NJ Supreme Court, promoting educational opportunity for all children, and honoring our state's veterans and their families are all very important to all voters!

However, when it comes to our law enforcement and first responder community, restoring law & order and respect for law enforcement are of utmost importance, along with defending the rights of law abiding gun owners, protecting qualified immunity, opposition to civilian review boards, fixing bail reform, opposition to the release of internal affair records, and community policing, are all very important concerns to those of us who have served, and those who are currently serving, and their families!

It is therefore, as President and on behalf of our Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, that I announce our endorsement for Mr. Jack Ciattarelli as the next Governor of the State of New Jersey!

Sincerely,

George J. Wren, Jr.