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SINGER NELSON CHARLMERS

It is my pleasure to congratulate you for the high honor you have received at the 15th Annual New Jersey Family Business of the Year Awards.

Small businesses play a vital role in strengthening and improving the local community as well as the statewide economy. I have asked the Office of Economic Growth to produce recommendations to address how to make better use of small, women and minority business programs, and promote greater urban development. It is clear that creation, retention and growth of minority and women-owned businesses are crucial to New Jersey's economy, and a compelling interest of our State. Thank you for your dedication to the community and commitment to the future of our State. May the success of this event lead to continued progress in your efforts. Singer Nelson Charlmers is a fine example of the type of business that we want to thrive in New Jersey.

Again, congratulations on receiving such a high honor. It is only through the concern and commitment of individuals like you that we may hope to build a new and brighter future for all residents of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon S. Corzine".

JON S. CORZINE