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Dear New Jersey Artist –

The Governor has asked me to oversee the selection of two gifts that can be given in official capacities either here in New Jersey or to those outside of our state on special occasions. New Jersey artists have the ability to capture the zeitgeist of our state, and it is important to us that we highlight you and your talents to those in and out of New Jersey.

While not always a work of art, the gift historically has been anything from jewelry to a pen or a vase or an artist depicted scene from around New Jersey. This year, I hope you will participate and present us with a work of art that you believe best represents our state. Most important to me is that the artist should be NJ-based, the materials should be NJ-sourced, and/or the subject matter should be NJ-centric.

I thank you in advance for your help and hope we have a terrific response from some of our talented New Jersey artists! I would also like to thank Secretary of State Tahesha Way, New Jersey Department of State, and State Council on the Arts for their efforts in supporting this endeavor.

Best of luck and thank you again!

My very best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy S. Murphy." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Tammy Snyder Murphy