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Collectively, our 28 organizations represent hundreds of thousands of New Jersey residents. We are united on behalf of those we serve, the people of this state. Together, we share a vision of a more equitable, accessible, and just New Jersey. As you return to Trenton to resume the legislative session, we urge you to prioritize legislation that will move New Jersey toward a state where every person has what they need to thrive.

The following list of legislation prioritizes racial and social justice, yet many of these bills have stalled for far too long while New Jersey residents have struggled. Among other things, our united agenda expands transparency and accountability in policing, makes our democracy more accessible and inclusive, builds a fair and welcoming state for all people regardless of their immigration status, tears down barriers to abortion access, and with a permanent Corporate Business Tax (CBT) surcharge gets profitable corporations to pay their fair share for the public services on which we all rely.

Taken together, this "**People's Lame Duck Agenda**" has the power to transform our state for the better:

- A 819 / S 763** *Provides for resentencing of certain inmates.*
- A 1515 / S 2295** *Authorizes creation of local civilian review boards to review police operations and conduct; appropriates \$800,000.*
- A 5326** *Establishes Community Crisis Response Advisory Council and community crisis response teams pilot program; appropriates \$10 million.**
- A 5630 / S 3957** *Expands exemptions from criminal drug paraphernalia laws to additionally exempt certain harm reduction supplies.*
- A 3117 / S 269** *Clarifies juvenile's right to attorney representation.**
- A 977 / S 3043** *Eliminates past conviction of indictable offense as disqualifier for jury service.*
- A 822 / S 723** *Creates "New Jersey Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights Act."*
- A 1519 / S 777** *Concerns discriminatory appraisals of residential property on the basis of race or national origin.*

- A 1674 / S 357** *Prohibits use of education, occupation, and credit score as rating factors in automobile insurance underwriting.*
- A 5701 / S 247*** *Allows voter registration at polling place on election day or at early voting site during early voting period.*
- A 4554 / S 2997** *Establishes "John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New Jersey."*
- A 1986 / S 512** *Establishes certain law enforcement and privacy procedures; designated as New Jersey Values Act.*
- A 3092 / S 2415** *Requires State agencies update demographic data collection methods on Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, North African, and South Asian and Indian Diaspora residents of this State.*
- A 3837 / S 2459** *Requires State government entities provide vital documents and translation services in 15 most common non-English languages.*
- A 4109** *Requires school districts to adopt policies concerning needs of transgender students.*
- A 4350 / S 2918** *Strengthens access to reproductive health care; appropriates \$20 million.*
- Make the Corporate Business Tax (CBT) surcharge permanent to fund vital services like New Jersey Transit.*
- Codification of the Attorney General's Use of Force Directive.*

At the same time, we will stand together to vehemently oppose any attempts to undermine our democracy, rollback progress that we have made to improve our criminal justice system, or advance legislation that prioritizes profits over people.

On behalf of those we serve, our organizations will continue to hold all lawmakers accountable during the last few months of the legislative session. We hope that we can count on your partnership in championing and advancing these bills. The clock is ticking, but there is still time to work together to build the New Jersey we all deserve.

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American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey

Cherry Hill Women's Center

Equal Justice USA

Fair Share Housing Center

Faith in New Jersey
Garden State Equality
Ironbound Community Corporation
Latino Action Network
League of Women Voters of New Jersey
Make the Road New Jersey
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People New Jersey State Conference
New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice
New Jersey Black Empowerment Coalition Action Network
New Jersey Citizen Action
New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children
New Jersey Harm Reduction Coalition
New Jersey Innocence Project
New Jersey Institute for Social Justice
New Jersey League of Conservation Voters
New Jersey Policy Perspective
New Jersey Working Families Party
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