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**STATISTICAL BACKGROUND TO BE USED WITH
STATE OF THE UNION TALKING POINTS
January 22, 1996**

ECONOMY

- * **Unemployment and inflation are at their lowest combined level since 1968;**
- * **7.8 million new jobs have been created in the last three years;**
- * **Creating Jobs in Basic Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing and automobiles, these industries have turned around, combining to add more than one million new jobs under President Clinton;
- * **High Growth.** The United States has the highest growth of any major economy in the world over the last three years;
- * **Cut the Deficit Nearly in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest three-year reduction in history;
- * **Smaller, Smarter Government.** The Clinton Administration eliminated over 200,000 jobs from the government payrolls, and is eliminating more than 16,000 pages of obsolete regulations;
- * **More Small New Businesses.** A record number of new small businesses have been created since the start of the Clinton Administration.
- * **More Home Owners.** Home ownership is at its highest level in 15 years;
- * **American Automobiles Are Once Again Leading The World.** The United States beat Japan and every other country in the world in the last two years in the production of automobiles, the first time that has happened since 1979.

CRIME

- * **The crime rate is declining,** with the number of murders reported dropping by 12%, robberies down 10% and car theft down 5%;
- * **Keeping Guns Out of the Hands of Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons have been blocked from buying handguns because the Clinton Administration fought for and passed the Brady Bill requiring background checks on handgun purchases;
- * **The Clinton Administration passed an assault weapons ban, outlawing 19 of the deadliest assault weapons;**
- * **More Cops, Safer Streets.** The Clinton Administration's Crime Bill puts 100,000 new cops on the street -- over 31,000 have been funded so far;
- * **The United States protected its borders better, deporting a record number of illegal aliens in 1995.**

EDUCATION

- * **More Kids Going to College.** The Clinton Administration has opened access to higher education. In 1994, 62% of high school seniors went directly to college, up from only 55% ten years ago;
- * **Fewer Dropouts.** Fewer students are dropping out of high school. Since 1991, the dropout rate has fallen by 16%;
- * **Educating for the Future.** 54% of Americans use a computer in either their school, home or office;
- * **Better Results.** 1995 SAT scores show continuing improvement on both verbal and math scores for college-bound seniors.

COMMUNITY

- * **1.2 million people climbed out of poverty in 1994;**
- * **The welfare rolls are down by 8% since March, 1994;**
- * **Teen pregnancies are down;**
- * **Donations to the largest 400 charities in the United States increased by 6% in 1994, with giving reaching \$130 billion;**
- * **Building Our Communities and Our Kids.** Last year, President Clinton's AmeriCorps Program brought 25,000 American volunteers into our communities, helping to rebuild our neighborhoods and generating private sector partnerships with those efforts, while helping the volunteers pay for their own higher education;
- * **Putting Families First.** Each year, 2.4 million workers are likely to take advantage of President Clinton's Family and Medical Leave Act, allowing them to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member.

PEACE

- * **Peace in Bosnia.** U.S. brokered and securing comprehensive peace agreement in the Former Yugoslavia;
- * **Brokered comprehensive peace agreements in the Middle East, as well as historic cease-fire in Northern Ireland;**
- * **No nuclear missiles are targetted at U.S. cities and citizens;**
- * **Brokered peace and democratic elections in Haiti and South Africa;**
- * **Reached agreement with North Korea to halt and eventually eliminate its nuclear program.**

AMERICA IS MOVING FORWARD

STRONG ECONOMIC GROWTH

- Since the beginning of the Clinton Administration, the United States has grown faster than any other major economy in the world. (Source: OECD)
- In 1995, the United States is expected to lead all major industrialized countries in economic growth.

CONSUMER SENTIMENT – STRONGEST SINCE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION

- Consumers have been more optimistic about their future economic prospects under President Clinton than during any other Administration since Lyndon B. Johnson was President. (Source: Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan).

A RISING STOCK MARKET REFLECTS THE NEW SENSE OF OPTIMISM

- A family that invested \$10,000 in the stock market at the start of the Clinton Administration is about \$5,600 wealthier today.
- The stock market has grown faster under President Clinton than under any other President in at least 40 years.

JOBS – MORE THAN 7.8 MILLION ADDED

- More than 7.8 million jobs have been created during the Clinton Administration -- that's a better record of job growth than any Republican Administration since the 1920s, including Ronald Reagan's term.
- After losing 2.2 million manufacturing jobs over the 12 years prior to the Clinton Administration, the economy has added 284,000 manufacturing jobs since the Clinton budget plan was passed.
- Auto jobs have increased by 89,000 during the Clinton Administration -- after declining by 49,000 during the previous 4 years -- and recently hit their highest level since 1979.
- Construction jobs are up 785,000 since January 1993 -- after declining by 665,000 during the previous 4 years -- and recently hit their highest level in more than 5 years.

MISERY INDEX – AT LOWEST LEVEL IN 27 YEARS

- The Misery Index -- the combined rate of unemployment and inflation -- is at its lowest level since 1968.

CAR MANUFACTURING – U.S. MAINTAINS WORLD LEAD

- In 1994, the United States surpassed Japan as the world leader in automobile production -- the last time the United States was number one was back in 1979. And in 1995, America retained its status as the world's largest car producer.

COMPETITIVENESS – U.S. DECLARED WORLD LEADER AGAIN

- For the first time in ten years, the World Economic Forum declared the U.S. the world's most competitive economy in 1994. In 1995 America was not only selected again for this honor, but beat countries like Japan and Germany by an even larger margin than the year before.

INCOMES HAVE FINALLY INCREASED ACROSS-THE-BOARD

- In 1994--the first year following the Clinton Economic Plan--every family income group, from the richest to the poorest, experienced a real increase in their incomes.
- The typical family's income increased 2.5 percent in 1994, after adjusting for inflation.
- The typical African-American family experienced a 5.0 percent increase in their income in 1994, the first significant annual increase in five years.

HOME OWNERSHIP – HIGHEST SINCE 1981

- In 1995, the home ownership rate reached its highest level since 1981 -- 1.4 million citizens became homeowners.
- Since President Clinton took office, 3.6 million Americans became homeowners -- the largest increase over comparable periods in fifteen years.

HOMES ARE MORE AFFORDABLE

- Homes have been more affordable during the Clinton Administration than during any other Administration since Richard Nixon was President. (Based on data from the National Association of Realtors.)
- Mortgage rates are low, averaging 7.9 percent during the Clinton Administration -- compared to 9.5 percent during the previous four years.

AMERICANS ARE LIVING BETTER THAN THEY EVER HAVE

- 78 percent of new homes came with a two-car or more garage in 1994; this compares to only 52 percent in 1974.
- In 1994, 49 percent of new homes came with 2 1/2 or more baths; twenty years ago, only 21 percent did.
- 79 percent of new homes came with central air conditioning in 1994, up from just 48 percent in 1974.
- In 1995, 71 percent of people had cable television in their home, up from 42 percent a decade earlier.

STATE OF THE UNION, 1996

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S STATE OF THE UNION: AMERICA'S CHALLENGE

January 22, 1996



The President will deliver the State of the Union tomorrow, January 23, 1996 at 9:00 pm in the Capitol. He will challenge the American people to come together as a nation and face the future together. Right now, we have reached agreement to balance the budget, cut government and provide a responsible tax cut. In the State of the Union, the President will talk not only about what we have agreed to for today, but what we must do together for tomorrow.

Everyone must do their part. If we are going to seize the promise of our times, we must all work together. Not government alone. Not individuals alone. The President will challenge Americans to work together -- in their communities, their families, businesses, churches, schools, and in our government -- to help Americans make the most of their own lives in the new century. We can only meet the challenges of this new time together.

The President will outline the crucial CHALLENGES FOR ALL AMERICANS in his speech:

CHALLENGE TO PROVIDE NEW SECURITY FOR THE NEW ECONOMY

- Opening access to education and training so all Americans can be the winners of economic change;
- Ensuring that all Americans have access to affordable health care and the security of a decent retirement.

CHALLENGE ON EDUCATION: Educate our children so they can keep their dreams alive.

- Bringing our schools into the 21st century by setting the highest standards and ensuring that all our children have access to new technology.
- Throwing open the doors of college as never before.

CHALLENGE ON CRIME: Keep our children safe from crime.

- A renewed assault on the gangs and drugs that threaten our children.

CHALLENGE ON THE ENVIRONMENT: Preserve the environment for future generations.

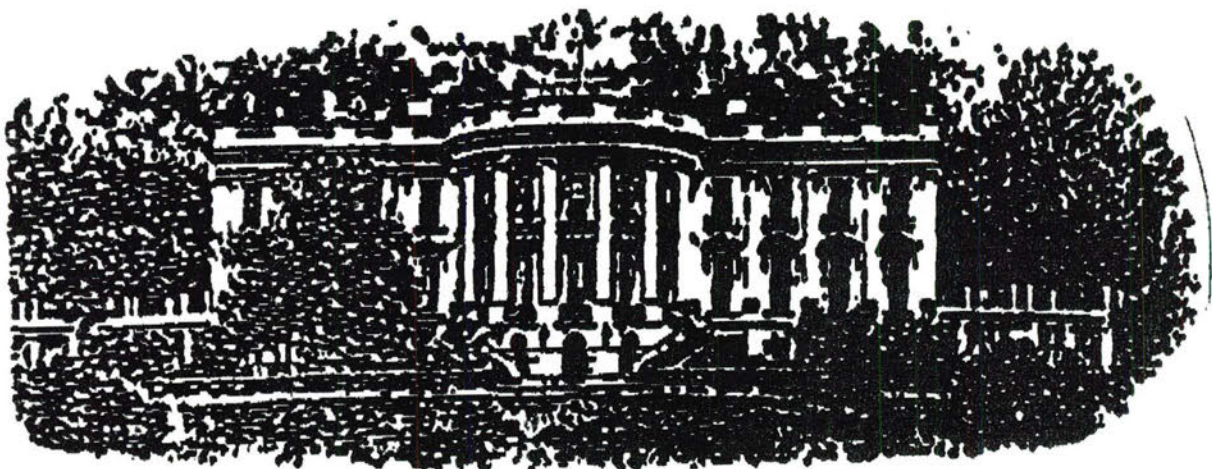
- First: Do no harm. Do not undermine the strong bipartisan efforts that have given us the safe, clean air and water we enjoy today;
- Making environmental protection in businesses' best interest, providing incentives for corporations to take responsibility to keep our environment clean and safe.

CHALLENGE ON WORLD LEADERSHIP: Continue America's leadership role as responsible peacemaker throughout the world.

CHALLENGE AMERICANS TO RECOGNIZE THE RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY WE OWE TO ONE ANOTHER.

- In our government: better government for less money, and political reform;
- In our families and for our children;
- In our communities.

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Radio interviews

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January 23, 1996

MEMORANUM FOR DR. LAURA TYSON

FROM: RICA RODMAN

SUBJECT: POST STATE OF THE UNION RADIO

The following interviews are scheduled for **Wednesday**
11:15 - 12:NOON and between **3:15-3:45 PM EST**:

11:15 - 11:20 AM EST

✓ Station: KABC
City: Los Angeles
Hotline #: 310-558-5636
Backup: 310-558-5633
Host: Michael Jackson
Producer: Lyle Gregory
Notes: **TAPED** talk show which will air an hour later.

11:20 - 11:30 AM EST

✓ Station: KST
City: Sacramento
Studio: 916-858-1583/1584
Host: Jeff Katz
Producer: Pat Walsh
Notes: **LIVE** morning talk show.

11:30 - 11:35 AM EST

✓ Station: KROC
City: Rochester, MN
Interviewer: Joel O'Brian
Contact: Joel O'Brian
Hotline #: 507-282-1234
Backup: 507-289-2711
Notes: **LIVE** news interview.

11:50 - 11:53 AM EST

Station: KCNN
City: Grand Forks, ND
Studio: 701-772-0806
Backup: 701-772-2204
Interviewer: Scott Hennen
Notes: **LIVE** talk show interview. Huge Clinton supporter.
Dick Armey will be on show prior to your
interview.

3:15 - 3:25 PM EST

Station: KVI
City: Seattle, WA
Studio: 206-447-2741
Backup: 206-223-4347
Host: Mike Siegel
Producer: Dan Sytman
Notes: **LIVE** talk show interview on the #1 overall rated station in Seattle.

3:25 - 3:35 PM EST

Station: WNDB
City: Daytona Beach, FL
Studio: 800-927-0038
Backup: 904-257-1150
Host: Marc Bernier
Producer: Michael Roberts
Notes: **LIVE** talk show interview.

MAKING ALABAMA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Alabama Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Alabama Has Declined from 7.3% to 5.7%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 60%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **16% More New Private-Sector Jobs Per Year in Alabama than During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Huntsville*, the number of crimes reported declined 18% in the first half of 1995. In *Montgomery*, the reported number of aggravated assaults dropped by 30% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Alabama.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **374,672 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 374,672 working families make ends meet.
- **432 New Police Officers in Alabama.** The President's Crime Bill puts 432 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **629,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 629,275 workers in Alabama.

MAKING ALASKA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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Alaska Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Alaska Has Dropped from 8.1% to 7.2%.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 43%, After Falling During the Previous Administration.**
- **New Home Building Has Increased 28% Per Year in Alaska, After Declining During the Previous 12 Years.**
- **Bank Lending Has Increased 10% Annually, After Decreasing 6% Annually During the Previous 12 Years.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Alaska.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **20,299 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 20,299 working families make ends meet.
- **93 New Police Officers in Alaska.** The President's Crime Bill puts 93 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **66,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 66,000 workers in Alaska.

MAKING ARIZONA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
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Arizona Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Arizona Has Dropped from 6.9% to 4.7%.**
- **240,600 New Jobs in 33 Months -- Over 3 1/2 Times As Many Per Year as During the Previous Administration.**
- **28,400 New Manufacturing Jobs in Arizona -- After 15,300 Lost During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Phoenix*, the number of aggravated assaults fell by 8% in the first half of 1995. In *Tempe*, the reported number of aggravated assaults dropped by 23% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Arizona.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **255,836 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 255,836 working families make ends meet.
- **440 New Police Officers in Arizona.** The President's Crime Bill puts 440 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **561,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 561,000 workers in Arizona.

MAKING ARKANSAS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
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Arkansas Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Arkansas Has Dropped from 6.6% to 4.9%.**
- **100,500 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **19,800 New Manufacturing Jobs in Arkansas -- Nearly Twice As Many Jobs As During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Little Rock*, the number of crimes reported fell by 18% in the first half of 1995 and the reported number of aggravated assaults dropped by 28%.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Arkansas.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **202,759 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 202,759 working families make ends meet.
- **335 New Police Officers in Arkansas.** The President's Crime Bill puts 335 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **344,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 344,121 workers in Arkansas.

MAKING CALIFORNIA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

California Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in California Has Dropped from 9.4% to 7.8%.**
- **229,400 New Jobs Added in 33 Months -- After 63,200 Lost During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 43%, After Falling During the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Los Angeles*, the number of robberies reported fell by 8% in the first half of 1995. In *San Diego*, the reported number of murder dropped by 25% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in California.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **2,146,915 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 2,146,915 working families make ends meet.
- **4,513 New Police Officers in California.** The President's Crime Bill puts 4,513 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **298,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 297,914 workers in California.

MAKING COLORADO A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Colorado Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Colorado Has Dropped from 6.1% to 4.0%.**
- **183,700 New Jobs Added in 33 Months -- More than During the Entire Previous 4 Years.**
- **6,400 New Manufacturing Jobs Created in Colorado -- After 2,900 Lost During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Denver*, the number of crimes reported fell by more than 9% in the first half of 1995, and the reported number of robberies dropped by 31%.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Colorado.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **171,838 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 171,838 working families make ends meet.
- **392 New Police Officers in Colorado.** The President's Crime Bill puts 392 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **564,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 564,008 workers in Colorado.

MAKING CONNECTICUT A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
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Connecticut Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Connecticut Has Dropped from 6.5% to 5.1%.**
- **17,600 New Jobs Added in 33 Months -- After 148,800 Lost During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Home Sales Have Increased 21% Per Year in Connecticut -- After Declining During the Previous 4 years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Hartford*, the number of reported murders fell 33% in the first half of 1995. In *Stamford*, the reported number of robberies dropped by 39% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Connecticut.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **84,379 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 84,379 working families make ends meet.
- **320 New Police Officers in Connecticut.** The President's Crime Bill puts 320 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **670,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 670,429 workers in Connecticut.

MAKING DELAWARE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
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Delaware Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Delaware Has Dropped from 4.9% to 4.3%.**
- **21,000 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than 6 1/2 Times the Previous 4 Years Combined.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 58%, After Dropping During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Delaware.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **36,050 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 36,050 working families make ends meet.
- **264 New Police Officers in Delaware.** The President's Crime Bill puts 264 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **147,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 147,236 workers in Delaware.

MAKING FLORIDA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Florida Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Florida Has Dropped from 7.4% to 6.7%.**
- **599,000 New Jobs in 33 Months -- Twice As Many As the Previous 4 Years Combined.**
- **2,100 New Manufacturing Jobs in Florida -- After Declining During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Miami*, the number of reported murders fell 27% in the first half of 1995. In *Tampa Bay*, the reported number of crimes dropped by 27% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Florida.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **899,441 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 899,451 working families make ends meet.
- **1,625 New Police Officers in Florida.** The President's Crime Bill puts 1,625 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **2,004,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 2,004,330 workers in Florida.

MAKING GEORGIA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Georgia Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Georgia Has Dropped from 6.1% to 4.9%.**
- **389,300 New Jobs in 33 Months -- Three Times As Many As In the Previous 4 Years Combined.**
- **31,000 New Manufacturing Jobs in Georgia -- After Declining During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Atlanta*, the number of reported murders fell 7% in the first half of 1995. In *Macon*, the reported number of crimes dropped by 21% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Georgia.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **537,103 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 537,103 working families make ends meet.
- **592 New Police Officers in Georgia.** The President's Crime Bill puts 592 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **1,180,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 1,180,079 workers in Georgia.

MAKING HAWAII A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Hawaii Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Home Sales Have Increased 5% Per Year -- After Decreasing During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 43% -- After Dropping During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **The Help Wanted Index Has Increased 14%.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Hawaii.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **41,263 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 41,263 working families make ends meet.
- **67 New Police Officers in Hawaii.** The President's Crime Bill puts 67 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **198,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 198,105 workers in Hawaii.

MAKING IDAHO A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Idaho Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Idaho Has Dropped from 6.6% to 5.1%.**
- **10% More New Jobs Per Year Than During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **22% More New Private-Sector Jobs Per Year in Idaho than During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 71%, After Falling During the Previous Administration.**

\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Idaho. The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.

61,983 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut. The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 61,983 working families make ends meet.

137 New Police Officers in Idaho. The President's Crime Bill puts 137 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.

123,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave. The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 122,675 workers in Idaho.

MAKING ILLINOIS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Illinois Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Illinois Has Dropped from 6.8% to 4.8%.**
- **275,900 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than 2 1/2 Times the Previous 4 Years Combined.**
- **29,800 New Manufacturing Jobs in Illinois -- After Declining During the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Chicago*, reported murders fell 18% in the first half of 1995, and the number of reported robberies dropped more than 10% in the same time period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Illinois.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **599,271 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 599,271 working families make ends meet.
- **2,073 New Police Officers in Illinois.** The President's Crime Bill puts 2,073 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **2,185,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 2,185,099 workers in Illinois.

MAKING INDIANA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Indiana Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Indiana Has Dropped from 5.9% to 4.2%.**
- **190,300 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **38,300 New Manufacturing Jobs in Indiana -- After Declining During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Fort Wayne*, reported murders fell 35% in the first half of 1995. In *South Bend*, the number of reported robberies dropped 35% in the same time period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Indiana.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **291,392 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 291,392 working families make ends meet.
- **446 New Police Officers in Indiana.** The President's Crime Bill puts 446 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **998,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 997,674 workers in Indiana.

MAKING IOWA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
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Iowa Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Iowa Has Dropped from 4.2% to 3.3%.**
- **95,600 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **16,100 New Manufacturing Jobs in Iowa -- Nine Times More Than the Previous 4 Years.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Iowa.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **118,638 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 118,638 working families make ends meet.
- **220 New Police Officers in Iowa.** The President's Crime Bill puts 220 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **446,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 445,605 workers in Iowa.

MAKING KANSAS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Kansas Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Kansas Has Dropped from 4.7% to 3.0%.**
- **92,900 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **10,600 New Manufacturing Jobs in Kansas -- After Dropping During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Wichita*, reported murders fell 21% in the first half of 1995, and the overall number of reported crimes dropped 9% in the same time period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Kansas.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **117,402 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 117,402 working families make ends meet.
- **300 New Police Officers in Kansas.** The President's Crime Bill puts 300 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **390,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 390,454 workers in Kansas.

MAKING KENTUCKY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Kentucky Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Kentucky Has Dropped from 6.3% to 5.3%.**
- **42% More New Jobs Per Year Than During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 60%, After Falling During the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Louisville*, reported murders fell 43% in the first half of 1995. In *Lexington*, the number of reported aggravated assaults dropped 11% in the same time period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Kentucky.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **236,592 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 236,592 working families make ends meet.
- **318 New Police Officers in Kentucky.** The President's Crime Bill puts 318 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **543,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 543,188 workers in Kentucky.

MAKING LOUISIANA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Louisiana Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Louisiana Has Dropped from 7.5% to 6.8%.**
- **167,100 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 74%, After Falling During the Prior 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *New Orleans*, reported murders fell 20% in the first half of 1995. In *Shreveport*, the number of burglaries dropped 24% in the same time period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Louisiana.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **390,496 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 390,496 working families make ends meet.
- **438 New Police Officers in Louisiana.** The President's Crime Bill puts 438 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **583,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 582,680 workers in Louisiana.

MAKING MAINE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Maine Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Maine Has Declined from 7.4% to 5.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 44%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **37,300 New Private-Sector Jobs in Maine -- After Losing Jobs During the Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Maine.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **60,818 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 60,818 working families make ends meet.
- **100 New Police Officers in Maine.** The President's Crime Bill puts 100 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **168,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 168,000 workers in Maine.

MAKING MARYLAND A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Maryland Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Maryland Has Declined from 6.3% to 4.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 58%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **69,300 New Private-Sector Jobs in Maryland -- After Losing Jobs During the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Baltimore*, the number of reported motor vehicle thefts fell 23% in the first half of 1995, while robberies dropped 3% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Maryland.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **24,534 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 24,534 working families make ends meet.
- **544 New Police Officers in Maryland.** The President's Crime Bill puts 544 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **785,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 785,000 workers in Maryland.

MAKING MASSACHUSETTS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Massachusetts Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Massachusetts Has Declined from 7.9% to 5.3%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 44%, After Dropping During the Previous Four Years.**
- **134,100 New Private-Sector Jobs -- After Losing Jobs During the Prior Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Lowell*, the number of reported robberies fell 40% in the first half of 1995. In *Springfield*, the overall number of reported crimes dropped 8% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Massachusetts.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **184,491 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 184,491 working families make ends meet.
- **978 New Police Officers in Massachusetts.** The President's Crime Bill puts 978 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **841,400 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 841,400 workers in Massachusetts.

MAKING MICHIGAN A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
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- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Michigan Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Michigan Has Declined from 7.0% to 4.4%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 84%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **294,200 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Detroit*, the number of reported robberies fell 23% in the first half of 1995; In *Grand Rapids*, the number of reported robberies dropped 37% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Michigan.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **392,321 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 392,321 working families make ends meet.
- **654 New Police Officers in Michigan.** The President's Crime Bill puts 654 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **1,502,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 1,502,000 workers in Michigan.

MAKING MINNESOTA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Minnesota Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Minnesota Has Declined from 5.2% to 3.3%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 78%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **72% More New Private-Sector Jobs Per Year in Minnesota than During the Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Minnesota.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **155,348 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 155,348 working families make ends meet.
- **410 New Police Officers in Minnesota.** The President's Crime Bill puts 410 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **845,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 845,000 workers in Minnesota.

MAKING MISSISSIPPI A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Mississippi Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Mississippi Has Declined from 6.6% to 5.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 60%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **43% More New Private-Sector Jobs Per Year in Mississippi than During the Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Mississippi.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **306,581 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 306,581 working families make ends meet.
- **360 New Police Officers in Mississippi.** The President's Crime Bill puts 360 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **333,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 333,000 workers in Mississippi.

MAKING MISSOURI A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Missouri Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Missouri Has Declined from 6.1% to 4.0%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 78%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **196,600 New Jobs in 33 Months -- Over 3 Times More than the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Kansas City*, the number of reported murders fell 38% in the first half of 1995. In *St. Louis*, the number of reported aggravated assaults dropped 11% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Missouri.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **294,982 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 294,982 working families make ends meet.
- **826 New Police Officers in Missouri.** The President's Crime Bill puts 826 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **921,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 921,000 workers in Missouri.

MAKING MONTANA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Montana Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Montana Has Declined from 6.6% to 5.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 71%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **39,200 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Montana.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **47,638 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 47,638 working families make ends meet.
- **120 New Police Officers in Montana.** The President's Crime Bill puts 120 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **76,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 76,000 workers in Montana.

MAKING NEBRASKA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Nebraska Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Nebraska Has Declined from 2.7% to 2.5%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 78%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **53,500 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Lincoln*, the number of reported robberies dropped 34% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Nebraska.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **77,448 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 77,448 working families make ends meet.
- **202 New Police Officers in Nebraska.** The President's Crime Bill puts 202 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **264,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 264,000 workers in Nebraska.

MAKING NEVADA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Nevada Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Nevada Has Declined from 7.2% to 4.7%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 71%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **146,400 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Las Vegas*, the number of reported murders dropped 24% in the first half of 1995; in *Reno*, murders fell 27% during the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Nevada.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **74,516 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 74,516 working families make ends meet.
- **145 New Police Officers in Nevada.** The President's Crime Bill puts 145 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **261,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 261,000 workers in Nevada.

MAKING NEW HAMPSHIRE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

New Hampshire Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in New Hampshire Has Declined from 7.6% to 4.0%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 44%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **30,900 New Private-Sector Jobs in New Hampshire -- After Losing Jobs During the Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in New Hampshire.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **40,803 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 40,803 working families make ends meet.
- **132 New Police Officers in New Hampshire.** The President's Crime Bill puts 132 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **181,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 181,000 workers in New Hampshire.

MAKING NEW JERSEY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

New Jersey Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in New Jersey Has Declined from 7.6% to 5.8%.**
- **141,600 New Jobs in 33 Months -- After Losing Jobs During the Previous Administration.**
- **New Home Building Increased in New Jersey -- After Falling 17% During the Prior 4 Years.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Newark*, the number of reported robberies fell almost 12% in the first half of 1995. In *Paterson*, the number of reported burglaries dropped 10% during the same time period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in New Jersey.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **350,842 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 350,842 working families make ends meet.
- **1,198 New Police Officers in New Jersey.** The President's Crime Bill puts 1,198 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **1,417,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 1,417,000 workers in New Jersey.

MAKING NEW MEXICO A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

New Mexico Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in New Mexico Has Declined from 7.2% to 6.2%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 71%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **90,100 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in New Mexico.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **133,845 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 133,845 working families make ends meet.
- **231 New Police Officers in New Mexico.** The President's Crime Bill puts 231 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **176,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 176,000 workers in New Mexico.

MAKING NEW YORK A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

New York Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in New York Has Declined from 8.5% to 6.3%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 20%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **188,100 New Private-Sector Jobs in New York -- After Losing Jobs During the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *New York City*, the number of reported crimes fell 15% with the number of reported murders declining 31% in the first half of 1995. In *Buffalo*, murders dropped 34% during the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in New York.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **890,568 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 890,568 working families make ends meet.
- **3,189 New Police Officers in New York.** The President's Crime Bill puts 3,189 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **3,141,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 3,141,000 workers in New York.

MAKING NORTH CAROLINA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

North Carolina Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in North Carolina Has Declined from 5.6% to 3.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 58%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **247,200 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Durham*, the number of reported murders fell 31% in the first half of 1995. In *Winston Salem*, the number of reported murders dropped 45% in the same period
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in North Carolina.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **524,849 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 524,849 working families make ends meet.
- **707 New Police Officers in North Carolina.** The President's Crime Bill puts 707 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **1,250,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 1,250,000 workers in North Carolina.

MAKING NORTH DAKOTA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

North Dakota Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in North Dakota Has Declined from 4.7% to 2.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 78%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **56% More New Private-Sector Jobs Per Year in North Dakota than During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in North Dakota.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **28,986 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 28,986 working families make ends meet.
- **75 New Police Officers in North Dakota.** The President's Crime Bill puts 75 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **76,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 76,000 workers in North Dakota.

MAKING OHIO A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Ohio Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Ohio Has Declined from 7.0% to 4.7%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 60%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **293,200 New Jobs in 33 Months -- Nearly 3 Times As Many As the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Cincinnati*, the number of reported crimes fell 11% in the first half of 1995. In *Columbus*, the number of reported murders dropped 38% during the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Ohio.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **509,774 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 509,774 working families make ends meet.
- **924 New Police Officers in Ohio.** The President's Crime Bill puts 924 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **1,987,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 1,987,000 workers in Ohio.

MAKING OKLAHOMA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
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- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
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Oklahoma Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Oklahoma Has Declined from 5.7% to 4.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 74%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **90,000 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Tulsa*, the number of reported aggravated assaults dropped 12%, while reported burglaries fell almost 10% during the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Oklahoma.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **213,568 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 213,568 working families make ends meet.
- **298 New Police Officers in Oklahoma.** The President's Crime Bill puts 298 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **418,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 418,000 workers in Oklahoma.

MAKING OREGON A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
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- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Oregon Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Oregon Has Declined from 8.0% to 4.7%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 43%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **155,000 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Oregon.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **145,323 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 145,323 working families make ends meet.
- **332 New Police Officers in Oregon.** The President's Crime Bill puts 332 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **431,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 431,000 workers in Oregon.

MAKING PENNSYLVANIA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Pennsylvania Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania Has Declined from 7.6% to 5.1%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 20%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **101,000 New Private-Sector Jobs in Pennsylvania -- After Losing Jobs During Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Pittsburgh*, the number of reported crimes dropped 10% during the first half of 1995. In *Philadelphia*, the number of reported motor vehicle thefts fell almost 9% over the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Pennsylvania.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **510,127 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 510,127 working families make ends meet.
- **1100 New Police Officers in Pennsylvania.** The President's Crime Bill puts 1100 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **2,129,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 2,129,000 workers in Pennsylvania.

MAKING RHODE ISLAND A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Rhode Island Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Rhode Island Has Declined from 8.0% to 6.8%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 44%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **7,000 New Private-Sector Jobs in Rhode Island -- After Losing Jobs During Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Providence*, the number of reported crimes fell 13%, while the number of reported aggravated assaults dropped 14% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Rhode Island.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **38,141 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 38,141 working families make ends meet.
- **113 New Police Officers in Rhode Island.** The President's Crime Bill puts 113 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **164,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 164,000 workers in Rhode Island.

MAKING SOUTH CAROLINA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

South Carolina Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in South Carolina Has Declined from 6.9% to 5.1%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 58%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **85,100 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in South Carolina.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **306,881 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 306,881 working families make ends meet.
- **335 New Police Officers in South Carolina.** The President's Crime Bill puts 335 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **590,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 590,000 workers in South Carolina.

MAKING SOUTH DAKOTA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
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South Dakota Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in South Dakota Has Declined from 3.5% to 2.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 78%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **27% More New Private-Sector Jobs Per Year in South Dakota than During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Sioux Falls*, the reported number of aggravated assaults fell 13%, while the reported number of burglaries dropped 6% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in South Dakota.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **39,016 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 39,016 working families make ends meet.
- **158 New Police Officers in South Dakota.** The President's Crime Bill puts 158 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **88,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 88,000 workers in South Dakota.

MAKING TENNESSEE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Tennessee Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Tennessee Has Declined from 5.9% to 5.2%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 60%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **212,800 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Chattanooga*, the number of reported aggravated assaults fell 39% in the first half of 1995; in *Memphis*, aggravated assaults dropped 8% over the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Tennessee.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **384,057 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 384,057 working families make ends meet.
- **486 New Police Officers in Tennessee.** The President's Crime Bill puts 486 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **898,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 898,000 workers in Tennessee.

MAKING TEXAS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
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Texas Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Texas Has Declined from 7.6% to 6.2%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 60%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **739,800 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Dallas*, the number of reported robberies fell 20% in the first half of 1995. In *Houston*, the number of reported murders dropped 30% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Texas** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **1,441,104 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 1,441,104 working families make ends meet.
- **1,703 New Police Officers in Texas.** The President's Crime Bill puts 1,703 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **2,812,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 2,812,000 workers in Texas.

MAKING UTAH A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
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Utah Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Utah Has Declined from 4.3% to 3.3%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 71%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **135,800 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Salt Lake*, the reported number of aggravated assaults dropped almost 6%, while the number of reported robberies fell 6.2% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Utah.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **81,437 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 81,437 working families make ends meet.
- **192 New Police Officers in Utah.** The President's Crime Bill puts 192 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **271,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 271,000 workers in Utah.

MAKING VERMONT A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
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Vermont Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Vermont Has Dropped from 5.8% to 4.1%.**
- **15,200 New Jobs in 33 Months -- After Losing Jobs During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **1,700 New Manufacturing Jobs in Vermont -- After Falling During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 44%, After Falling During the Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Vermont.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **25,715 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 25,715 working families make ends meet.
- **80 New Police Officers in Vermont.** The President's Crime Bill puts 80 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **79,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 78,678 workers in Vermont.

MAKING VIRGINIA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Virginia Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Virginia Has Dropped from 5.3% to 4.6%.**
- **205,300 New Private-Sector Jobs in 33 Months -- More than 12 Times the Number During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 58%, After Falling During the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Richmond*, reported murders fell 29% in the first half of 1995. In *Norfolk*, the number of reported aggravated assaults dropped nearly 15% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Virginia.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **332,266 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 332,266 working families make ends meet.
- **530 New Police Officers in Virginia.** The President's Crime Bill puts 530 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **1,050,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 1,050,150 workers in Virginia.

MAKING WASHINGTON A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Washington Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Washington Has Dropped from 8.2% to 6.3%.**
- **Housing Sales are Up 6.5%.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 43% -- After Dropping During Prior 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Seattle*, reported murders fell 37% in the first half of 1995, and the number of reported aggravated assaults dropped 36% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Washington.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **210,040 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 210,040 working families make ends meet.
- **429 New Police Officers in Washington.** The President's Crime Bill puts 429 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **768,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 767,575 workers in Washington.

MAKING WEST VIRGINIA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

West Virginia Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in West Virginia Has Dropped from 11.1% to 8.0%.**
- **46,200 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 58%, After Falling During the Prior 4 Years.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in West Virginia.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **105,017 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 105,017 working families make ends meet.
- **199 New Police Officers in West Virginia.** The President's Crime Bill puts 199 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **210,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 210,312 workers in West Virginia.

MAKING WISCONSIN A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Wisconsin Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Wisconsin Has Dropped from 4.3% to 3.8%.**
- **55% More New Private-Sector Jobs Per Year Than During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **38,500 New Manufacturing Jobs in Wisconsin -- After Declining During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Green Bay*, reported murders fell 33% in the first half of 1995. In *Milwaukee*, reported murders dropped 21% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Wisconsin.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **193,349 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 193,349 working families make ends meet.
- **392 New Police Officers in Wisconsin.** The President's Crime Bill puts 392 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **883,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 883,370 workers in Wisconsin.

MAKING WYOMING A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Wyoming Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Wyoming Has Declined from 5.2% to 4.7%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 71%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **3,900 New Private-Sector Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Wyoming.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **24,038 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 24,038 working families make ends meet.
- **30 New Police Officers in Wyoming.** The President's Crime Bill puts 30 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **48,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 48,000 workers in Wyoming.

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
STATE-OF-THE-UNION ADDRESS
U.S. CAPITOL
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Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of the 104th Congress, distinguished guests, my fellow Americans all across our land.

I want to begin by saying to our men and women in uniform around the world, and especially those helping peace take root in Bosnia, to these warriors for peace and to their families, I say: we are proud of you.

My duty tonight is to report on the State of our Union. Not on the state of our government, but of our American community. And it is also my duty to speak to Americans as citizens and family members, as workers and managers, as members of business and charitable organizations, as citizens of states and communities, about our responsibilities to make our nation greater: to form a more perfect union.

The State of our Union is strong, as strong as it has ever been.

Our economy is the healthiest it's been in three decades. We have the lowest combined rate of unemployment and inflation in 27 years. We have created over 7.8 million new American jobs, including over a million in basic industries like construction and automobiles. We have increased American exports of American products by 33 percent in three years, and in each of those years we had a record number of new businesses started. Detroit is selling more cars than Japan for the first time since the 1970s.

America is bringing hope for peace and freedom across the world, and increasing our national security. Perhaps most important, all across America we are finding common ground in advancing our fundamental values of family, work and community. The crime rate, the welfare and food stamp rate, the poverty rate, the teen pregnancy rate are all down. As they go down, prospects for America's future go up.

This is an age of possibility. It is also a time of challenge and change. A hundred years ago we moved from farm to factory. Now we move to an age of technology, information, and global competition. More Americans are living better lives; too many of our fellow citizens are working harder to keep ahead, in search of greater security for their families. [While America is leading the world toward greater peace, threats to our security and our peace remain. While we are making progress on our profoundest social problems, we still have too much crime and violence, too many threats to our children's childhood, too

much family breakdown.]

Our mission is clear. We must make the American Dream of opportunity for all who are willing to work for it a reality; we must remain the world's leading force for peace and freedom; we must continue to come together around our basic values. And we must meet these challenges together.

Each of us has a role to play. What is our role here? We know big government does not have all the answers. There is not a program for every problem. We do not need centralized bureaucracies in Washington doing what could be done better by state and local governments, communities and the private sector.

But government still has responsibilities that are fundamental to the success of Americans in the new era -- to protect our security and our environment; to help grow our economy; to maintain a decent social safety net; and to help our people make the most of their own lives, with safer streets, more educational opportunity, access to health care and secure pensions, government that costs less and works better, and a climate of greater civility and cooperation.

We must all ask more of ourselves, and we must expect more of each other.

The era of big government is over. But we cannot go back to the time when our citizens were left on their own to deal with our common problems. Instead, we must go forward as one America -- a nation working together, to meet the challenges we face together. Self-reliance and teamwork are not opposing virtues -- we must have both.

There is now broad bipartisan agreement that permanent deficit spending must come to an end.

I compliment the Republicans for the energy and determination they have brought to balancing the budget. And I thank the Democrats for taking the first big steps with the Deficit Reduction Act of 1993, which has cut the deficit nearly in half in just three years.

Our budget would be in surplus today but for the interest payments we make on the deficits run up in the 12 years before 1993. Since then, we have all seen the benefits of deficit reduction: lower interest rates have made it easier for business to create new jobs and have brought down the cost of home mortgages, car and credit card rates to ordinary citizens.

Now it is time to finish the job, in a way that is fair to all Americans. Though differences remain, after many hours of budget negotiations, the combined total of the smallest proposed savings in each category of the budget is more than enough, according to your Congressional Budget Office, to balance the budget in seven years and provide a modest tax cut.

We have not reached agreement yet. Real differences remain over the level and kind of investments we need in education and environment, and over the level of savings and the changes which should be made in Medicare and Medicaid. We differ on what kind of investment will best provide economic growth, through research, technology, trade, and a good agriculture program -- still our largest winner in international trade.

Tonight I reaffirm my determination to work with you to reach a balanced budget agreement. I know you differ with me on what it takes to protect Medicare, Medicare, education, and the environment. I hope we can bridge those gaps. And I will try. But we have more than enough savings common to both our plans to balance the budget in seven years, restrain entitlement spending, preserve the Medicare Trust Fund, and give a modest tax cut. I ask you at least to enact these savings so we can give the American people their balanced budget, lower tax rates, and a bright future.

Whatever happens, I am convinced we will balance the budget, and make permanent deficits yesterday's legacy.

It is time to look to the challenges of today and tomorrow. That is what I believe we all came here to do, regardless of party.

America was built on challenges, not promises. So tonight I want to speak honestly of the challenges we face as a people, as one America.

The First Challenge is to renew our schools and college opportunity for a new century.

First, we need a partnership between educators, parents, business and government to connect every classroom to the information superhighway by the year 2000, with computers, good software, and skilled teachers. We are working with the telecommunications industry in California to wire 20% of the schools by this spring, and we will work with industry in every state to do the same. I challenge leaders in every state to develop a plan and Congress to provide a Technology Matching Fund to contribute 25% of the funds from private sources for this purpose.

I challenge every state to adopt national standards of excellence, measure whether schools are meeting those standards, and hold them accountable for results. Every diploma must mean something. But it is also important to cut red tape so that schools have more room for grassroots reforms. And that must include giving all parents the right to choose which public school their children attend, and letting teachers form new schools with a charter they can keep only if they do a good job.

I challenge all schools to teach character education: education, values, and good citizenship. I challenge parents to be their children's first teacher, and to turn off the TV. See that their homework gets done. Know your children's teachers.

Today, higher education is more important than ever before. We must open the doors of college to all who deserve it. Since 1993, we have increased Pell grant scholarships to record levels and created a new direct loan program that has made it easier and cheaper to borrow for college; and we have dramatically cut the student loan default rate. Through Americorps, our national service program, this year 25,000 students will earn college money by serving in their communities. This program is a bipartisan success story; it is the right thing for America -- we should keep it going.

Tonight I want to open the doors of college even wider. I challenge Congress to expand work study and help one million young Americans work their way through college by the year 2000; provide a \$1,000 merit scholarship for the top five percent of all high school graduates. Again I say: there is no better way to cut taxes than to make \$10,000 a year of college tuition tax deductible.

Our second challenge is to help every American achieve economic security.

People who work hard deserve what it takes to get ahead in the new economy: Education and training for a lifetime, retirement security, and access to health care.

More and more Americans are finding that the education of their childhood simply does not last a lifetime. Congress has gone a long way toward consolidating 70 overlapping job training programs into one simple voucher for unemployed or underemployed workers to use for community college tuition or other training. I challenge you to pass this GI Bill for America's Workers.

More and more Americans are working hard without a raise. Congress sets the minimum wage. This year, the minimum wage will fall to a 40-year low in purchasing power. \$4.25 an hour is not a living wage. But millions of American workers and their children are trying to live on it. I challenge you to raise their minimum wage.

In 1993, Congress expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit to cut the taxes of 20 million hard pressed working families. Our goal was to make sure no parent who worked full-time would have to raise their children in poverty. That tax cut is worth about \$1,800 to a family of four living on \$20,000. The budget bill I vetoed had excessive cuts in the Earned Income Tax Credit, which would have raised taxes on 7 million of these people. When we cut taxes for other Americans, we must not raise taxes on them.

In addition to the education tax cut, I support a tax cut for working families with children. I know the Congress has taken a strong stand on this, and it should be part of a final budget agreement.

I challenge every business that can possibly afford it to provide pensions for their employees, and I challenge Congress to pass a proposal to make it easier for small businesses and farmers to establish pension plans. That was one of the top priorities of the White

House Conference on Small Business. That is something Republicans and Democrats can agree on.

We should also agree to protect existing pension plans. Two years ago, with bipartisan support, we enacted a law that protected the pensions of 8 million working people and stabilized the pensions of 32 million more. After the awful experiences of just a few years ago, we should oppose efforts in Congress that would let companies raid their worker's pension funds. I cannot accept that.

Finally, if working families are going to succeed in the new economy, they must be able to buy health insurance policies they don't lose when they change jobs or when someone in their family gets sick. In the past year, over 1 million Americans in working families lost their health insurance. The last Congress took no action on health reform. I challenge you to pass the bipartisan bill offered by Senators Kassebaum and Kennedy to require insurance companies to stop dropping people for switching jobs or denying coverage for pre-existing conditions.

And we must preserve the basic protections Medicare and Medicaid give, not just to the poor, but to children, people with disabilities, and senior citizens in working families. In the past three years, we have saved \$15 billion by fighting health care fraud and abuse. We can bring the rate of increase down to the rate of growth in the private sector; perhaps we can do a little better. But we cannot abandon our fundamental obligations. Medicare and Medicaid are about the duty we owe one another, and we all are stronger because of them.

The GI Bill for Workers, tax relief for education and child-rearing, pension availability and protection, access to health care, preservation of Medicare and Medicaid, these things -- along with the Family and Medical Leave Act -- will help responsible hard-working American families to make the most of their own lives.

I challenge employees and employers to follow the example of our finest companies, to work together, to put long-term prosperity ahead of short-term gains. As workers increase their hours and their productivity, employers should make sure they get the skills they need and share the benefits of good years as well as the burdens of bad ones. When companies and workers work as a team, they do better. And so does America.

Our third great challenge is to take back our streets from crime, gangs, and drugs.

At last, we have begun to find the way to stop crime. It starts with a challenge to every community in America -- to come together and work with local police forces to catch criminals and to prevent crime with neighborhood patrols. This strategy of community policing has begun to work in a way no anti-crime effort has ever worked before. Violent crime is coming down across America.

In New York City, murders are down 25%, in St. Louis 18%, and in Seattle 32%. But we have a long way to go before our streets are safe and our people are free of fear.

The Crime Bill of 1994, passed with bipartisan support, is critical to the success of community policing. It provides funds for 100,000 new police in communities of all sizes. We're already a third of the way there. I challenge Congress to finish the job and keep the crime rate coming down with a strategy that works.

Community policing requires bonds of trust between our citizens and our police. I ask all Americans to respect our police. To honor, help and reward them with respect. To our police, I say: Our children regardless of race or neighborhood need you as our heroes. Give them role models to look up to.

The Brady Bill has already stopped 44,000 people with criminal records from buying guns. The assault weapons ban is keeping 19 kinds of assault weapons out of the hands of violent gangs. I challenge Congress to keep these laws on the books.

We must take on the gangs the way we took on the mob. I am directing the FBI and other investigative agencies to wage a coordinated war on gangs that involve juveniles in violent crime. And I challenge local housing authorities and tenant associations: Gang members and drug dealers have no right to live in public housing. They are destroying the lives of decent people. From now on, the rule for residents who get involved in drugs and crime should be: One strike and you're out. And if young people kill and maim like adults, prosecutors should have the authority to prosecute them as adults.

We must have prompt and effective prosecution and long imprisonment of career criminals. I challenge every state to match federal policy: to assure that serious criminals serve at least 85% of their sentence. Use our Crime Bill to close the revolving door.

We cannot just jail our way out of this crisis. We must keep our young people out of trouble. We passed the Crime Bill to help communities with police, punishment, and prevention. Not prevention strategies dictated by Washington, but those developed in communities. They are working too. Houston has the lowest murder rate in 20 years and juvenile crime has leveled off because it expanded community policing and got thousands of young people into sports leagues and other projects where they get good values, see good role models, and learn the right kind of teamwork. I challenge all communities and adults to give these children futures to say Yes to.

Finally, to reduce crime and violence, we must reduce the drug problem. The challenge begins at home, with parents talking to their children openly and firmly. It embraces our churches, youth groups, and of course, our schools. I challenge Congress not to cut our support for drug-free schools. All over America, anti-drug efforts in our schools are changing the lives of our kids. People like D.A.R.E. officers are making an impression on grade school children that will give them the strength to say no when the time comes.

[Chelsea]

Meanwhile, we must intensify our efforts to cut the flow of drugs into America. Tonight I am appointing a hero of the Persian Gulf and the Commander of our U.S. forces south of our border, General Barry McCaffrey, as my drug czar to command a campaign against drugs on our streets. For years, people have said there was no way to cut off the flow of drugs to our borders. Barry McCaffrey took over the Southern Command with a commitment to prove them wrong. In the last two years he has intensified our military efforts and military cooperation with other nations to stem the flow of illegal drugs into our country.

He has won three purple hearts fighting for America. Tonight I ask that he give his heart in our nation's battle against drugs. The future of millions of Americans depends upon his success. But we all have to do our part -- on this team, too. Thank you, General McCaffrey, for agreeing to serve your country one more time.

Our fourth challenge is to leave our environment safe and clean for the next generation.

Because of a generation of bipartisan effort, we have cleaner air and water. Lead levels in children's blood has been cut by 70 percent and toxic emissions from factories cut in half. Lake Erie was dead. Now it is a thriving resource.

But ten million children under 12 still live within four miles of a toxic waste dump. A third of us breathe air which endangers our health. And in too many communities, water is not safe to drink. We still have much to do.

Yet, in this Congress, lobbyists for the polluters have walked in these doors like they owned the place and written loopholes into bills to weaken laws that protect the health and safety of our children. Congress has voted to cut environmental enforcement by 25%. That means more toxic chemicals in our water, more smog choking our air, more pesticides in our food. I challenge Congress to reverse those priorities. We can expand the economy without hurting the environment. In fact we can create more jobs over the long run by cleaning it up.

We must challenge businesses and communities to take more initiative and make it easier for them to do so. To businesses, we are saying: If you can find a cheaper, more efficient way than government regulations require to meet tough pollution standards, then do it -- as long as you do it right.

Some in this Congress want to let polluters off the hook, and make taxpayers pick up the tab for toxic waste even if they are caught in the act and are proven to be responsible. I say: the polluters should pay.

We are expanding community right-to-know laws requiring polluters to disclose their emissions, and challenging them to use the information to work with business to cut pollution. People have a right to know that their air and water are safe.

I challenge the United States to meet our responsibility to lead the fight for freedom and peace.

Because of American leadership, more people than ever before live free and at peace, and Americans have known 50 years of prosperity and security.

All over the world, people look to us. And trust us to help them seek the blessings of peace and freedom.

But as the Cold War fades, voices of isolation say America should retreat from its responsibilities. I say they are wrong. The threats we Americans face respect no borders -- terrorism...the spread of weapons of mass destruction...organized crime...drug trafficking...ethnic and religious hatred... aggression by rogue states...environmental degradation.

We can't be everywhere. We can't do everything. But where our values and interests demand it -- and where we can make a difference -- America must lead. America must not be isolationist or the world's policeman. But we can be its best peacemaker. By keeping our military strong . . . by using diplomacy where we can and force where we must . . . by working with others to share the risk and the cost of our efforts . . . America is making a difference for people here and around the world.

North Korea, has now frozen its dangerous nuclear weapons program. For the first time, the dawn of the nuclear age, there are no Russian missiles pointed at any American cities, or any American citizens. In Haiti, the dictators are gone, democracy has a new day, and the flow of desperate refugees to our shores has ended.

Through tougher trade deals for America, over 80 of them, we have opened markets abroad, and now exports are at an all-time high and growing faster than imports.

We stood with those taking risks for peace . . . in Northern Ireland, where Catholic and Protestant children tell their parents war must never return . . . and in the Middle East, where Arabs and Jews, once seemed destined to fight forever share knowledge, resources and dreams.

And, we stood up for peace in Bosnia. Remember the skeletal prisoners . . . young men in mass graves . . . the campaigns of rape and torture . . . endless lines of refugees . . . the threat of a spreading war -- these have given way to the hope of peace, in a treaty our troops and their allies are helping to take hold.

As a peacemaker, America has more challenges to build a safer future for our people. The Start II treaty with Russia will cut the world's nuclear stockpiles by another 25 percent; I urge the Senate to ratify it -- now. We must stop an entire generation of new nuclear weapons by signing a truly comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty -- this year. We can outlaw poison gas forever, if the Senate approves the Chemical Weapons Convention -- this year. We can help more people move from hatred to hope . . . if Congress gives us the means to remain leaders for peace.

And, we must take the fight to terrorists and organized criminals at home and abroad; Congress should finally pass legislation I proposed after the Oklahoma City bombing to give American law enforcement an even stronger arsenal -- now. We can make the next century an American century, too.

America's final, and most important challenge, is live up to the duty we owe one another, and take personal responsibility for the future of our country.

In every walk of life, we must pull together, and do our part.

Congress and I are near agreement on sweeping welfare reform. We agree on time limits, tough work requirements, and the toughest possible child support enforcement. But we must provide child care so mothers can go to work. Send me a bipartisan welfare reform that will really move people from welfare to work and that does right by children, and I will sign it in a heartbeat.

But reform is only the first step. The next step is to make it work. I challenge every American business: open up in poor areas, and hire people getting off welfare. I challenge America's banks to steer capital to the inner city, so people can build homes and new businesses. I challenge Congress to leave our community development banks that support these new businesses in place. And tonight, I propose a new tax incentive for companies that clean up abandoned industrial property, bringing jobs back to the urban and rural areas that desperately need them.

I challenge business to hire only legal workers. We are a nation of immigrants. But we are also a nation of laws. We need to keep working together on a bipartisan basis to stiffen control of our borders and protect the American workplace. Tonight, I announce an executive order to deny federal contracts to businesses that hire illegal immigrants.

I challenge all Americans to help keep the teen pregnancy rate going down. Last year, from this podium, I issued a call for a new national effort to come to grips with this problem. Tonight I am pleased to announce that a group of prominent national leaders is answering that call with an organization that will enlist the grass roots in a national campaign against teen pregnancy. I urge every American to join in their efforts.

Families are the foundation of American life. I challenge America's families to stay

together, to turn away from divorce and separation. If you stay together as a family, I believe we can stay together -- as a nation.

I call on American men and women to respect one another and end the deadly scourge of domestic violence. I ask every American man to swear, tonight, never, never, to lift his hand against a woman.

It is wrong to put most of the burden for family on women. I challenge fathers to love and care for their children. Unless a man has died, there is no such thing as a fatherless child, there is simply a father not doing his most basic human duty.

We are collecting record amounts of child support payments, and Congress has adopted my recommendation to deny drivers licenses to anyone who fails to pay the money he owes his children.

But a check is no substitute for your love. Please, as President, as a father, [as a man who lost his own father before I was born], I implore you: go back home.

Let us take responsibility for our children. I challenge our businesses, our parents, our media, our schools, our teachers, our communities, and our governments to help these children make it. We need Washington to clear away the hurdles, not to build them up. We don't need control from Washington. We need teamwork across America.

To the media: I say you should create movies, CDs and television shows you would want your own children to use. In the broadcast industry, do what movies have done, rate your programming to help parents protect their children.

I call on Congress to pass the requirement for a "V Chip" in TV sets, so parents can screen out programs with violence and sex. Television should not betray the values of the family home.

I invite the leaders of major media corporations and the entertainment industry to come to the White House next month to work with us on concrete ways to improve what our children see on television. I am ready to work with you.

I challenge those who produce and market cigarettes: Sell your products to adults, if you wish -- but draw the line on children. Every year, a million children take up smoking; 300,000 of them will die as a result. Our dear friend Mike Synar fought to stop sales of cigarettes to children; let's honor his memory by stopping tobacco companies from trying to hook them altogether.

To those who run our schools: Set up courses to teach ethics and values and character education. To parents: Make sure those lessons begin at home. It will mean nothing if we reach for new material opportunities and lose the values that make us one

America.

I also challenge every American to reach across the lines that divide us. We have come a long way -- but we have still not fully overcome. One hate crime is one too many. One incident of discrimination is one too many. Racism is un-American. We must do better.

Finally, to Congress, I say: we have to take responsibility to make this democracy work. [This government must again become one of the people, by the people, and for the people.]

Last year, Congress applied to itself the laws that apply to America, banned gifts and meals from lobbyists, and forced lobbyists to disclose who pays them and what legislation they are trying to pass or kill.

Now I challenge Congress to go further: curb special interest influence in politics by passing the first truly bipartisan campaign finance reform bill in a generation, introduced by Republican Senators McCain and Thompson and Democratic Senator Feingold. Show the American people we can limit spending and open up the airwaves to all candidates.

I have ordered my top officials not to act as foreign lobbyists when they leave government. I challenge anyone who has ever served this country as a top trade negotiator never to sell their knowledge to foreign governments.

And I appeal to Congress to give me the line item veto you promised to give me.

The American people deserve a government that works better and costs less. Thanks to the work of Vice-President Gore, we are eliminating 16,000 pages of unnecessary rules and regulations, shifting responsibility out of Washington back to states and communities, and letting individuals and the private sector do more. Today, the federal workforce is 205,000 employees smaller than the day I took office -- the smallest in 30 years, and getting smaller every day. The federal workers who remain are working harder and delivering better value for less money.

[VP ANECDOTE ON OKLAHOMA CITY: _____ worked for Social Security for 22 years. During the Oklahoma City bombing he re-entered the building four times and saved lives of three women. We will never forget brave people who serve us daily. I want to recognize him and tell story of heroism. In November, he was forced out of his office when the government shut down. The second time the government shut down, he continued working without pay. Let us promise ____:]

[But we here in Washington have a duty to behave responsibly. I want to make this very clear:] No public servant should ever threaten the United States with default. And no public servant should ever -- ever -- again shut down the government of the United States.

Better education. Access to health care. Secure retirement. A clean environment. Safer streets. A stronger America. I have asked a lot of America this evening. But I am confident. When Americans gather in their homes, their schools, their churches, or at work, they have far greater power to shape our nation's destiny than do any of us in this august chamber.

I say again: The era of big government is over. The era of every person for himself is over. The era of all of us working together -- as a community, as a team -- to solve our problems is upon us.

I want you to meet two people tonight who show us what this all means. Dr. Lucius Wright is a professor at Jackson State University in Mississippi. He is a distinguished Viet Nam veteran, and he is helping young people work with police officers to make their community a better place and helping those children have futures they can believe in. Father Greg Boyle is from East Los Angeles, California. He has worked hard against the gangs in his community, helping give young people mentors and opportunities that guide them off the streets and into lives they can be proud of. And Sergeant Jennifer Rodgers is a police officer in Oklahoma City. And last April 19, when the evil bombing of the federal building occurred, she was on the scene in minutes -- helping to pull who fellow citizens out of the rubble and deal with that awful tragedy. She reminds us that, in their response to the madness, the people Oklahoma City lifted usa all with their basic sense of right and or community.

These are special Americans, for more reasons than what I have said. I have the honor tonight to announce that they are the first of several thousand Americans chosen to carry the Olympic torch on its long journey from Los Angeles to the centennial of the modern Olympics in Atlanta this summer. They are not star athletes; they are star citizens -- selected because they are community heroes meeting America's challenges -- America's real champions.

Each of us must hold high the torch in our own lives. But none of us can finish the race alone. We only achieve our destiny together, one hand, one generation, one American connecting to another.

There have always been things we could do together -- dreams we have made real -- which we could never have done apart. We Americans have forged our identity, our very union, from every point of view and every point on the planet. Bound by a faith more powerful than any doctrines that divide us -- by our belief in progress, our love of liberty and our relentless search for common ground -- America has always sought and risen to challenge.

Who is to say that, having come so far together, we cannot remain together now? Who is to say that the moment of our greatest potential has passed?

America must not wait passively for the future. Everywhere we turn, it waits for us.

Tonight, on the threshold of a new century -- a new millennium -- standing here, in our democracy's sacred hall, we know in our hearts that the future which lies before us is an unrivaled age of possibility.

Thank you, God bless you, and may God bless the United States of America.

ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS, PRE-SOU PRESS

(I have spoken with Elaine Kamarck and sat in on briefings with she and George, so some of what follows reflects their thinking, their comments and my own insights)

OVERALL TONE

Continuum since 1992: speech should be seen in context of the President's political philosophy that he ran on in 92 and has governed on since.

- new view of government
- how society needs to jointly deal with its problems
- what govt. has to do to do its share

Conciliatory but non-compromising when he needs to be:

- cops in the street
- Medicare, Medicaid, education, environment
- corporate raiding of pension funds
- protecting tax cuts for working Americans
- assault ban repeal and Brady Bill

Challenge to all Americans:

- individuals
- places of worship
- businesses
- non-profits

"THE NEWS LEAD"

"The era of big government is over."

"Each of us has a role to play."

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**STATISTICAL BACKGROUND TO BE USED WITH
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ECONOMY

- * **Unemployment and inflation are at their lowest combined level since 1968;**
- * **7.8 million new jobs have been created in the last three years;**
- * **Creating Jobs in Basic Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing and automobiles, these industries have turned around, combining to add more than one million new jobs under President Clinton;
- * **High Growth.** The United States has the highest growth of any major economy in the world over the last three years;
- * **Cut the Deficit Nearly in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest three-year reduction in history;
- * **Smaller, Smarter Government.** The Clinton Administration eliminated over 200,000 jobs from the government payrolls, and is eliminating more than 16,000 pages of obsolete regulations;
- * **More Small New Businesses.** A record number of new small businesses have been created since the start of the Clinton Administration.
- * **More Home Owners.** Home ownership is at its highest level in 15 years;
- * **American Automobiles Are Once Again Leading The World.** The United States beat Japan and every other country in the world in the last two years in the production of automobiles, the first time that has happened since 1979.

CRIME

- * **The crime rate is declining,** with the number of murders reported dropping by 12%, robberies down 10% and car theft down 5%;
- * **Keeping Guns Out of the Hands of Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons have been blocked from buying handguns because the Clinton Administration fought for and passed the Brady Bill requiring background checks on handgun purchases;
- * **The Clinton Administration passed an assault weapons ban, outlawing 19 of the deadliest assault weapons;**
- * **More Cops, Safer Streets.** The Clinton Administration's Crime Bill puts 100,000 new cops on the street -- over 31,000 have been funded so far;
- * **The United States protected its borders better,** deporting a record number of illegal aliens in 1995.

EDUCATION

- * **More Kids Going to College.** The Clinton Administration has opened access to higher education. In 1994, 62% of high school seniors went directly to college, up from only 55% ten years ago;
- * **Fewer Dropouts.** Fewer students are dropping out of high school. Since 1991, the dropout rate has fallen by 16%;
- * **Educating for the Future.** 54% of Americans use a computer in either their school, home or office;
- * **Better Results.** 1995 SAT scores show continuing improvement on both verbal and math scores for college-bound seniors.

COMMUNITY

- * 1.2 million people climbed out of poverty in 1994;
- * The welfare rolls are down by 8% since March, 1994;
- * Teen pregnancies are down;
- * Donations to the largest 400 charities in the United States increased by 6% in 1994, with giving reaching \$130 billion;
- * **Building Our Communities and Our Kids.** Last year, President Clinton's AmeriCorps Program brought 25,000 American volunteers into our communities, helping to rebuild our neighborhoods and generating private sector partnerships with those efforts, while helping the volunteers pay for their own higher education;
- * **Putting Families First.** Each year, 2.4 million workers are likely to take advantage of President Clinton's Family and Medical Leave Act, allowing them to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member.

PEACE

- * **Peace in Bosnia.** U.S. brokered and securing comprehensive peace agreement in the Former Yugoslavia;
- * Brokered comprehensive peace agreements in the Middle East, as well as historic cease-fire in Northern Ireland;
- * No nuclear missiles are targetted at U.S. cities and citizens;
- * Brokered peace and democratic elections in Haiti and South Africa;
- * Reached agreement with North Korea to halt and eventually eliminate its nuclear program.

AMERICA IS MOVING FORWARD

STRONG ECONOMIC GROWTH

- Since the beginning of the Clinton Administration, the United States has grown faster than any other major economy in the world. (Source: OECD)
- In 1995, the United States is expected to lead all major industrialized countries in economic growth.

CONSUMER SENTIMENT – STRONGEST SINCE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION

- Consumers have been more optimistic about their future economic prospects under President Clinton than during any other Administration since Lyndon B. Johnson was President. (Source: Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan).

A RISING STOCK MARKET REFLECTS THE NEW SENSE OF OPTIMISM

- A family that invested \$10,000 in the stock market at the start of the Clinton Administration is about \$5,600 wealthier today.
- The stock market has grown faster under President Clinton than under any other President in at least 40 years.

JOBS – MORE THAN 7.8 MILLION ADDED

- More than 7.8 million jobs have been created during the Clinton Administration -- that's a better record of job growth than any Republican Administration since the 1920s, including Ronald Reagan's term.
- After losing 2.2 million manufacturing jobs over the 12 years prior to the Clinton Administration, the economy has added 284,000 manufacturing jobs since the Clinton budget plan was passed.
- Auto jobs have increased by 89,000 during the Clinton Administration -- after declining by 49,000 during the previous 4 years -- and recently hit their highest level since 1979.
- Construction jobs are up 785,000 since January 1993 -- after declining by 665,000 during the previous 4 years -- and recently hit their highest level in more than 5 years.

MISERY INDEX – AT LOWEST LEVEL IN 27 YEARS

- The Misery Index -- the combined rate of unemployment and inflation -- is at its lowest level since 1968.

CAR MANUFACTURING – U.S. MAINTAINS WORLD LEAD

- In 1994, the United States surpassed Japan as the world leader in automobile production -- the last time the United States was number one was back in 1979. And in 1995, America retained its status as the world's largest car producer.

COMPETITIVENESS – U.S. DECLARED WORLD LEADER AGAIN

- For the first time in ten years, the World Economic Forum declared the U.S. the world's most competitive economy in 1994. In 1995 America was not only selected again for this honor, but beat countries like Japan and Germany by an even larger margin than the year before.

INCOMES HAVE FINALLY INCREASED ACROSS-THE-BOARD

- In 1994--the first year following the Clinton Economic Plan--every family income group, from the richest to the poorest, experienced a real increase in their incomes.
- The typical family's income increased 2.5 percent in 1994, after adjusting for inflation.
- The typical African-American family experienced a 5.0 percent increase in their income in 1994, the first significant annual increase in five years.

HOME OWNERSHIP – HIGHEST SINCE 1981

- In 1995, the home ownership rate reached its highest level since 1981 -- 1.4 million citizens became homeowners.
- Since President Clinton took office, 3.6 million Americans became homeowners -- the largest increase over comparable periods in fifteen years.

HOMES ARE MORE AFFORDABLE

- Homes have been more affordable during the Clinton Administration than during any other Administration since Richard Nixon was President. (Based on data from the National Association of Realtors.)
- Mortgage rates are low, averaging 7.9 percent during the Clinton Administration -- compared to 9.5 percent during the previous four years.

AMERICANS ARE LIVING BETTER THAN THEY EVER HAVE

- 78 percent of new homes came with a two-car or more garage in 1994; this compares to only 52 percent in 1974.
- In 1994, 49 percent of new homes came with 2 1/2 or more baths; twenty years ago, only 21 percent did.
- 79 percent of new homes came with central air conditioning in 1994, up from just 48 percent in 1974.
- In 1995, 71 percent of people had cable television in their home, up from 42 percent a decade earlier.

STATE OF THE UNION, 1996

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S STATE OF THE UNION: AMERICA'S CHALLENGE

January 22, 1996



The President will deliver the State of the Union tomorrow, January 23, 1996 at 9:00 pm in the Capitol. He will challenge the American people to come together as a nation and face the future together. Right now, we have reached agreement to balance the budget, cut government and provide a responsible tax cut. In the State of the Union, the President will talk not only about what we have agreed to for today, but what we must do together for tomorrow.

Everyone must do their part. If we are going to seize the promise of our times, we must all work together. Not government alone. Not individuals alone. The President will challenge Americans to work together -- in their communities, their families, businesses, churches, schools, and in our government -- to help Americans make the most of their own lives in the new century. We can only meet the challenges of this new time together.

The President will outline the crucial CHALLENGES FOR ALL AMERICANS in his speech:

CHALLENGE TO PROVIDE NEW SECURITY FOR THE NEW ECONOMY

- Opening access to education and training so all Americans can be the winners of economic change;
- Ensuring that all Americans have access to affordable health care and the security of a decent retirement.

CHALLENGE ON EDUCATION: Educate our children so they can keep their dreams alive.

- Bringing our schools into the 21st century by setting the highest standards and ensuring that all our children have access to new technology.
- Throwing open the doors of college as never before.

CHALLENGE ON CRIME: Keep our children safe from crime.

- A renewed assault on the gangs and drugs that threaten our children.

CHALLENGE ON THE ENVIRONMENT: Preserve the environment for future generations.

- First: Do no harm. Do not undermine the strong bipartisan efforts that have given us the safe, clean air and water we enjoy today;
- Making environmental protection in businesses' best interest, providing incentives for corporations to take responsibility to keep our environment clean and safe.

CHALLENGE ON WORLD LEADERSHIP: Continue America's leadership role as responsible peacemaker throughout the world.

CHALLENGE AMERICANS TO RECOGNIZE THE RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY WE OWE TO ONE ANOTHER.

- In our government: better government for less money, and political reform;
- In our families and for our children;
- In our communities.

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BODY:

With a year of political combat against Republicans behind him and a year of tough campaigning ahead, President Clinton says he'll include a pitch for bipartisan solutions to the nation's problems in tonight's State of the Union address.

'We have differences, but we should attempt to resolve those differences and we should attempt, where we can't resolve them, to set them aside and do what we can do,' Clinton told reporters Monday. 'The state of the union is strong, but it can be stronger.'

But that may not be what Republicans are ready to hear.

'It'll probably be a signal that the race is on. He'll probably bring out his campaign agenda for '96, be my guess,' said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the front-runner for the GOP nomination to replace Clinton in the White House.

'I assume he'll put the best spin on it he can,' said Dole, who will deliver the official Republican response to the address.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota Tuesday urged Clinton to stress 'the need for more bipartisanship as we address the many issue we have.' Among the unfinished business the president should talk about are campaign finance reform, welfare and health care reform, raising the minimum wage and the farm bill, Daschle said.

An ABC News-Washington Post poll released Monday put Clinton's overall job approval at 51 percent and showed him defeating Republican Bob Dole 52-38 percent in a hypothetical election. A separate poll by The New York Times and CBS News had Clinton leading Dole 51-40 percent.

The Times-CBS News poll found the budget deficit the top concern. After years of ranking the economy or crime as the most important issue facing the nation, 19 percent of those surveyed cited the deficit as the most important problem, up from only 8 percent in October.

The Times-CBS survey found that six out of 10 surveyed said Clinton was really trying to find a solution to the budget standoff, while only 4 out of 10



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said Republicans in Congress were really trying.

'Whatever he says is just another performance by Bill Clinton,' House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, told reporters. 'The president has proven he can say everything and do nothing.'

Whatever the reaction from majority Republicans, Clinton steps before the members of the House and Senate and a nationwide television audience at 9 p.m. EST with yet another potential political struggle brewing.

Several federal agencies will run out of money Friday at midnight, and Republicans are expected to demand elimination of a dozen or more programs as a condition of restoration of funding for the rest of the government.

Dole said these terminations are 'not going to be that controversial,' and other key Republicans have shown little inclination for sparking a third partial federal shutdown.

Top Republicans hoped for congressional passage as early as Wednesday of legislation keeping programs functioning for perhaps another month. In addition, House Republican leaders want to add to the legislation a \$125 per child tax credit, payable this year only to many families with children below age 18.

They said the measure would cost about \$6 billion and be paid for by reductions in minor benefit programs that the GOP and administration had tentatively accepted in their now-dormant budget talks.

That credit was to be a first installment of the \$500 per child credit included in the massive GOP budget-balancing and tax cut bill Clinton vetoed last year.

The first two federal shutdowns were triggered as part of the GOP's attempt to force Clinton into balancing the budget on their terms terms the White House said would devastate Medicare, Medicaid, education and the environment while providing overly generous tax cuts for the rich.

More complex, though, is an administration call for a rapid extension of the government's borrowing authority. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin wrote House Speaker Newt Gingrich on Monday that 'either Feb. 29 or March 1 is the date on which Treasury will no longer be able to fulfill all of its financial obligations without legislation increasing the statutory debt limit.'

Clinton called on Congress to raise the debt limit. 'I don't think we should default on the debt,' he said. 'I think that would be a terrible mistake. It's an unacceptable thing for a great nation to do, and we've never done it.'

But Gingrich, R-Ga., said the president should agree to changes that would slow the growth of federal benefits programs, presumably including Medicare, Medicaid and welfare, as part of a measure to extend borrowing authority.

'He has an obligation to put on the table what substantial reforms he is prepared to sign as part of getting a debt ceiling, and in the absence of that frankly we are temporarily at an impasse,' Gingrich said.

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At the White House, spokesman Mike McCurry said that in the State of the Union address, Clinton would touch on his belief that a balanced budget can be achieved, but not dwell on the subject that divided Republicans and Democrats throughout 1995.

McCurry said the president would 'dwell at some length on the progress we've made over the last three years in the economy. The economy is strong, it's growing. Inflation is low. Unemployment is low. The so-called misery index at a generation-length low.

'But he will also say Americans want to know how they can continue to see their own prosperity grow and how they can pass it on to their children,' the spokesman said.

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HIGHLIGHT: Given the unresolved balanced budget battle and the upcoming presidential election, it's predicted by some that this session of Congress will accomplish very little and be remembered as a do-nothing Congress.

BODY:

LINDA WERTHEIMER, Host: The second session of the 104th Congress begins this week, and the budget impasse that plagued the first session shows no signs of being resolved any time soon. The House and Senate must act by Friday to avoid another government shutdown, and the Treasury will face another debt crisis by the end of February.

Today, House Majority Leader Dick Armey confirmed the hardline position he took yesterday, saying Republicans will vote to raise the debt limit only if the president agrees to severe budget cuts.

NPR's Peter Kenyon reports that between the budget stalemate and the pressures of an election year, lawmakers are not expecting this congressional session to be very productive.

PETER KENYON, Reporter: In a letter to House Speaker Newt Gingrich, U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin warns that by February 29 or March 1, the government will no longer be able to meet its debt payments unless Congress raises the debt ceiling. President Clinton today urged Congress not to use the specter of a federal default to try and win concessions from him in the balanced budget talks.

Pres. BILL CLINTON: Well, I don't think we should default on the debt. I think that would be a terrible mistake. It's an unacceptable thing for a great nation to do, and we've never done it.

PETER KENYON: But Congressman Armey made it clear that the White House had better get used to the idea that some GOP budget measure will be attached to any debt ceiling bill.



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Rep. DICK ARMEY (R-TX), Majority Leader: Neither the president nor I should delude ourselves into believing that a so-called clean debt ceiling increase will pass the house. It just won't happen.

PETER KENYON: So far Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole is not pressuring the House on this issue the way he did on the government shutdown. In fact, this morning, Dole suggested that there may not be any debt crisis next month.

Sen. BOB DOLE (R-KS), Majority Leader: Well, have you ever heard that wolf story they used- where they cry wolf once too often. I mean, you know, Rubin's credibility is not the greatest right now.

PETER KENYON: Treasury Secretary Rubin can take extraordinary steps to avoid default up to the end of next month. Gingrich says Republicans won't deal with the debt until Rubin 'runs out of gimmicks to avoid the issue.'

As for avoiding another government shutdown, Dole said he'd like to see money to keep things open until March 1. Nine agencies run out of money Friday. The GOP presidential front-runner said as he travels around the country he doesn't find much support for another shutdown.

Sen. BOB DOLE: I think the American people really don't understand, but they don't like it. I know the federal employees don't like it, and others don't know why we pay people for not working. So, our responsibility this week is clear, to keep faith with our principles and keep our word to the American people.

PETER KENYON: Keeping their word and fulfilling their promises are recurring themes for Republican leaders, but unless there's a breakthrough in the budget talks, the list of accomplishments this Congress can point to may be remarkably short. That's a point Democrats make with relish. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle called last session an absolute disappointment.

Sen. TOM DASCHLE (D-SD), Minority Leader: The appropriations bills may be setting a new record in terms of the length of time it's taken to pass them. While there has been a lot of action, there's been very little accomplishment. I would cite the line-item veto as the perfect example. We passed the line-item veto seven or eight months ago. It languishes today in a conference committee for reasons I think we all understand.

PETER KENYON: Some Republicans are reluctant to give line-item veto power to a Democratic president, but that measure may yet pass this year.

Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott said last week that he'd like to see regulatory reform, product liability and telecommunications legislation passed this session. But internal Republican splits and the on-going fight with Democrats have stalled much of the GOP's social and economic agenda. Speaker Newt Gingrich told the conservative Progress and Freedom Foundation today that he misjudged the president's willingness to veto welfare reform and a balanced budget. The speaker seemed to be preparing to fight for what political advantage he can get out of the current stalemate.

Rep. NEWT GINGRICH (R-GA), Speaker: I believe our revolution is far bigger and



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far broader than just welfare reform and a balanced budget, but I will guarantee you that this president on the left wants to go and have a referendum this fall and say real simply you want real entitlement reform and a real balanced budget and quit looting your children, vote Republican. You want to continue borrowing from the future and imposing your lack of self-discipline and your lack of priorities by ripping off your kids, vote Democrat. And my guess is we would win an annihilating reelection.

PETER KENYON: What some Republicans fear that is after all the sound and fury, they'll be labeled a do-nothing Congress. The second session is not getting off to a fast start. Congress is considering taking most of February off.

I'm Peter Kenyon at the Capitol.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
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Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of the 104th Congress, distinguished guests, my fellow Americans all across our land:

Tonight, I want to begin by saying to our men and women in uniform around the world, and especially those helping peace take root in Bosnia, to these warriors for peace, I say: we are proud of you.

My duty tonight is to report on the State of our Union. Not on the state of our government, or even the state of individuals alone, but the state of our national community . . . of our efforts together, after nearly 220 years, to form a more perfect union.

The State of our Union is strong, as strong as it has ever been.

Our economy is strong, with the lowest rate of unemployment and inflation in three decades. Our leadership in the world is strong, bringing new hope for peace across the world. Our efforts to find common ground are strong, as we unite again around our most fundamental values.

This is an age of possibility. A time of challenge and change. A hundred years ago we moved from farm to factory. Now we move to an age of technology, information, global competition. Our people are facing deep concerns and new demands, in our families, our schools, on our streets. And we must answer core questions: How do we keep the American dream of opportunity and our values of responsibility alive for our children? How do we bring our old values into our new economy? How do we promote peace? And how do we come together as a people?

We know that we cannot look to big government for all the answers. We know that there is not a program for every problem. We know we should not ask government to do for people what they ought to be doing for themselves.

But we know that government has fundamental responsibilities -- to lead, to act, to move forward. Government in the new century must be a constant challenge to our people to seize opportunities and assume responsibilities. Above all, we must help Americans make the most of their own lives, liberating the creative energies of millions and millions of Americans in their homes, their businesses, their schools and their communities.

We must ask more of ourselves, and we must expect more of one another. That is how we will provide better educational opportunities . . . access to affordable health care and a secure retirement . . . protection against gangs and drugs . . . a clean environment . . . and a strong America.

The era of big government is over. The era of every man for himself is over. The era of all of us working together -- as a community, as a team -- is upon us.

In Washington, we need to work together to balance the budget. Many of you are impatient for us to reach agreement -- and so am I. But I want the American people to know two things.

First, this budget debate is more, much more, than politics-as-usual. We are engaged in a serious and long-overdue discussion about how best to protect and advance our values as a nation and what government's role will be. Whether we will balance the budget, have less government, and cut taxes. Or whether we will balance the budget, have less government, and cut taxes -- but also provide more economic opportunity, access to health care and secure pensions.

Second, there is now broad, bipartisan and unshakable agreement that years of permanent deficit spending will come to an end. I compliment the Republicans for their determination and ideas. And I thank the Democrats -- first, for cutting the deficit nearly in half this past three years, and for working to eliminate it completely, while protecting our obligations to our parents, our children, our families.

I have agreed on enough cuts in government spending to balance the budget in seven years. The Congressional Budget Office -- your own economists -- agrees that these

savings are enough to wipe out the deficit. So I call on Congress to enact these savings. And save education, the environment, Medicaid -- and Medicare.

Tonight let me affirm my commitment: no matter what happens, we will balance the budget, and do it in seven years. The budget deficit is yesterday's legacy, and soon it will be history.

Tonight, it is time for us to talk about the future.

America was built on challenges, not promises. So tonight I want to speak honestly of the challenges we face as a people.

The First Challenge is to renew our schools for a new century and open wide the doors of college.

The vast amounts that our children must learn to get good jobs and keep them dwarfs what my generation had to learn. If they succeed, we will succeed.

Tonight, I challenge businesses, parents and educators to join with government in a massive national effort to make every student technologically literate by the Year 2000. Help connect our classrooms to the world by providing a cutting-edge computer, accessible to each student, and help us give teachers the skills and the software to make our

classrooms as exciting as any video arcade. That's what we have done already in California, where my administration has brought together industry leaders to wire 20% of the schools by this Spring, and all of them within [xxxxxxx] Tonight, I am announcing a new Technology Matching Fund to help communities and businesses equip their schools.

And to those who have chosen to apply their creativity to designing video games, I say: let learning be the leading computer game in America, not Mortal Kombat.

To local school districts: I challenge you to set up schools based on merit where every teacher meets high competency standards, where every student meets high levels of achievement. Give degrees only to those who pass the standards. Promote them only when they earn it.

To state governments: Pass laws giving every parent the right to choose which public school his or her child will attend. If parents are not satisfied, let them shop around and find the best public school and reward that school with your state funds. And let parents and teachers come together to form new schools, jointly run charter schools, so that innovation is rewarded and all schools are held accountable for results.

To teachers: keep up the progress. Test scores are up, dropout rates are down, more children go to college. Upgrade your skills, bear down, teach values as well as skills. Don't trap our students with low expectations.

To parents: Insist that your schools set up courses to teach ethics and values -- and make sure those lessons begin at home. Make your children do their homework. Learn the assignments, talk to the teachers, help your children learn. Their education is your responsibility.

Today, higher levels of education are more important than ever before. I am deeply committed to take every step I can to open the doors of college to all who deserve it. We have created a new college loan program and made it easier and cheaper to borrow for college and the default rate is at a record low. Through our national service program, this year 20,000 students will earn their way by serving their community. This program is a bipartisan success story; it is the right thing for America -- let's not turn these young people away.

Tonight I want to open the doors of college even wider -- and create a new gateway to our destiny. I challenge Congress to expand work study so that one million young Americans can work their way through college by the year 2000. I challenge Congress to adopt a \$1,000 merit scholarship for the top five percent of all high school graduates. And I challenge Congress: there is no better way to cut taxes than to make \$10,000 of college tuition tax deductible for every family.

Our second challenge is to help every American achieve economic security.

We have much to be grateful for in our economy. Home ownership is at its highest rate in 15 years. Business has created over 7 million American jobs. Detroit is winning the competition against Japan for the first time since the 1970s.

But our people are working harder than ever, and they deserve what it takes to get ahead in the new economy: Education and training for a lifetime, retirement security, and access to health care.

We must start with the stark fact that one education, received while we are young, simply does not last a lifetime. I challenge Congress to consolidate 70 overlapping job training programs into one simple voucher, a job training voucher, we would give to every American worker to pay for tuition at a community college or to use for training for new jobs. Let the worker choose the school, let us give him or her the money.

Members of Congress made more during the government shutdown than a minimum wage worker earns in an entire year. I challenge Congress to show that work pays by raising the minimum wage.

And we should preserve the full Earned Income Tax Credit that helps 20 million hard pressed working families. No one who works full time should have to raise their children in poverty.

We should help working families hold onto more of the hard-earned dollars they need to raise children. The balanced budget plan I have submitted makes possible a \$500 tax credit for each and every child under the age of 13. I challenge Congress: Let's stop fighting over all the other details of a tax cut. Let's at least balance the budget and give every family a \$500 tax credit for each child right now, this year, before another year passes.

I challenge the business community to provide pensions for workers. Seventy five million Americans work for small businesses which provide no retirement plans. I ask Congress to pass a law to cut through red tape with a single one-page form for small businesses to start pensions. That was the number one recommendation of the White House Conference on Small Business; it's something Democrats and Republicans can agree on.

And we should agree on something else. We have seen the damage that can come when we don't have strong rules to protect our workers' pensions. Two years ago, we passed a law that protected the pensions of 8 million working people and stabilized the pensions of 40 million more. If Congress passes a law that would encourage companies to raid their worker's pensions, I will veto it.

And if we are going to succeed in the new economy, we must make it easier for the best workers on Earth to afford the finest health care system on earth.

I challenge insurance companies to stop dropping people when they switch jobs and to stop denying coverage because of pre-existing conditions. And if they won't do it, I challenge Congress to pass the bill offered by Republican Senator Nancy Kassebaum and by Senator Ted Kennedy to require insurance companies to provide this basic protection.

And, I challenge the American people to stand firm in their commitment to Medicare and Medicaid. We have to honor our most basic values of doing our duty to one another. In the past three years, we have saved \$15 billion by fighting fraud in these programs, but we must never abandon the basic right of Medicare for the elderly and the right, through Medicaid, of guaranteed medical care for pregnant women, the disabled, and poor children, and those needing nursing home care. These guarantees make America stronger. They are about the duty we owe one another.

We know that what government can do is only part of how we prepare our workers. Businesses and labor unions have to take responsibility -- to do what's right for the country, and put long-term prosperity ahead of short-term gain. Business leaders need to see the talents of their workers as their greatest resource and make sure they get the skills they need for the new economy. Union leaders need to abandon rigid work rules and outdated job classifications. When American companies and workers look to the long-term, they do better. And so do we.

Our third great challenge is to take back our streets from crime, gangs, and

drugs.

We have begun to find the way to stop crime. It starts with a challenge to every community in America -- to come together and work with your local police force to spot crime, to uncloak drug dealers, to look out for one another. This strategy of community based policing has begun to work in a way no anti-crime effort has ever worked before.

In New York City, murders are down 25%, in St. Louis 18%, and in Seattle 32%.

Our Crime Bill -- a bipartisan effort, passed after years of delay -- is putting more police on the street to work with communities. We have hired about a third of the 100,000 new police officers I pledged to put on the streets of America. The strategy is working. If Congress tries to stop us, I will not let it happen.

The Brady Bill has already stopped 45,000 people with criminal records from buying guns. The assault weapons ban is keeping AK-47s out of the hands of drug runners. I say to Congress: leave these laws on the books, no matter what the NRA says.

But the strategy involves more. It calls for prompt and effective prosecution and long imprisonment of career criminals. I challenge every state government to match what we have already done with federal crimes: to assure that every criminal serves at least 85% of his sentence. Use the money from our Crime Bill to close the revolving door.

We cannot just jail our way out of this crisis. We have to give our young people a better future to keep them out of trouble. We passed the Crime Bill to help communities do more to prevent crime -- and it is working. Houston has the lowest murder rate in 20 years and declining juvenile crime because it expanded community policing and got thousands of young people involved in sports leagues and other positive projects where they get good values and see good role models. I challenge all communities, and all adults, to reach into these children's lives and give them futures to say Yes to.

But if we want our children to have the chance they deserve and our neighborhoods to be safe we have to agree, tonight, that it is time we take on the gangs the way we took on the mob. I am directing the FBI and other investigative agencies to wage a coordinated war on gangs that involve juveniles in violent crime. And I challenge local housing authorities and tenant associations: Gang members and drug dealers have no right to live in public housing. They are destroying the lives of decent people. From now on, the rule for residents who get involved in drugs and crime should be: One strike and you're out.

And I challenge Congress to pass my bill to give prosecutors more authority to prosecute violent juveniles as adults. When young people become so hardened they kill and maim like adults, we should punish them as adults.

We will never solve the crime problem until we also solve the drug problem. I

challenge Congress not to cut our anti-drug funds, which school boards could use to put an anti-drug officer in every high school in America. All over America, anti-drug efforts in our schools are changing the lives of our kids. I know, because my own daughter talked about her D.A.R.E. officer in the fifth grade for years afterwards. We should not stop now.

Tonight I am appointing a hero of the Persian Gulf, General Barry McCaffrey, as my drug czar to command a campaign against drugs on our streets. For years, people have said there was no way to cut off the flow of drugs to our borders. Barry McCaffrey proved them wrong. It was General McCaffrey whose troops stormed the Cali Carter headquarters in Columbia and who locked up the leaders of that vicious group <ck> We have slowed the influx of drugs into this country -- and that man did it.

He has won three purple hearts in his distinguished career and tonight I ask that he give his heart and his soul and his integrity and his example to leading the war against our nation's drugs. Thank you, General McCaffrey, for agreeing to serve your country one more time.

Our fourth challenge is to leave our environment safe and clean for the next generation.

Because of bipartisan support, we have made great progress in protecting the environment for a generation. We have cleaner, safer air and water. Lead levels in

children's blood has been cut by 70 percent and toxic emissions from factories are cut in half. Lake Erie was dead. Now it is a thriving resource.

This is a time to go forward.

Tonight I am announcing a new initiative that says to business: if you will develop abandoned sites in the inner city, we will cut through the red tape and call off the lawyers to help you do it.

To businesses, we also say: If you can find a cheaper, more efficient way to meet our tough pollution standards, then do it your way, as long as you do it right.

I challenge Congress to expand right-to-know laws requiring polluters to disclose their emissions. I challenge community groups to use the information to work with businesses to cut pollution.

At the very least, our challenge is this: Do no harm.

Some in this Congress want to let polluters off the hook, and make taxpayers pick up the tab for toxic waste if it was dumped before 1987. I say: the polluters should pay.

This Congress has allowed lobbyists for the polluters to walk in these doors like

they owned the place and write loopholes in the laws that protect the health and safety of our children. Congress wants to cut environmental enforcement by 25% -- more toxic chemicals in our water, more smog choking our air, more pesticides in our food. I ask you one question: How can we do that and look our children straight in the eye?

I challenge the United States to meet our responsibility to lead the fight for freedom and peace.

In the American century, because our country led, more people than ever before live free, more nations enjoy peace -- and Americans have known 50 years of prosperity and security.

All over the world, people look to us not only because of our power, but because of what we stand for -- and what we stand against. And they trust us to help them seek the blessings of peace and freedom.

But as the Cold War fades, voices of isolation say America should retreat from its responsibilities. I say they are wrong. The threats we face respect no borders -- ethnic and religious hatred... aggression by rogue states... the spread of weapons of mass destruction... terrorism... organized crime... drug trafficking. In the old struggle against chaos and evil, America must never be neutral.

The isolationists are wrong. But so are those who would have us be the world's policeman. Our reach and resources are limited. We can't be everywhere. We can't do everything. But where our values and interests demand it -- and where we can make a difference -- America must lead.

America is leading. Not as an isolationist, not as a global policeman who responds with force each time the law is broken -- but as a peacemaker. By keeping our military strong... by using diplomacy where we can and force when we must... by building coalitions to share the risk and the cost of our efforts -- America is making a difference for our own people and for people around the world.

Sometimes we succeed by applying patient pressure, as in North Korea, which has now frozen its dangerous nuclear weapons program. Sometimes America the peacemaker stays engaged, as with Russia. I want everyone here who grew up in the shadow of a nuclear nightmare to think about the result; tonight there are no Russian missiles pointed at any American cities, or any American citizens. Sometimes the peacemaker has to use the threat of force, as in Haiti. Now, the dictators are gone, democracy is back, and the flow of desperate refugees clinging to flimsy boats has ended.

Sometimes America the peacemaker stands shoulder to shoulder with those taking risks for peace. The sound of car bombs in Northern Ireland has given way to the quiet sounds of children living out normal lives. And in the Middle East, Arabs and Jews, who

once seemed destined to fight forever share knowledge, resources and dreams. We lost a great friend in the cause of peace when Yitzak Rabin was taken from us. But let us now be proud that his memory and our values have been forged into an iron determination to advance peace in this troubled region.

And, sometimes we must stand up with force, and then with other peacekeepers, as we are doing in Bosnia -- so that the sniper's killing fields become the child's playing fields once more. Remember what we saw over there: skeletal prisoners caged behind barbed wire fences... young men shot down into mass graves... systematic campaigns of rape and torture... endless lines of refugees marching toward a future of despair. And all this in the very heart of Europe. Today, horror has given way to hope.

Zlata Filipovic [Zla-ta Fill-euh-PO-vitch], the young Bosnian girl whose diary touched the hearts of people around the world, sent me a letter, but she was really writing to America. "Thank you for helping . . . civilization not die over there," she wrote, "because ordinary people and children truly don't deserve it. Thank you for opening the door of the future for the children . . ." [Two weeks ago, I visited with America's warriors for peace who are giving Bosnia's children the chance for a better future. *Quote from soldier to POTUS.*]

There is more a peacemaker must do. We must work to cut the world's nuclear stockpiles by another 25 percent; I urge Congress to ratify the Start II treaty with Russia --

now. We must stop an entire generation of new nuclear weapons by signing a truly comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty -- this year. We can outlaw poison gas forever, if Congress approves the Chemical Weapons Convention -- this year. We can help more people move from hatred to hope . . . if Congress gives us the resources to remain leaders for peace.

And, as peacemakers -- at home as well as abroad -- we must take the fight to terrorists and organized criminals; Congress should finally pass legislation I proposed after the Oklahoma City bombing to give American law enforcement an even stronger arsenal.

If we reject the call of isolation and the role of policeman, we can remain a peacemaker -- a force for freedom and progress around the world and for real security and prosperity at home. And the next century will be an American century, too.

America's final, and most important challenge, is live up to the duty we owe one another, and take personal responsibility for the future of our country.

In every walk of life, we must pull together, and do our part.

I challenge the entertainment industry: your programs have the power to change the world. Create movies and TV shows as if your own children were watching. And tonight, I invite the leaders of major media corporations and the entertainment industry to come to the

White House next month to work with us on concrete ways to improve what our children see on television. I am ready to work with you.

I challenge those who produce and market cigarettes: a thousand children get hooked on a smoking habit that will kill them. Sell your products to adults, if you wish -- but draw the line on children. Our dear friend Mike Synar led the fight to make it against the law to sell cigarettes to children; let's honor his memory by stopping tobacco companies from trying to hook them.

I challenge businesses of all kinds: obey the law and only hire legal workers. In the last three years, we have increased border patrols by _____. Tonight, I announce an executive order to cut off federal contracts for any business that hires illegal immigrants.

Individuals need to take responsibility, too.

Congress and I are near agreement on sweeping welfare reforms to require every American welfare recipient who can work to go to work, require teen mothers to live at home and stay in school, and impose time limits on welfare.

But welfare reform is only the first step. The next step is to make it work.

So I challenge every American business: open offices or factories in poor areas, and

make room to hire people getting off welfare. I challenge America's banks to steer much-needed capital to the inner city, so people who live there can build homes and start new businesses.

I challenge all Americans to help keep the teen pregnancy rate going down. Last year, from this podium, I issued a call for a new national effort to come to grips with this problem. Tonight I am pleased to announce that a group of prominent national leaders -- people like Warren Rudman, Hugh Price, C. Everett Koop, and MTV President _____ -- is answering that call with an organization that will enlist the grass roots in a national campaign against teen pregnancy. I urge every American to join in their efforts.

It is wrong to make women take the whole fall for this problem.

I challenge fathers to love and care for their children. Unless a man has died, there is no such thing as a fatherless child, there is simply a father not doing his most basic human duty.

We are collecting record amounts of child support payments, and Congress has adopted my recommendation to deny drivers licenses to anyone who fails to pay the money he owes his children.

But a check is no substitute for your love, your nurturing, your guidance, your

caring. Please, as President, as a father, I implore you: go back home.

Finally, I call on American men and women to respect one another and end the deadly scourge of domestic violence. I ask every American man to swear, tonight, never, never, to lift his hand against a woman.

To the people in this chamber, I issue this challenge: before we can ask more of the American people, we have to take personal responsibility ourselves. We are the stewards of democracy. This government must again become one of the people, by the people, and for the people.

In the past year, we have made a good start -- applying to Congress the laws that apply to America, banning gifts and meals from lobbyists to lawmakers, forcing the lobbyists to disclose who is paying them and what legislation they are trying to pass or kill.

But we have a responsibility to do more to make America work for the people who sent us here. Let's curb special interest influence in politics by passing the first truly bipartisan campaign finance reform bill in a generation, introduced by Republican Senators McCain and Thompson and Democratic Senator Feingold. Let's show the American people we can limit spending and open up the airwaves to all candidates.

I have directed that the top officials who I have appointed may not act as foreign

lobbyists when they leave government. I challenge Congress to enact my order into law for future administrations.

We have a responsibility not to waste Americans' hard-earned tax dollars. If you're serious about cutting wasteful spending, don't keep the country waiting any longer -- send me the line-item veto without further delay.

The American people deserve a government that works better and costs less. Thanks in no small measure to the work of Vice-President Gore, that is what we are giving them. We are eliminating 16,000 pages of unnecessary rules and regulations, shifting responsibility out of Washington back to states and communities, and letting individuals and the private sector do more. Today, the federal workforce is 205,000 employees smaller than the day I took office -- the smallest in 30 years, and getting smaller every day.

And the federal workers who remain are working harder and delivering more service to their fellow citizens at lower costs. We should thank them for their public service and work even harder to give more value for less tax money. But we here in Washington have a responsibility to do more than just cut government; we have a duty to behave responsibly, in a way that befits a great power. I want to make this very clear: No public servant should ever threaten the full faith and credit of the United States. And no public servant should ever -- ever -- again shut down the government of the United States.

Better education. Access to health care. Secure retirement. A clean environment. Safer streets. A stronger America. I have asked a lot of America this evening. But I am confident. When Americans gather in their homes, their schools, their churches, or at work, they have far greater power to shape our nation's destiny than do any of us in this august chamber.

I say again: The era of big government is over. The era of every person for himself is over. The era of all of us working together -- as a community, as a team -- to solve our problems is upon us.

I want you to meet three people tonight who show us what this all means.
[Mississippi man/schools; Los Angeles man/gangs; Oklahoma City woman/police]

They are special people. I have the honor tonight to announce that they are the first of several thousand Americans chosen to carry the Olympic torch on its long journey from Los Angeles to the centennial of the modern Olympics in Atlanta this summer. They are not star athletes; they are star citizens -- selected because they are community heroes meeting America's challenges -- America's real champions.

Like them, each of us must hold high the torch in our own lives. But none of us can finish the race alone. We must, as we have from our beginnings, be bound by a faith more powerful than any doctrine which might divide us. Our faith is in our ideals, timeless and

shared: The belief in progress. The love of liberty. The eternal search for common ground. Now, at the dawn of a new century, we are called to fit our values to new demands. We must recall the duty we have always owed to one another and make our faith as strong as ever. That is the gateway to our age of possibility.

We must not wait passively for the future. Everywhere we turn, the future waits for us. We must seize it. That is America's challenge. Thank you and God bless America.

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, members of the 104th Congress, distinguished guests, my fellow Americans all across our land: Let me begin tonight by saying to our men and women in uniform around the world, and especially those helping peace take root in Bosnia and to their families, I thank you. America is very, very proud of you. (Applause.)

My duty tonight is to report on the state of the Union -- not the state of our government, but of our American community; and to set forth our responsibilities, in the words of our Founders, to form a more perfect union.

The state of the Union is strong. (Applause.) Our economy is the healthiest it has been in three decades. We have the lowest combined rates of unemployment and inflation in 27 years. We have completed -- created nearly 8 million new jobs, over a million of them in basic industries, like construction and automobiles. America is selling more cars than Japan for the first time since the 1970s. And for three years in a row, we have had a record number of new businesses started in our country. (Applause.)

Our leadership in the world is also strong, bringing hope for new peace. And perhaps most important, we are gaining ground in restoring our fundamental values. The crime rate, the welfare and food stamp rolls, the poverty rate and the teen pregnancy rate are all down. And as they go down, prospects for America's future go up. (Applause.)

We live in an age of possibility. A hundred years ago we moved from farm to factory. Now we move to an age of technology, information, and global competition. These changes have opened vast new opportunities for our people, but they have also presented them with stiff challenges. While more Americans are living better, too many of our fellow citizens are working harder just to keep up, and they are rightly concerned about the security of their families.

We must answer here three fundamental questions: First, how do we make the American Dream of opportunity for all a reality for all Americans who are willing to work for it? Second, how do we preserve our old and enduring values as we move into the future? And, third, how do we meet these challenges together, as one America?

We know big government does not have all the answers. We know there's not a program for every problem. (Applause.) We know, and we have worked to give the American people a smaller, less bureaucratic government in Washington. And we have to give the American people one that lives within its means. (Applause.) The era of big government is over. (Applause.) But we cannot go back to

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the time when our citizens were left to fend for themselves. (Applause.)

Instead, we must go forward as one America, one nation working together to meet the challenges we face together. Self-reliance and teamwork are not opposing virtues; we must have both. (Applause.) I believe our new, smaller government must work in an old-fashioned American way, together with all of our citizens through state and local governments, in the workplace, in religious, charitable and civic associations. Our goal must be to enable all our people to make the most of their own lives -- with stronger families, more educational opportunity, economic security, safer streets, a cleaner environment in a safer world.

To improve the state of our Union, we must ask more of ourselves, we must expect more of each other, and we must face our challenges together. (Applause.)

Here, in this place, our responsibility begins with balancing the budget in a way that is fair to all Americans. (Applause.) There is now broad bipartisan agreement that permanent deficit spending must come to an end. (Applause.)

I compliment the Republican leadership and the membership for the energy and determination you have brought to this task of balancing the budget. (Applause.) And I thank the Democrats for passing the largest deficit reduction plan in history in 1993, which has already cut the deficit nearly in half in three years. (Applause.)

Since 1993, we have all begun to see the benefits of deficit reduction. Lower interest rates have made it easier for businesses to borrow and to invest and to create new jobs. Lower interest rates have brought down the cost of home mortgages, car payments and credit card rates to ordinary citizens. Now, it is time to finish the job and balance the budget. (Applause.)

Though differences remain among us which are significant, the combined total of the proposed savings that are common to both plans is more than enough, using the numbers from your Congressional Budget Office to balance the budget in seven years and to provide a modest tax cut.

These cuts are real. They will require sacrifice from everyone. But these cuts do not undermine are fundamental obligations to our parents, our children, and our future, by endangering Medicare, or Medicaid, or education, or the environment, or by raising taxes on working families. (Applause.)

I have said before, and let me say again, many good ideas have come out of our negotiations. I have learned a lot about the way both Republicans and Democrats view the debate before us. I have learned a lot about the good ideas have that we could all embrace.

We ought to resolve our remaining differences. I am willing to work to resolve them. I am ready to meet tomorrow. But I ask you to consider that we should at least enact these savings that both plans have in common and give the American people their balanced budget, a tax cut, lower interest rates, and a brighter future. We should do that now and make permanent deficits yesterday's legacy. (Applause.)

Now it is time for us to look also to the challenges of today and tomorrow, beyond the burdens of yesterday. The challenges are significant. But our

nation was built on challenges. America was built on challenges, not promises. And when we work together to meet them, we never fail. That is the key to a more perfect Union. Our individual dreams must be realized by our common efforts.

Tonight I want to speak to you about the challenges we all face as a people. Our first challenge is to cherish our children and strengthen America's families. Family is the foundation of American life. If we have stronger families, we will have a stronger America.

Before I go on, I'd like to take just a moment to thank my own family, and to thank the person who has taught me more than anyone else over 25 years about the importance of families and children -- a wonderful wife, a magnificent mother and a great First Lady. Thank you, Hillary. (Applause.)

All strong families begin with taking more responsibility for our children. I've heard Mrs. Gore say that it's hard to be a parent today, but it's even harder to be a child. So all of us, not just as parents, but all of us in our other roles -- our media, our schools, our teachers, our communities, our churches and synagogues, our businesses, our governments -- all of us have a responsibility to help our children to make it and to make the most of their lives and their God-given capacities.

To the media, I say you should create movies and CDs and television shows you'd want your own children and grandchildren to enjoy. (Applause.)

I call on Congress to pass the requirement for a V chip in TV sets so that parents can screen out programs they believe are inappropriate for their children. (Applause.) When parents control what their young children see, that is not censorship; that is enabling parents to assume more personal responsibility for their children's upbringing. And I urge them to do it. The V chip requirement is part of the important telecommunications bill now pending in this Congress. It has bipartisan support, and I urge you to pass it now. (Applause.)

To make the V chip work, I challenge the broadcast industry to do what movies have done -- to identify your program in ways that help parents to protect their children. And I invite the leaders of major media corporations in the entertainment industry to come to the White House next month to work with us in a positive way on concrete ways to improve what our children see on television. I am ready to work with you. (Applause.)

I say to those who make and market cigarettes, every year a million children take up smoking, even though it's against the law. Three hundred thousand of them will have their lives shortened as a result. Our administration has taken steps to stop the massive marketing campaigns that appeal to our children. We are simply saying: Market your products to adults, if you wish, but draw the line on children. (Applause.)

I say to those who are on welfare, and especially to those who have been trapped on welfare for a long time: For too long our welfare system has undermined the values of family and work, instead of supporting them. The Congress and I are near agreement on sweeping welfare reform. We agree on time limits, tough work requirements, and the toughest possible child support enforcement. But I believe we must also provide child care so that mothers who are required to go to work can do so without worrying

about what is happening to their children. (Applause.)

I challenge this Congress to send me a bipartisan welfare reform bill that will really move people from welfare to work and do the right thing by our children. I will sign it immediately. (Applause.)

Let us be candid about this difficult problem. Passing a law, even the best possible law, is only a first step. The next step is to make it work. I challenge people on welfare to make the most of this opportunity for independence. I challenge American businesses to give people on welfare the chance to move into the work force. I applaud the work of religious groups and other who care for the poor. More than anyone else in our society, they know the true difficulty of the task before us, and they are in a position to help.

Everyone of us should join them. That is the only way we can make real welfare reform a reality in the lives of the American people.

To strengthen the family we must do everything we can to keep the teen pregnancy rate going down. I am gratified, as I'm sure all Americans are, that it has dropped for two years in a row. But we all know it is still far too high.

Tonight I am pleased to announce that a group of prominent Americans is responding to that challenge by forming an organization that will support grass-roots community efforts all across our country in a national campaign against teen pregnancy. And I challenge all of us and every American to join their efforts.

I call on American men and women in families to give greater respect to one another. We must end the deadly scourge of domestic violence in our country. (Applause.) And I challenge America's families to work harder to stay together. For families who stay together not only do better economically, their children do better as well.

In particular, I challenge the fathers of this country to love and care for their children. If your family has separated, you must pay your child support. We're doing more than ever to make sure you do, and we're going to do more, but let's all admit something about that, too: A check will substitute for a parent's love and guidance. And only you -- only you can make the decision to help raise your children. No matter who you are, how low or high your station in life, it is the most basic human duty of every American to do that job to the best of his or her ability. (Applause.)

Our second challenge is to provide Americans with the educational opportunities we'll all need for this new century. In our schools, every classroom in America must be connected to the information superhighway, with computers and good software, and well-trained teachers. We are working with the telecommunications industry, educators and parents to connect 20 percent of California's classrooms by this spring, and every classroom and every library in the entire United States by the year 2000. (Applause.) I ask Congress to support this education technology initiative so that we can make sure this national partnership succeeds.

Every diploma ought to mean something. I challenge every community, every school and every state to adopt national standards of excellence; to measure whether schools are meeting those standards; to cut bureaucratic red tape so that schools and teachers have more

flexibility for grass-roots reform; and to hold them accountable for results. That's what our Goals 2000 initiative is all about.

I challenge every state to give all parents the right to choose which public school their children will attend; and to let teachers form new schools with a charter they can keep only if they do a good job. (Applause.)

I challenge all our schools to teach character education, to teach good values and good citizenship. And if it means that teenagers will stop killing each other over designer jackets, then our public schools should be able to require their students to wear school uniforms. (Applause.)

I challenge our parents to become their children's first teachers. Turn off the TV. See that the homework is done. And visit your children's classroom. No program, no teacher, no one else can do that for you.

My fellow Americans, higher education is more important today than ever before. We've created a new student loan program that's made it easier to borrow and repay those loans, and we have dramatically cut the student loan default rate. That's something we should all be proud of because it was unconscionably high just a few years ago.

Through AmeriCorps, our national service program, this year 25,000 young people will earn college money by serving their local communities to improve the lives of their friends and neighbors. (Applause.)

These initiatives are right for America and we should keep them going. And we should also work hard to open the doors of college even wider. I challenge Congress to expand work-study and help one million young Americans work their way through college by the year 2000; to provide a \$1000 merit scholarship for the top five percent of graduates in every high school in the United States; -- (applause) -- to expand Pell Grant scholarships for deserving and needy students; and to make up to \$10,000 a year of college tuition tax deductible. It's a good idea for America. (Applause.)

Our third challenge is to help every American who is willing to work for it, achieve economic security in this new age. People who work hard still need support to get ahead in the new economy. They need education and training for a lifetime. They need more support for families raising children. They need retirement security. They need access to health care. More and more Americans are finding that the education of their childhood simply doesn't last a lifetime.

So I challenge Congress to consolidate 70 overlapping, antiquated job-training programs into a simple voucher worth \$2,600 for unemployed or underemployed workers to use as they please for community college tuition or other training. This is a G.I. Bill for America's workers we should all be able to agree on. (Applause.)

More and more Americans are working hard without a raise. Congress sets the minimum wage. Within a year, the minimum wage will fall to a 40-year low in purchasing power. Four dollars and 25 cents an hour is no longer a minimum wage, but millions of Americans and their children are trying to live on it. I challenge you to raise their minimum wage. (Applause.)

In 1993, Congress cut the taxes of 15 million hard-pressed working families to make sure that no parents who work full-time would have to raise their children in poverty, and to encourage people to move from welfare to work. This expanded earned income tax credit is now worth about \$1,800 a year to a family of four living on \$20,000. The budget bill I vetoed would have reversed this achievement and raised taxes on nearly 8 million of these people. We should not do that. We should not do that. (Applause.)

I also agree that the people who are helped under this initiative are not all those in our country who are working hard to do a good job raising their children and at work. I agree that we need a tax credit for working families with children. That's one of the things most of us in this Chamber, I hope, can agree on. I know it is strongly supported by the Republican majority. And it should be part of any final budget agreement. (Applause.)

I want to challenge every business that can possibly afford it to provide pensions for your employees. And I challenge Congress to pass a proposal recommended by the White House Conference on Small Business that would make it easier for small businesses and farmers to establish their own pension plans. That is something we should all agree on. (Applause.)

We should also protect existing pension plans. Two years ago, with bipartisan support that was almost unanimous on both sides of the aisle, we moved to protect the pensions of 8 million working people and to stabilize the pensions of 32 million more. Congress should not now let companies endanger those workers's pension funds. (Applause.)

I know the proposal to liberalize the ability of employers to take money out of pension funds for other purposes would raise money for the treasury. But I believe it is false economy. I vetoed that proposal last year, and I would have to do so again. (Applause.)

Finally, if our working families are going to succeed in the new economy, they must be able to buy health insurance policies that they do not lose when they change jobs or when someone in their family gets sick. Over the past two years, over one million Americans in working families have lost their health insurance. We have to do more to make health care available to every American. And Congress should start by passing the bipartisan bill sponsored by Senator Kennedy and Senator Kassebaum that would require insurance companies to stop dropping people when they switch jobs, and stop denying coverage for preexisting conditions. Let's all do that. (Applause.)

And even as we enact savings in these programs, we must have a common commitment to preserve the basic protections of Medicare and Medicaid -- not just to the poor, but to people in working families, including children, people with disabilities, people with AIDS, senior citizens in nursing homes.

In the past three years, we've saved \$15 billion just by fighting health care fraud and abuse. We have all agreed to save much more. We have all agreed to stabilize the Medicare Trust Fund. But we must not abandon our fundamental obligations to the people who need Medicare and Medicaid. America cannot become stronger if they become weaker. (Applause.)

The G.I. Bill for workers, tax relief for

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education and child rearing, pension availability and protection, access to health care, preservation of Medicare and Medicaid -- these things, along with the Family and Medical Leave Act passed in 1993 -- these things will help responsible, hard-working American families to make the most of their own lives.

But employers and employees must do their part, as well, as they are doing in so many of our finest companies -- working together, putting the long-term prosperity ahead of the short-term gain. As workers increase their hours and their productivity, employers should make sure they get the skills they need and share the benefits of the good years, as well as the burdens of the bad ones. When companies and workers work as a team they do better, and so does America.

Our fourth great challenge is to take our streets back from crime and gangs and drugs. At last we have begun to find a way to reduce crime, forming community partnerships with local police forces to catch criminals and prevent crime. This strategy, called community policing, is clearly working. Violent crime is coming down all across America. In New York City murders are down 25 percent; in St. Louis, 18 percent; in Seattle, 32 percent. But we still have a long way to go before our streets are safe and our people are free from fear.

The Crime Bill of 1994 is critical to the success of community policing. It provides funds for 100,000 new police in communities of all sizes. We're already a third of the way there. And I challenge the Congress to finish the job. Let us stick with a strategy that's working and keep the crime rate coming down. (Applause.)

Community policing also requires bonds of trust between citizens and police. I ask all Americans to respect and support our law enforcement officers. And to our police, I say, our children need you as role models and heroes. Don't let them down.

The Brady Bill has already stopped 44,000 people with criminal records from buying guns. The assault weapons ban is keeping 19 kinds of assault weapons out of the hands of violent gangs. I challenge the Congress to keep those laws on the books. (Applause.)

Our next step in the fight against crime is to take on gangs the way we once took on the mob. I'm directing the FBI and other investigative agencies to target gangs that involve juveniles and violent crime, and to seek authority to prosecute as adults teenagers who maim and kill like adults.

And I challenge local housing authorities and tenant associations: Criminal gang members and drug dealers are destroying the lives of decent tenants. From now on, the rule for residents who commit crime and pedal drugs should be one strike and you're out. (Applause.)

I challenge every state to match federal policy to assure that serious violent criminals serve at least 85 percent of their sentence. (Applause.)

More police and punishment are important, but they're not enough. We have got to keep more of our young people out of trouble, with prevention strategies not dictated by Washington, but developed in communities. I challenge all of our communities, all of our adults, to give our children futures to say yes to. And I challenge Congress not to abandon the Crime Bill's support of these grass-roots prevention efforts. (Applause.)

Finally, to reduce crime and violence we have to reduce the drug problem. The challenge begins in our homes, with parents talking to their children openly and firmly. It embraces our churches and synagogues, our youth groups and our schools.

I challenge Congress not to cut our support for drug-free schools. People like the DARE officers are making a real impression on grade schoolchildren that will give them the strength to say no when the time comes. (Applause.)

Meanwhile, we continue our efforts to cut the flow of drugs into America. For the last two years, one man in particular has been on the front lines of that effort. Tonight I am nominating him -- a hero of the Persian Gulf War and the Commander in Chief of the United States Military Southern Command -- General Barry McCaffrey, as America's new Drug Czar. (Applause.)

General McCaffrey has earned three Purple Hearts and two Silver Stars fighting for this country. Tonight I ask that he lead our nation's battle against drugs at home and abroad. To succeed, he needs a force far larger than he has ever commanded before. He needs all of us. Every one of us has a role to play on this team.

Thank you, General McCaffrey, for agreeing to serve your country one more time. (Applause.)

Our fifth challenge: to leave our environment safe and clean for the next generation. Because of a generation of bipartisan effort we do have cleaner water and air, lead levels in children's blood has been cut by 70 percent, toxic emissions from factories cut in half. Lake Erie was dead, and now it's a thriving resource. But 10 million children under 12 still live within four miles of a toxic waste dump. A third of us breathe air that endangers our health. And in too many communities the water is not safe to drink. We still have much to do.

Yet Congress has voted to cut environmental enforcement by 25 percent. That means more toxic chemicals in our water, more smog in our air, more pesticides in our food. Lobbyists for polluters have been allowed to write their own loopholes into bills to weaken laws that protect the health and safety of our children. Some say that the taxpayer should pick up the tab for toxic waste and let polluters who can afford to fix it off the hook. I challenge Congress to reexamine those policies and to reverse them. (Applause.)

This issue has not been a partisan issue. The most significant environmental gains in the last 30 years were made under a Democratic Congress and President Richard Nixon. We can work together. We have to believe some basic things. Do you believe we can expand the economy without hurting the environment? I do. Do you believe we can create more jobs over the long run by cleaning the environment up? I know we can. That should be our commitment. (Applause.)

We must challenge businesses and communities to take more initiative in protecting the environment, and we have to make it easier for them to do it. To businesses this administration is saying: If you can find a cheaper, more efficient way than government regulations require to meet tough pollution standards, do it -- as long as you do it right. To communities we say: We must strengthen community right-to-know laws requiring polluters to disclose their emissions, but you have to use the

information to work with business to cut pollution. People do have a right to know that their air and their water are safe. (Applause.)

Our sixth challenge is to maintain America's leadership in the fight for freedom and peace throughout the world. Because of American leadership, more people than ever before live free and at peace. And Americans have known 50 years of prosperity and security.

We owe thanks especially to our veterans of World War II. (Applause.) I would like to say to Senator Bob Dole and to all others in this Chamber who fought in World War II, and to all others on both sides of the aisle who have fought bravely in all our conflicts since: I salute your service and so do the American people. (Applause.)

All over the world, even after the Cold War, people still look to us and trust us to help them seek the blessings of peace and freedom. But as the Cold War fades into memory, voices of isolation say America should retreat from its responsibilities. I say they are wrong.

The threats we face today as Americans respect no nation's borders. Think of them: terrorism, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, organized crime, drug trafficking, ethnic and religious hatred, aggression by rogue states, environmental degradation. If we fail to address these threats today, we will suffer the consequences in all our tomorrows. (Applause.)

Of course, we can't be everywhere. Of course, we can't do everything. But where our interests and our values are at stake, and where we can make a difference, America must lead. We must not be isolationist. We must not be the world's policeman. But we can and should be the world's very best peacemaker. (Applause.)

By keeping our military strong, by using diplomacy where we can and force where we must, by working with others to share the risk and the cost of our efforts, America is making a difference for people here and around the world. For the first time since the dawn of the nuclear age -- for the first time since the dawn of the nuclear age -- there is not a single Russian missile pointed at America's children. (Applause.)

North Korea has now frozen its dangerous nuclear weapons program. In Haiti, the dictators are gone, democracy has a new day, the flow of desperate refugees to our shores has subsided. Through tougher trade deals for America -- over 80 of them -- we have opened markets abroad, and now exports are at an all-time high, growing faster than imports and creating good American jobs. (Applause.)

We stood with those taking risks for peace: In Northern Ireland, where Catholic and Protestant children now tell their parents, violence must never return. In the Middle East, where Arabs and Jews who once seemed destined to fight forever now share knowledge and resources, and even dreams.

And we stood up for peace in Bosnia. Remember the skeletal prisoners, the mass graves, the campaign to rape and torture, the endless lines of refugees, the threat of a spreading war. All these threats, all these horrors have now begun to give way to the promise of peace. Now, our troops and a strong NATO, together with our new partners from Central Europe and elsewhere, are helping that peace to take hold.

As all of you know, I was just there with a bipartisan congressional group, and I was so proud not only of what our troops were doing, but of the pride they evidenced in what they were doing. They knew what America's mission in this world is, and they were proud to be carrying it out. (Applause.)

Through these efforts, we have enhanced the security of the American people. But make no mistake about it: important challenges remain.

The START II Treaty with Russia will cut our nuclear stockpiles by another 25 percent. I urge the Senate to ratify it now. (Applause.) We must end the race to create new nuclear weapons by signing a truly comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty this year. (Applause.)

As we remember what happened in the Japanese subway, we can outlaw poison gas forever if the Senate ratifies the Chemical Weapons Convention this year. (Applause.) We can intensify the fight against terrorists and organized criminals at home and abroad if Congress passes the anti-terrorism legislation I proposed after the Oklahoma City bombing now. (Applause.) We can help more people move from hatred to hope all across the world in our own interest if Congress gives us the means to remain the world's leader for peace. (Applause.)

My fellow Americans, the six challenges I have just discussed are for all of us. Our seventh challenge is really America's challenge to those of us in this hallowed hall tonight: to reinvent our government and make our democracy work for them.

Last year this Congress applied to itself the laws it applies to everyone else. (Applause.) This Congress banned gifts and meals from lobbyists. This Congress forced lobbyists to disclose who pays them and what legislation they are trying to pass or kill. This Congress did that, and I applaud you for it. (Applause.)

Now I challenge Congress to go further -- to curb special interest influence in politics by passing the first truly bipartisan campaign reform bill in a generation. (Applause.) You, Republicans and Democrats alike, can show the American people that we can limit spending and we can open the airwaves to all candidates. (Applause.)

I also appeal to Congress to pass the line-item veto you promised the American people. (Applause.)

Our administration is working hard to give the American people a government that works better and costs less. Thanks to the work of Vice President Gore, we are eliminating 16,000 pages of unnecessary rules and regulations, shifting more decision-making out of Washington, back to states and local communities.

As we move into the era of balanced budgets and smaller government, we must work in new ways to enable people to make the most of their own lives. We are helping America's communities, not with more bureaucracy, but with more opportunities. Through our successful empowerment zones and community development banks, we're helping people to find jobs, to start businesses. And with tax incentives for companies that clean up abandoned industrial property, we can bring jobs back to places that desperately, desperately need them.

But there are some areas that the federal government should not leave and should address and address

strongly. One of these areas is the problem of illegal immigration. After years of neglect, this administration has taken a strong stand to stiffen the protection of our borders. We are increasing border controls by 50 percent. We are increasing inspections to prevent the hiring of illegal immigrants. And tonight, I announce I will sign an executive order to deny federal contracts to businesses that hire illegal immigrants. (Applause.)

Let me be very clear about this: We are still a nation of immigrants; we should be proud of it. We should honor every legal immigrant here, working hard to be a good citizen, working hard to become a new citizen. But we are also a nation of laws.

I want to say a special word now to those who work for our federal government. Today our federal is 200,000 employees smaller than it was the day I took office as President. (Applause.) Our federal government today is the smallest it has been in 30 years, and it's getting smaller every day. Most of our fellow Americans probably don't know that. And there's a good reason -- a good reason: The remaining federal work force is composed of hard-working Americans who are now working harder and working smarter than ever before to make sure the quality of our services does not decline. (Applause.)

I'd like to give you one example. His name is Richard Dean. He's a 49 year-old Vietnam veteran who's worked for the Social Security Administration for 22 years now. Last year he was hard at work in the Federal Building in Oklahoma City when the blast killed 169 people and brought the rubble down all around him. He reentered that building four times. He saved the lives of three women. He's here with us this evening, and I want to recognize Richard and applaud both his public service and his extraordinary personal heroism. (Applause.)

But Richard Dean's story doesn't end there. This last November, he was forced out of his office when the government shut down. And the second time the government shut down he continued helping Social Security recipients, but he was working without pay.

On behalf of Richard Dean and his family, and, all the other people who are out there working every day doing a good job for the American people, I challenge all of you in this Chamber: Never, ever shut the federal government down again. (Applause.)

On behalf of all Americans, especially those who need their Social Security payments at the beginning of March, I also challenge the Congress to preserve the full faith and credit of the United States -- to honor the obligations of this great nation as we have for 220 years; to rise above partisanship and pass a straightforward extension of the debt limit and show people America keeps its word. (Applause.)

I know that this evening I have asked a lot of Congress, and even more from America. But I am confident: When Americans work together in their homes, their schools, their churches, their synagogues, their civic groups, their workplace, they can meet any challenge.

I say again, the era of big government is over. But we can't go back to the era of fending for yourself. We have to go forward to the era of working together as a community, as a team, as one America, with all of us reaching across these lines that divide us -- the division, the discrimination, the rancor -- we have to reach across it to find common ground. We have got to

work together if we want America to work. (Applause.)

I want you to meet two more people tonight who do just that. Lucius Wright is a teacher in the Jackson, Mississippi, public school system. A Vietnam veteran, he has created groups to help inner-city children turn away from gangs and build futures they can believe in. Sergeant Jennifer Rodgers is a police officer in Oklahoma City. Like Richard Dean, she helped to pull her fellow citizens out of the rubble and deal with that awful tragedy. She reminds us that in their response to that atrocity the people of Oklahoma City lifted all of us with their basic sense of decency and community.

Lucius Wright and Jennifer Rodgers are special Americans. And I have the honor to announce tonight that they are the very first of several thousand Americans who will be chosen to carry the Olympic torch on its long journey from Los Angeles to the centennial of the modern Olympics in Atlanta this summer -- not because they are star athletes, but because they are star citizens, community heroes meeting America's challenges. They are our real champions.

Please stand up. (Applause.)

Now, each of us must hold high the torch of citizenship in our own lives. None of us can finish the race alone. We can only achieve our destiny together -- one hand, one generation, one American connecting to another.

There have always been things we could do together, dreams we could make real which we could never have done on our own. We Americans have forged our identity, our very union, from the very point of view that we can accommodate every point on the planet, every different opinion. But we must be bound together by a faith more powerful than any doctrine that divides us -- by our believe in

progress, our love of liberty, and our relentless search for common ground.

America has always sought and always risen to every challenge. Who would say that having come so far together, we will not go forward from here? Who would say that this age of possibility is not for all Americans?

Our country is and always has been a great and good nation. But the best is yet to come if we all do our parts.

Thank you, God bless you and God bless the United States of America. Thank you. (Applause.)

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