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## **NJ NAACP SLAMS CHRISTIE FOR FAILURE TO RENOMINATE WALLACE TO STATE SUPREME COURT**

*Organization feels Christie's actions are a slap in the face of a distinguished barrister and sends an American New Jerseyans*

"Once again Chris Christie has shown an utter disregard for African Americans living in New Jersey" said NAACP President James Harris.

"The fact that the Governor, who allegedly represents all the people, refuses to re-nominate the only African American member of the states' highest court and in fact is a centrist judge, and replacing him with a white female from his home town, also smells of cronyism. This failure to re-nominate is the first time this has ever occurred." Wallace has impeccable credentials so there's no basis to remove him "for cause".

Chris Christie has nominated a person who comes from his home county and has done legal work for the NJ State GOP Committee. We are not questioning the qualifications of his nominee; we are questioning his judgment and rationale for the selection.

It sends the message that this governor is insensitive to racial issues, and balance within his administration – both in his lack of minority representation on his own staff, and now within his recommendations for other state Constitutional offices. He is playing politics by trying to ensure a Republican majority on the court in anticipation of redistricting. The Governor could not find a qualified GOP African American attorney to fill that role in the entire State of New Jersey? Or maybe he didn't look.

We were willing to give this governor an opportunity to show that he is not the bully and racially insensitive politician that has been the perception of him within the African American community. He has thus far shown that politic leads over fairness.

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