

## Chris Christie's back on the bipartisan horse: The Auditor

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Gov. Chris Christie speaks after signing a bail reform bill in Front of Trenton City Hall on Monday. `<div class="inline-sidebar" style="border: 1px solid rgb(205, 200, 177); padding: 10px; line-height: 16px; width: 350 px; font-family: Verdana, Arial, sans-serif; margin-bottom: 10px; float: none; margin-left: 0px; font-size: 12px; "><big><strong>To purchase prints of this photo, visit <a href="http://timesoftrenton.zenfolio.com/p240410240/">TimesofTrenton.zenfolio.com</a></strong></big></div>` (Griff, Martin)

Of course, Gov. **Chris Christie** pooh-poohs all that presidential talk as he runs 'round the country stumping for Republican governors. But The Auditor noticed that when he came back to Trenton to sign a bail reform bill on Monday, the very first message sent out had that national flare to it.

"Join us today at 2pm on the steps of Trenton City Hall & lets show the country what happens when NJ works together to get things done #DearDC," read the message from Gov. Chris Christie's Twitter account. The message was clear: Pay attention to the Garden State Washington D.C. lawmakers, this is how two parties can work together.

At the bill signing, it didn't take long for Christie to chirp about how he and Democrats got together while Washington was a "dysfunctional mess ... because of partisan politics."

Of course, talking bipartisanship has always been part of Christie's brand, from the day he took the oath to his keynote speech at the Republican National Convention. But for a governor whose national standing took a hit following the George

Washington Bridge lane closure controversy rocked his administration the recent reemergence of the “D.C. dysfunction” narrative could be another sign his presidential positioning is back on track.

"It absolutely is," said **David Redlawsk**, professor at Rutgers, [whose recent Rutgers-Eagleton poll](#) found nearly 60 percent of New Jersey residents expect Christie to make a bid for the White House.

"Particularly if you take, as a whole, with his recent travel schedule," he said, referring to Christie's stops in first in the nation presidential primary indicator states like New Hampshire and Iowa.

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