

# SPRINGSTEEN ON THE STATE LEVEL POLITICS THAT MATTER

In a predictable move of arrogance and ignorance, Chris Christie [asked](#) Bruce Springsteen to perform at his inauguration.

Christopher J. Christie, the Republican governor-elect of New Jersey, has attended 122 [Bruce Springsteen](#) concerts and wanted nothing more than to have the Boss appear at his [inauguration](#). Mr. Christie's brother, Todd, a stock trader, sent a message through an intermediary to Jon Landau, Mr. Springsteen's manager, saying that he would make a gift to a charity of the singer's choosing if Mr. Springsteen performed.

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But word came back that, while Mr. Springsteen had performed for the Democratic presidential candidates [Barack Obama](#) and [John Kerry](#), "he doesn't want to get involved in state politics," Todd Christie said.

Turns out, though, Springsteen is willing to [get involved](#) in the kind of state politics that matter.

## A BRIEF STATEMENT FROM BRUCE

Like many of you who live in New Jersey, I've been following the progress of the marriage-equality legislation currently being considered in Trenton. I've long believed in and have always spoken out for the rights of same sex couples and fully agree with Governor Corzine when he writes that, "The marriage-equality issue should be recognized for what it truly is – a civil rights issue that

must be approved to assure that every citizen is treated equally under the law." I couldn't agree more with that statement and urge those who support equal treatment for our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters to let their voices be heard now.

May Santa bring coal to those who deserve it—and civil rights to all.

Update: To help Santa deliver civil rights to the same sex couples in New Jersey, click over to [Garden State Equality](#) and help make calls in advance of the vote on this.