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At the same time, the state's business community has urged Murphy to meet his commitment to allow the surcharge to expire, arguing that the additional tax burden will discourage growth and expansion and stunt job opportunities.

New Jersey's corporate business tax is already the highest in the nation, they argue, and has placed it at a serious competitive disadvantage with neighboring states.

Murphy has very publicly drawn a deal line in the sand and compromise appears out of the question.

He recognizes that at nearly six years in, his term is approaching a close but his constitutional power and authority and whatever political capital he still holds remain. Lame duck status beckons him, but he'll not quietly step into that hood territory.

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