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ONE OF THE POLITICAL allegories of The Wizard of Oz came when Dorothy threw a bucket of water on the Wicked Witch and melted her.

That caused the palace guards, once fiercely loyal to the powerful witch, to drop to their knees and proclaim, “Hail to Dorothy, the Wicked Witch is dead.”

Everybody wants to be with the winner, especially in New Jersey.

That’s why political power is ephemeral, on a good day.

The way to know that is this: start writing down the names of every person who served as chief of staff to the governor of New Jersey. There’s a decent chance you’ll miss Amy Cradic, who held the job less than two years ago.

How soon people forget.

Power isn’t just transient; it’s also in the eye of the beholder.

While the New Jersey Globe Power List for 2019 is subjective, it’s also an objective look at who wields the most influence right now.

In New Jersey, the most powerful are the five-tool players – men and women who possess the all of some of these five skills:

• The authority and aptitude to directly influence a government action, policy or decision.

• The capacity to move extraordinary amounts of money, either governmentally or in pursuit of their political agenda.

• The ability to deliver jobs and contracts of significance.

• The clout to appreciably move the needle on public opinion.

• Metaphorically only: A license to kill someone, if they need to.

In the most basic, Jersey-style terms: power is the ability to get shit done.

“EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE WITH THE WINNER, ESPECIALLY IN NEW JERSEY.”

– DAVID WILDSTEIN, Editor, New Jersey Globe
Missiles have been launched at Norcross from a multitude of arsenals: the state’s grassroots progressive activists who view him as the man behind the curtain pulling the strings of those opposing their issues; reporters spellbound by their desire to expose what they view as a rapacious political boss; and a governor who has empowered a task force to investigate tax credits awarded by the Economic Development Authority during the previous administration.

While Norcross has taken some direct hits, his detractors have been unable to land a kill shot so far.

With all the ballyhoo, Norcross has not lost any of his political influence.

“MISSILES HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED AT NORCROSS FROM A MULTITUDE OF ARSENALS.”
Elected officials who were devoted to Norcross before the tax incentives probe remain loyal to him now – perhaps even more so. Political coalitions between South Jersey, Norcross’ base of power, have not abandoned him.

Indeed, his allies appear to have doubled down in support of him.

Case in point: Cory Booker sought out Norcross to help him raise money for his presidential campaign. In turn, Booker defended Norcross’ role in rejuvenating the city of Camden.

Like many modern-day political battles, the war against Norcross is largely being fought inside the Trenton bubble. It’s not like real voters know about the EDA task force, and if they do, there is no evidence that they care.

Since his election as Camden County Democratic Chairman in 1989, Norcross has built a legitimate political machine, in ways that legends like Frank Hague or Hap Farley would never have imagined.

With extraordinary influence over the legislative branch – most specifically the New Jersey State Senate – Norcross long ago solved the Rubik’s Cube of New Jersey politics by figuring out that powerful legislative leaders can sometimes run the state.

His feud with Phil Murphy has escalated to epic proportions because Norcross’ legislative allies have been able to blockade the governor’s legislative program. Murphy hasn’t gotten a millionaire’s tax or legalized marijuana because Norcross hasn’t said yes.

While Murphy seeks to defrock Norcross – and Republicans prepare for another gubernatorial election – New Jersey waits to see how this blockbuster measurement of testicular magnitude plays out.

So George Norcross remains at #1 on the New Jersey Globe Power List until someone more powerful comes along.
IT’S NOT OVERLY DIFFICULT to imagine a world where Tammy Murphy was the governor and her husband was the dutiful First Gentlemen – a sort of salesman-in-chief for the State of New Jersey.

When New Jersey elected a new governor two years ago, they got two for the price of one. It’s this sort of co-governorship that makes Tammy Murphy the most powerful First Lady in New Jersey history.

With unparalleled influence within the Office of the Governor, the First Lady has emerged as a serious political player and policy maker. She doesn’t just have the governor’s ear – she’s heard by his top staffers as well.

Her sway over important decisions facing the state caused the governor’s top antagonist, George E. Norcross III, to accuse Phil Murphy of thinking he’s the King of England and Tammy Murphy of believing she’s the Queen.

Tammy Murphy is front and center at every major public event in New Jersey, often with a speaking role. The Governor’s Office issues public schedules for her. She is frequently quoted in press releases. Recent calls to State Committee members seeking support in the race for state chairman came from Phil and Tammy Murphy together.

She knows how to act Jackie Kennedy, or when she needs to, like Edith Wilson.
George Helmy
CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE GOVERNOR

NOBODY IN NEW JERSEY is more cognizant of the butterfly effect than George Helmy. Just one year ago, he was Cory Booker’s state director with a seat at the table as his boss prepared to seek the Democratic nomination for president. The conventional wisdom was that Helmy would leave the Senate staff to play a role in the national campaign.

Then Pete Cammarano resigned as Gov. Phil Murphy’s chief of staff. That caused Murphy to recruit Helmy to take on a job that is clearly one of the most challenging positions in state government. Now he’s the third most powerful person in New Jersey.

Helmy joined the Murphy administration with a reputation for being a strong manager and a straight shooter. He’s made some changes to the way the governor’s office operates – perhaps not as many as he would have liked to – but he’s fixed some of the internal backstabbing that occurred during Murphy’s first year in office and established a stronger chain of command.

To be clear, being governor’s chief of staff is no easy job. Helmy must navigate through the treacherous waters of a hugely divided Democratic Party that has too big a tent to keep everybody happy. He stays clear of making things personal and keeps an open line of communication to those Murphy is sparring with.
A COUPLE GENERATIONS AGO. Kevin McCabe would have been the type of Democratic leader to excel working for John F. Kennedy and then shine working for Lyndon B. Johnson. Nobody in New Jersey politics today can rival McCabe’s political acumen and ability to assemble a coalition.

There hasn’t been a Middlesex County Democratic chairman who dominates local and state politics the way McCabe does in a very long time. He wields an enormously powerful legislative delegation. Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin appears to have gotten his sea legs, and Middlesex has four state senators – more than any other county in the state. To be clear, his legislative reach goes even further than that.

McCabe continues to enhance his relationships with powerful Democrats on the other side of a noxious race for Democratic State Chairman. He’s one of the few people in New Jersey politics who knows how to carry a knife without the need to hold it up against someone’s carotid artery.

In Middlesex, where all politics is local, McCabe runs a tight ship. County government runs smoothly, and Democrats continue to win local elections. In Sayreville, Democrats ended a 20-year GOP reign by capturing an open mayoral seat by three votes.

Add to all that a seat on the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the presidency of the Carpenter’s Union Trust.
IT’S HARD TO FIND anyone of significance that doesn’t like LeRoy Jones personally. He’s developed a reputation for compromise and conciliation. That seems to be his secret sauce.

While Jones is likeable enough, his political clout stems from the sheer enormity of votes Essex County can produce for a statewide candidate. In the last statewide election, Democrats delivered a mastodonic 140,531-vote margin.

He does that by pulling together factions of Democrats who under normal circumstances might not be able to stand one another. He runs a lobbying firm with a good reputation by employing similar skills.

That’s one of the reasons Jones is leading in the vote count to become the next Democratic State Chairman, despite opposition from the titular leader of the party, Gov. Phil Murphy. Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver has endorsed Jones, her longtime friend and since all politics is local, the municipal chairman in her hometown of East Orange.

In his six years as county chairman, Jones has made substantial gains at the municipal level. At the county level, he’s kept everyone happy. At the state level, he helped put together a coalition that installed Craig Coughlin as Assembly Speaker and a key Jones ally, Eliana Pintor Marin, as the chair of the Assembly Budget Committee.
JULIE ROGINSKY’S ORBIT

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Julie Roginsky
PRESIDENT, OPTIMUS COMMUNICATIONS

THE REAL POWER of Julie Roginsky comes from her ability to play the long game, often finding herself facing a bunch of checkers players in a chess match. She wins through the sheer force of her personality – she’ll wait years for someone to blink first, if she must.

Those skills have served her for more than 20 years, working on statewide campaigns for Jon Corzine, Frank Lautenberg, Cory Booker and Phil Murphy. She is a top advisor to Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin and works closely with Kevin McCabe, George Norcross and Senate President Steve Sweeney. Her business partners are Norcross’ brother, Phil, and Republican strategist Jeff Michaels. There is nobody in New Jersey with closer ties to the press than Roginsky.

Now she’s at the pinnacle of her power, emerging as one of the national leaders in a fight against non-disclosure agreements that prevent victims of toxic work environments from speaking publicly. Watch her win that one too.
NEW JERSEY POLITICS has never been an especially safe neighborhood, but Kevin O’Toole seems to make friends everywhere. Those skills served him well during 22 years in the Senate and Assembly. Now as the first Port Authority Chairman in decades to get along with his New York counterparts, and as the head of a law firm that is exploding in size and influence.

In a state that has almost a million more Democrats than Republicans, O’Toole is New Jersey’s most powerful Republican because he’s maintained his GOP ties while expanding his network of Democratic friends. He’s set up a virtual minefield that makes it impossible for Gov. Phil Murphy to replace him at the Port Authority – a job arguably more influential than a half-dozen U.S. governors. The irony here is that the New Jersey politician closest to Gov. Andrew Cuomo is a Republican from Essex County.
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Brendan Gill

PRESIDENT, BGILL GROUP

**THE GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY** is constitutionally the most powerful in the nation and Brendan Gill is the Democrat closest to the current occupant of that office, Phil Murphy. That gives him unbridled access to Murphy and his staff while unencumbered by the typical constraints that come from being a state employee.

Gill signed on to manage Murphy’s campaign at a time when two other Democrats appeared better positioned to win the gubernatorial nomination. That entitles him to reap the rewards that come from taking a huge risk. He’s also run two successful U.S. Senate campaigns and worked for two New Jersey Congressmen.

Next year, Gill has a chance to expand his reach at the national level when Murphy assumes the chairmanship of the Democratic Governors Association.

Gill is also the president of the Essex County Board of Freeholders. He’s the only elected official on the power list because his clout has little to do with his local office. Indeed, his local political power comes from being the Montclair Democratic Municipal Chairman.
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Matt Platkin
CHIEF COUNSEL TO THE GOVERNOR

EVERY BILL THAT PASSES the New Jersey Legislature must cross Matt Platkin’s desk before the governor ever sees it. The nomination of every judge and prosecutor is reviewed by Platkin before the governor sends it to the Senate for confirmation. That is an extraordinary amount of power.

The close relationship between Platkin and Phil Murphy expands his influence exponentially. So does his intelligence and what will soon be two years of on-the-job experience. He is in the room for every major decision made by the Murphy administration.

At the start of the Murphy administration, Platkin found himself saddled with added responsibilities that came with being more powerful than the chief of staff. From all appearances, Platkin is happier now that George Helmy has become chief and has no problem being viewed as the number two guy on the governor’s staff.
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KEVIN DRENNAN RUNS the New Jersey State Senate for Steve Sweeney, which puts him in control of the board list and the confirmation of the governor’s nominations. That means no law gets passed and no nominee gets confirmed without Drennan having the opportunity to weigh in.

Drennan takes the responsibility of being Sweeney’s right-hand-man seriously. He’s known in Trenton for having strong political judgment and for his fierce loyalty to the Senate president.

The relationship between Drennan and Sweeney is close. Sweeney trusts Drennan to do his job, backs him up when things get bloody with the governor’s office, and empowers him to watch out for his constituency of the 25 Democratic senators.
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PRESIDENT, NEW JERSEY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

As the President of the state's largest public employee union, Marie Blistan is now at the apex of her political power as a close ally of Gov. Phil Murphy. She can move enormous amounts of money and votes. With former Gov. Chris Christie fading further from relevance, Blistan and the NJEA has even forged strong relationships with Republican legislators. She backed GOP candidates in district 8, where South Jersey Democrats were looking to flip seats, and she helped Republican incumbents Jon Bramnick, Nancy Munoz and Anthony Bucco win.
GREG LALEVEE
BUSINESS MANAGER, INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 825

THE FORMER crane operator has a deep-pocketed union, makes his own decisions about whom to support, and is fiercely loyal to those who stood by him when he needed them.

STEVE DEMICCO & BRAD LAWRENCE
PARTNERS, MESSAGE & MEDIA

STEVE DEMICCO AND BRAD LAWRENCE have been involved in just about every major statewide campaign for more than twenty years and now work for Gov. Phil Murphy as part of the weekly Inside/Outside calls.
ON NEW JERSEY POLITICAL issues, Michael Soliman speaks for Bob Menendez. He’s also among the few who count Phil Murphy and Steve Sweeney as his friends, a testament to his ability to deliver without offending anyone.

AFTER EIGHT YEARS of Chris Christie, the potentially ferocious CWA New Jersey official is now on the inside looking out as a close ally of Gov. Phil Murphy.
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RAYMOND POCINO
VICE PRESIDENT AND EASTERN REGIONAL MANAGER, LABORERS’ INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

HE’S THE LONGTIME head of a powerful labor union who makes his own decisions, often quietly and with tremendous loyalty.

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THERE IS NOBODY in New Jersey who gets in George Norcross’ face more than the leader of the progressive wing of the New Jersey Democratic Party.

THE MOST IMPORTANT thing to know about the man who runs an umbrella group of fifteen trade unions is that he keeps his promises.
24  JOE KELLEY
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE GOVERNOR

IF PHIL MURPHY gets re-elected governor because voters felt he’d done a good job building New Jersey’s economy, he’s the guy who can claim much of the credit.

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THE FORMER WHITE HOUSE political director is playing a major role in President Donald Trump’s re-election campaign.
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PHIL ALAGIA
CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE

AFTER 17 YEARS as Joe DiVincenzo’s right-hand man, nothing happens in Essex County without his approval.

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IT’S NOT EASY being the governor’s point man with the legislature.
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WELL LIKED and respected, he plays a huge role in running county government and the county Democratic organization.

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2020 WILL BE a huge year for the former GOP assemblyman, who is now tasked with passing a public referendum to legalize marijuana.

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WITH A MORNING drive-time radio show on NJ 101.5 and an evening news show on New York and Philadelphia Fox affiliates, he’s New Jersey’s #1 conservative voice.

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THE HEAD of a grassroots consulting firm has strong ties to New Jersey’s building trades unions.

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AMY DEGISE
HUDSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CHAIR

IN HER SECOND year as county chair, she’s gaining influence and is a favorite of the Democratic governor.

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CHRIS CHRISTIE
FORMER GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY

HE’S BECOMING less relevant – something he cannot stand – but he can still generate news through his constant barrage of phone calls to some reporters he once couldn’t stand.
DONALD DIFRANCESCO and Steve Sweeney are New Jersey’s two longest-serving legislative leaders and Sean Kennedy worked for both men in the Senate Majority office—and on their short-lived gubernatorial campaigns.

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THE FORMER congressman has emerged as an insider’s insider and would shoot to the top of the list if Mike Pence ever becomes president.

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SKIP CIMINO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ASSEMBLY DEMOCRATS

THE FORMER assemblyman and cabinet member now runs the office of the Assembly Speaker and is in the room for everything.
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FIERCELY LOYAL to his brother, the mayor of Newark.

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AFTER MORE THAN three decades in Trenton, this lobbyist still hasn’t managed to get on the wrong side of anybody.
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THE FORMER BERGEN County Democratic Chairman still wields influence among party insiders and donors.

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THE GOVERNOR’S unofficial politics spokesman scored huge wins in North Bergen and West New York this year and has become the go-to consultant on the Democratic side.

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THE PHIL ALAGIA of Mercer County has been at Brian Hughes’ side for sixteen years.
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SAILY AVELENGA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NJ 11TH FOR CHANGE

THE WOMAN who took down Rodney Frelinghuysen is now trying to save John Currie as the progressive leader that the centrists respect the most.

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IDIDA RODRIGUEZ
PARTNER, 1868 PUBLIC AFFAIRS

THE VETERAN LOBBYIST knows how to get things done.

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SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR,
NEWMARK KNIGHT FRANK

HE SPENT 30 YEARS in the legislature and at age 59, he’s a respected elder statesman of New Jersey politics with ties to both parties.

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ROGER BODMAN
MANAGING PARTNER, PUBLIC STRATEGIES IMPACT

A MAN OF GRAVITAS who started out driving Millicent Fenwick has held two cabinet posts and built one of the highest-grossing lobbying firms in New Jersey history.

Best Wishes

Senator Vin Gopal
Majority Conference Leader
11th Legislative District
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SEAN DARCY
PRESIDENT, ROUND WORLD CONSULTING

A DEMOCRATIC CONSULTANT with two decades of experience has a huge network of allies and extraordinary institutional knowledge.

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GAIL GORDON
PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONSULTANT/ATTORNEY

A PROBLEM SOLVER with friends on both sides of the aisle, she’s a fierce advocate for her clients.

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JOHN GRAHAM
FOUNDER, FAIRVIEW INSURANCE ASSOCIATION/DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE MAN

THE NORTH JERSEY insurance executive has figured out the intersection between business and politics.

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BILL LAYTON
PARTNER, CLB PARTNERS

RETIRED AS THE Burlington GOP Chairman, he runs one of Trenton’s most important lobbying firms.

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UYEN “WINN” KHOUNG
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ACTION TOGETHER NEW JERSEY

THIS HANDS-ON activist runs one of New Jersey’s largest and volunteer-driven progressive grassroots organizations.

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LAURIE MCCABE
CHIEF OF STAFF, 19TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

THIS POLICY WONK is on the inside of critical decisions facing the chairman of the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee, and the Speaker of the State Assembly.
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STEVE ADUBATO, JR.
TELEVISION PERSONALITY/CEO, CAUCUS EDUCATIONAL

THE MOST IMPORTANT issues facing New Jersey are discussed in detail on his multiple television shows.

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TRISH ZITA
PRINCIPAL, KAUFMAN ZITA GROUP

THE LONGTIME lobbyist is well-connected and highly regarded.

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DAVE PARANO
PRESIDENT/CEO, PARANO & ASSOCIATES

IN POLITICAL campaigns, nobody can deliver as strong a ground game as he does.

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MATT ROONEY
EDITOR, SAVE JERSEY

THE 34-YEAR-OLD attorney with a huge following has become a conservative icon in New Jersey.

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ED DONNELLY
PRESIDENT, NEW JERSEY STATE FIREFIGHTERS MUTUAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

AN EARLY SUPPORTER of Gov. Phil Murphy, the leader of the New Jersey firefighter’s union is in a strong position to advocate for his members.

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JOSEPH DECOTIIS
MANAGING PARTNER, DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE AND GIBLIN

THE SCION a powerful political family has accumulated clout as a lawyer and fundraiser, alongside his father, uncle, brother, and law partner Arlene Quinones Perez, the Hunterdon County Democratic Chair.
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NOW A SUCCESSFUL movie producer after decades as a political insider, she’s still raising huge sums of money for GOP candidates and independent expenditure committees.

THE POLITICAL VOICE OF NEW JERSEY WOMEN

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PARTNER, CHIESA SHAHINIAN & GIANTOMASI

WELL CONNECTED in North Jersey Democratic circles, his firm has strong ties to both parties.

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BILL CARUSO
PARTNER, ARcher

THE FORMER ASSEMBLY Democratic executive director and longtime congressional chief of staff is a huge power player, especially in the cannabis space.

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WYATT EARp
OCEAN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN

THE IBEW LABOR LEADER from a Democratic county positioned himself as a pivotal power player in the fight over the state party chairmanship.

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DERRICK GREEN
SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE GOVERNOR FOR DIVERSITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS

THE CONTROVERSIAL political operative must have some genuine clout because with all the knives aimed at his back, he seems to have the support of the governor of New Jersey.
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