



# New Jersey Senate

TRENTON

October 2, 2018

The Honorable Steve Sweeney  
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Dear Senate President Sweeney,

I am deeply troubled by the Governor's recent decision to hire Marcellus Jackson despite his history of public corruption, and by the failure of the Governor's legal team to adequately interpret State law. It is for these reasons that I write to you now to request that you convene a legislative hearing to review the Governor's decision to hire Mr. Jackson despite State law which expressly prohibits corrupt officials like Mr. Jackson from obtaining public employment.

As you are likely aware, Mr. Jackson was previously convicted and imprisoned for repeatedly accepting bribes in his capacity as a public official. Governor Murphy was aware of Mr. Jackson's history of criminal public corruption, and not only chose to hire him anyway, but has gone on to defend the choice, stating that he "hope(s) we see a lot more of this."

Governor Murphy claims that, prior to the hiring, a "legal review" was completed which apparently found Mr. Jackson to be eligible for public employment despite his history of public corruption. However, following the controversy that ensued once the hiring was made public, Attorney General Grewal began his own legal review which found that Mr. Jackson is very clearly prohibited by State law from holding public office. Attorney General Grewal should be commended for his commitment to upholding the law and conducting a review of this hiring, as well as investigating whether pensions of other convicted felons have been seized.

It is imperative that the Legislature review this matter as quickly and thoroughly as possible to reassure the people of this great State that we, as elected officials, will do everything in our power to prevent government corruption and protect the interests of the people we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin M. Corrado".

Senator Kristin M. Corrado