State of the State at a Glance:
Building a Stronger and Fairer New Jersey That Works for Every Family

Under Governor Murphy's leadership, New Jersey is today working for more families and more families are working.

Since taking office, the Governor has taken on the tough fights that matter for New Jersey's middle-class families, not the wealthy or special interests. From reducing the cost of health care to fighting for a millionaire's tax to investing in workforce development, the Murphy Administration is recommitting to making smart investments in the middle class, restoring fiscal responsibility, and changing the culture of Trenton.

Recommitting to Making Smart Investments in the Middle Class

Governor Murphy's State of the State address lays out clear objectives that will continue our progress in the following key areas:

Reducing Health Care Costs
The Governor will establish the Office of Health Care Affordability and Transparency in the Governor's Office to work across state agencies to reduce consumer health care costs, make insurance more affordable, and improve price transparency.

Ensuring Tax Fairness
By enacting a millionaire's tax, we can invest more in education and property tax relief for New Jersey's middle class.

Controlling Property Tax Growth
The Department of Community Affairs received over 980 shared service agreements this year, a substantial increase over previous years. By renewing our commitment to this effort, the Administration is addressing New Jersey's high property taxes by encouraging municipalities to share services to reduce costs.

Renewing New Jersey's Tax Incentives
To maintain New Jersey's economic competitiveness, a targeted, responsible, and capped incentive system is critical to our future.

Developing Talent to Grow our Economy
The Murphy Administration will implement *Jobs NJ*, a talent-based economic development strategy to maintain New Jersey as the location of choice for workers and businesses and to help build New Jersey's innovation economy. Jobs NJ will expand access to education and training opportunities as broadly as possible, make sure we are training people for high-quality, in-demand jobs, and ensure that talent can effectively connect to available jobs. It will also create paths to ongoing job training so residents can learn the skills they need for an evolving workplace.

Fixing NJ TRANSIT
NJ TRANSIT will unveil its ten-year strategic plan and a five-year capital plan to advance the Administration's commitment to getting NJ TRANSIT on the right track.

Building a Clean Energy Future
In the coming weeks, Governor Murphy will unveil New Jersey's new Energy Master Plan that will lay out how New Jersey will achieve the target goal of a 100 percent clean-energy economy by 2050.

Addressing Lead Exposure
The Governor will work with elected officials and community leaders in order to take on the lead crisis by advancing significant investments to address lead remediation and abatement, as well as other pressing water infrastructure challenges.

Addressing Income Inequality
The Governor will create a task force to focus on wealth disparity in New Jersey and build an economy that leaves no one behind.

Protecting Women's Health Care
At a time when access to reproductive health care is under attack nationwide, Governor Murphy is committed to codifying full reproductive rights with new state legislation.

Restoring Fiscal Responsibility

Governor Murphy believes that a stronger state is a more resilient state – more fiscally responsible and better prepared for any weakening in the economy. That's why he's committed to responsibly meeting our pension obligations; building a surplus this state hasn't seen in years, including making the first honest-to-goodness deposit into our Rainy Day Fund in more than a decade; and working in partnership with our public workforce to find hundreds of millions of dollars in health care savings and efficiencies without scapegoating them.

Changing the Culture of Trenton

Governor Murphy will propose a series of ethics reforms to end the dominance of money and special interests within state government and increase transparency and public awareness of state government actions. And he will call on all of us to work together to tear down the existing political power structure and replace it with one that treats everyone with equal dignity and respect to change the longstanding culture of pernicious sexism and abuse that still exists in Trenton.