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## Dems will use opportunity to remind voters of Christie's cruelty

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For all the folks who spent the holiday weekend soaking up the sun and missed Gov. Chris Christie's line-item budget vetoes, not to worry — around mid to late September, they'll show up in mailboxes as campaign mailers and on television screens as campaign commercials accusing the governor and Republican legislators of throwing poor people, kids, college students, and property taxpayers onto the scrap heap while protecting the wealthy.

In a sweeping exercise of his veto power, Christie cut \$900 million in proposed spending from the budget and eliminated much legislative language directing how funds were to be allocated.

The vetoes unleashed a memorable, jaw dropping, expletive-deleted tirade from Senate President Stephen Sweeney, who tore into the governor, using language normally heard in the ironworker's union hiring halls where he spent much of his career.

Among his gentler characterizations, Sweeney used words like cruel, evil, and rotten. He accused the governor of an egregious abuse of power, slashing spending not to save money, but out of spite and vindictiveness toward individuals or groups he concluded were enemies, including, amazingly enough,

