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U.S. Senator Jon S. Corzine
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Corzine:

First, **WELCOME TO HOBOKEN**, I am a third generation Hobokenite and presently raising my family here. I am operating my thirty-three (33) year old retail family business and I should add that I am the First Ward Councilwoman serving in my 4th year of my second 4-year term.

Having said that, I have just read your position regarding cell phones. I have been following your bill in the Senate since introduction. I believe the last information that I received was that it is in the Public Safety Committee.

I called your office and requested a copy. I presented it to the Hoboken City Council. I wanted Hoboken to be on the map as favoring a "cell phone" ban. I felt the more cities that supported the bill- the senate would get a clear resounding message and pass this statewide.

Being an outspoken critic of the administration, I expected some resistance and I was not disappointed. The City Council passed the Ordinance unanimously and Mayor Roberts vetoed it 2 days later. I put it back on the table and didn't get a second. Politics got in the way of Public Safety.

Having been an advocate on this issue from the beginning, I can tell you we have solid support here in Hoboken from the residents, if not our Mayor and Council.

Using a hand held cell phone while driving is a very dangerous practice and should be stopped.

I look forward to supporting your position on this issue.

Very truly yours,
Theresa Castellano
1st Ward Councilwoman