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CWA STATEMENT ON CHRISTIE BREAKING PENSION PAYMENT PROMISE

TRENTON, NJ) – This afternoon, Governor Chris Christie broke his latest promise. In dealing with a budget shortfall north of \$800 million - of his own making - Christie declared that he is refusing to make pledged pension payments.

Below please find a statement from Communications Workers of America's NJ State Director Hetty Rosenstein in response:

"Governor Christie said he fixed the state pension. He said our economy was the New Jersey Comeback, and he'd stop relying on one-shot gimmicks. He said record-breaking tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy would create jobs. After five years of Christie at the helm, it turns out every single thing he's promised has failed miserably - with a record sixth credit-downgrade by Wall Street to show for all his failures. It's time Christie realizes what everyone else knows: cutting taxes for the super-wealthy, while stealing money from pensions hasn't worked yet. And it won't work this time. At every turn, Governor Christie has chosen the path of economic instability, due to his wrong priorities and callous actions towards New Jersey's working families. Since Christie is clearly unwilling to be a responsible actor, we call on the state legislature to step up and be the adults in the room."