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## Lance the wrong Republican to support

I can understand Gov. Christie endorsing Leonard Lance. Since Lance endorsed him last year, it is almost required for him to return the favor. I can even understand why other politicians would dispense with principles and endorse Lance as a payback for past campaign contributions they may have received from him. As a Republican committeeman, I fully understand how the system works. What I do not understand is the statements Christie used while making your endorsement.

He stated, "We need more people like Leonard Lance setting the example in Washington."

What kind of example would that be? Someone who favors big government and votes against the vast majority of his fellow Republicans on important legislation?

Christie described Lance as "a clear voice for fiscal responsibility." I disagree.

Leonard Lance is New Jersey's version of John Kerry. First, he voted against Lilly Ledbetter, and then was one of only three Republicans to vote for it.

He was one of only eight Republicans to vote for the destructive cap and trade bill. At the time, this represented the single largest tax increase in not only our nation's history, but in all of world history, according to Dan Simmons at the Institute for Energy Research. Ben Lieberman with the Heritage Foundation says cap-and-trade would usher in a permanent recession.

After spending the next 6 or more months defending that vote, Lance has changed his mind now that he is up for re-election. Of course, no repudiation will change his vote when the Senate tries to pass it later this year.

He signed a no-earmark pledge from Citizens Against Government Waste, then took millions of dollars in earmarks for special interests, then pledged again not to take earmarks.

For this bizarre behavior, Lance received the Jekyll and Hyde Award from CAGW. Congratulations, Leonard, you earned it. Clear voice, no. Confused, flip-flopper, obfuscator, would be better words to describe Leonard Lance.

Did Christie look at Lance's voting record in Congress before saying that he "is fighting to restore a vibrant private sector economy in the United States?"

In addition to voting for Lilly Ledbetter and cap and trade, Lance has co-sponsored Barney Frank's ENDA bill. All of these are job-killers and will lead to a diminution of our private-sector economy.

Did Christie look at Lance's voting record in Congress before he said that Lance "is fighting for fiscal responsibility?" In addition to the above-mentioned bills, Lance was one of only 40 Republicans to vote for the SCHIP expansion. As Michael Cannon, director of health policy studies at the Cato Institute described the legislation, "Only in government is a program deemed to 'work' when it covers four uninsured children for the price of 10."

Lance was one of only 26 Republicans to vote for the GIVE Act. The CBO estimates that implementing it would cost \$6 billion over five years. I guess the GIVE is to the government. Sounds more like a "taking" from the people act.

When Barney Frank was worried that the second \$350 billion of TARP money would not be released, Leonard Lance and only 17 other Republicans came through for him by voting for HR 384.

Christie talks of common sense and an extraordinary victory in November. Those are correct words but are directed at the wrong candidate in the June 8 primary.

David Larsen has not spent his entire adult life feeding at the government trough. He has employed hundreds of people. He understands how laws passed hundreds of miles away affect business and families.

Larsen is the one who lives in the real world and will bring common sense to government. Larsen will be the one having an extraordinary victory in November. It is Larsen who will fight for fiscal sanity and looks forward to working side-by-side with Gov. Christie for New Jersey and the people of the 7th District.

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