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While his handling of the economy cost Chris Christie a few points in the latest Rutgers-Eagleton poll, that's not true of business owners, which have largely approved of the governor's leadership on issues critical to how they run their companies.

"He really took on some big problems — fiscal reform, spending caps, taxes, tenure and regulatory reform," said Phil Kirschner, president of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association. "These are all things that business has supported for years, things that other people tried to do but weren't able.

"Over the last three years, the situation has been very different. There have been big, transformational things happening in the Legislature. Business people really like people that get things done."

According to the poll, released Wednesday, 87 percent of voters approve of Christie's post-Sandy recovery efforts, but only 42 percent approve of his handling of jobs and the economy, while 37 percent approve of his tax policy.

"Christie still has ratings any governor would love, but all-time highs generally come back toward earth over time," said David Redlawsk, director of the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll and professor of political science at Rutgers University, in prepared remarks.

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