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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
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Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice-President, Members of the 104th Congress, distinguished guests:

Tonight, I speak not only to you gathered here in this chamber and those across America, but also to the men and women of our armed forces who stand sentry around the world -- and particularly those who are helping peace to take root in Bosnia. To these warriors for peace, I say: we are proud of you.

My duty tonight under the Constitution is to report on the State of the Union. Not on the state of our government, or even on the state of individual Americans, but of our union -- how we as Americans together are building our national community and creating a more perfect union.

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

Through the hard work of the American people, our economy is the strongest it has been in three decades. The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is the lowest in 27 years. We are keeping the American dream alive.

Through the hard work of the American people, there is new hope for peace tonight -- from the cobblestone streets of Northern Ireland to the sands of the Middle East to the snows of Bosnia. We are keeping America the world's strongest force for peace and freedom.

And through the hard work of the American people, the crime rate is down, teen pregnancy is down, even divorce is down. We are coming together as a nation.

Exactly 200 years ago, President George Washington stood before the 4th Congress of the United States to deliver his annual message. America faced great uncertainty about a new century, a new economy and competing visions for how best to move into the future. President Washington could have spoken to the young nation about what divided it. But instead, he chose to talk about all that held us together -- in his words, of our mission to "unite our efforts to preserve, prolong and improve our immense advantages."

Much more unites us than divides us. That vision has rescued our nation every time we have been seriously tested. Throughout our history, we have come together around three

great ideals: First, our belief in progress -- that every American can dream of a better future, and that hard work can make those dreams come true. Second, our love of liberty. And third, our constant struggle to find common ground.

Now, at another moment of great change, our challenge -- America's Challenge -- is to find a way to preserve these old American ideals in new times. America's Challenge is to call on citizens in all walks of life to join together ... to win the war on crime, to renew our public schools for a new century, to give Americans health care and economic independence so they can be the winners of change.

The answers will not come from here in Washington alone, or from individuals acting alone. They will come from all of us, acting together -- in our communities, our churches, our businesses, our homes, our neighborhoods, and, when necessary, through our government. We must ask more of ourselves, and expect more from one another.

We will only rise to our challenges by speaking honestly about the duties we owe one another and the possibilities of what we as a nation can do together. So tonight, I want to speak directly about eight great challenges that America must meet as we move into the next century. For America was built on challenges, not promises.

America's first great challenge lies with all of us here tonight: to put our partisan differences aside and balance the budget.

It is wrong to leave our children a legacy of debt. I am proud that my administration cut the deficit nearly in half in 3 years. The federal government is now the smallest it has been since 1965. Now we must finish the job.

Earlier this month, I presented to the Congress a balanced budget with tough cuts in wasteful spending. According to the Congress own economists -- the Congressional Budget Office -- my plan makes real cuts and balances the budget in seven years.

And it balances the budget in a way that reflects our values.

We have a duty to honor our parents. And we can balance the budget without devastating Medicare or Medicaid. To anyone who would undercut Medicare, let me make myself clear: I will not let it happen.

We have a duty to our children, and to future generations. And we can balance the budget without cutting education or the gutting the environment.

We believe in work and responsibility. And we can balance the budget while ending welfare as we know it.

We believe in helping families who are trying to raise their children. We can balance

the budget while still providing a modest tax cut. And certainly without raising taxes on working families.

That's the right way to balance the budget. And if this Congress gives me the line-item veto, as you have pledged to do, I pledge tonight that I will balance the budget.

In recent weeks, I have spent many hours negotiating in good faith with the Republican and Democratic leaders of Congress. Already, we have agreed to more than enough spending cuts to balance the budget, with enough left over for a modest tax cut.

In his 1862 State of the Union message, President Lincoln said to another Congress: "We cannot escape history. We of this Congress and this administration will be remembered -- in spite of ourselves." We, too, will be remembered. So I say tonight to you, Mr. Speaker, to you Mr. Majority Leader, to all the leaders of this Congress: Let us not be remembered for partisan bickering. Let us be remembered for seizing this moment of national unity. For the sake of our children, for the sake of the country, let us balance the budget -- and do it now.

And finally, let me say this: America is the greatest nation on earth -- we are its leaders, and we must behave responsibly. No public servant should ever threaten the full faith and credit of the United States. And no public servant should ever -- ever -- shut down the government again.

Balancing the budget is the beginning of our challenges, not the end. Our second great challenge is to make sure that America faces up to our responsibility to lead the way to peace in the world.

This century -- the American century -- our country has led the fight for freedom and peace -- and won. Because we did, more people than ever before live free, more nations enjoy peace -- and our own people have had half a century of prosperity and security.

But as the Cold War fades, the voices of indifference and fear grow louder. They say America should retreat from the hard work of leadership. I say they are wrong. All over the world, people look up to America not only because we are strong -- but because of what we stand for -- and what we stand against. And though it imposes extra burdens on us, they trust us to help them seek the blessings of peace and freedom.

Because of our leadership, tonight, there are no Russian missiles pointed at our cities or citizens. More Americans have jobs here at home because we're working to open markets abroad. In Haiti, the dictators are gone, the democrats are back and the flow of refugees to our shores has ended. In Northern Ireland, girls and boys can now dream of the simple blessings of a normal life.

In the Middle East, Arabs and Jews are learning to live side-by-side. The American

people -- and I -- lost a great friend and partner when Yitzhak Rabin was taken from us. We can be proud, though, that the people of the Middle East have found the strength to go forward, in part because they know that America will stand with them, now and forever.

And, in Bosnia, the most terrible conflict in Europe since World War II is over -- because America stared down aggression and stood up for peace.

We have been able to do all of this because we kept our military strong... we invested in diplomacy and foreign assistance... we built alliances to share the risk and the cost of fulfilling our responsibility. We know we can't be everywhere. We can't do everything. But where we can make a difference -- and where our values and interests are at stake -- America must lead.

Our leadership is more important now than ever. Old threats have assumed new and dangerous dimensions -- ethnic and religious hatreds and aggression by rogue states. New threats are equal opportunity destroyers with no respect for borders -- the spread of weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, organized crime and drug trafficking. We must confront them.

If we do, we can cut the world's nuclear stockpiles by another XX percent -- and we will if Congress ratifies the START II treaty -- this year.

We can stop the development of an entire new generation of nuclear weapons -- and we will by signing a truly Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty -- this year.

We can better control chemical and biological weapons -- and we will if Congress heeds my call to ratify the Chemical Weapons Convention -- this year.

We can enact stronger laws to fight terrorism and organized crime -- and we will if Congress finally passes legislation I proposed after Oklahoma City to give our law enforcement even stronger tools to fight terrorists.

We can help more people move from hatred to hope -- and we will, if Congress gives our diplomats the resources they need to remain leaders for peace.

We can do all of these things -- but only if we continue to lead. It has never been -- and it must never be -- the American way to hide behind the curtain of our fears. If we hold to that truth now, the next century will be an American Century too.

If we are to be strong abroad, we must remain strong at home. So America's third challenge is to crack down on violent crime, and turn our young people away from drugs and gangs.

For 3 years in a row, crime has gone down in this country. In New York, the murder rate dropped 25% in one year; in St. Louis, 18%; in Seattle, 32%. Government is living up

to its first responsibility, to keep its citizens safe . . . and citizens are living up to their responsibility, by coming out from behind closed doors and shuttered windows to help one another. Tonight, for the first time in decades, we can say that America is winning the battle against crime.

But we have not yet won the war. We still face the challenge to make the defense of our streets as important as the defense of our shores.

That means keeping guns out of the hands of criminals. Under the Brady Bill, already 45,000 criminals have been stopped from buying guns. And that is why, if anyone tries to repeal the Brady Bill and the assault weapons ban, I will veto it.

That means putting more police on the street through community policing -- walking the beat, working with neighbors, catching criminals and stopping crime before it happens. And if Congress tries to gut the law that will put 100,000 more police on the street, I will veto it.

In the days after the Oklahoma City bombing, Americans wore T-shirts with a simple slogan: "A society that makes war against its police officers had better learn to make friends with its criminals." Those officers put their lives on the line to protect us, every day. We owe them our help, our support, our gratitude, and most of all, our undying respect.

We can cheer the drop in crime. We cannot begin to meet our other challenges until we break the culture of crime that engulfs our young people. Crime among juveniles is the one kind of crime that continues to rise. A few years ago, I spoke to grade school children in South Central Los Angeles. They told me that their biggest fear was getting shot on the way to school -- and their second biggest fear was being forced to join a gang when they turn 12.

We need more efforts like the boys and girls clubs in Chicago to steer young people away from drugs and crime.

People who live in public housing should live decent lives without being terrorized by gangs. Tonight I am asking every housing authority to take all steps necessary to drive gangs from public housing. From now on, for public housing residents involved in drugs and crime, the rule will be: One strike and you're out. I am directing our nation's prosecutors to prosecute violent juveniles as adults. And I am directing the FBI and other enforcement agencies to target gangs that involve juveniles in violent crime. It is time to break the gangs the way we broke the mob.

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We must slam shut the revolving door that lets violent criminals go free. I am proud that we passed the Violence Against Women Act, made three-strikes-and-you're-out the law of the land, and said that if you kill a law enforcement officer, you will get the death penalty.

✓ Tonight, I challenge judges, prosecutors, and legislators in every state to meet a new national goal that, by the year 2000, every violent criminal will serve out at least 85% of his sentence.

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All of this will make a difference. But, my friends, we could put a million new police on the streets and build a million new prison cells, and we would not win this war on crime and drugs unless we all join together -- every one of us -- to fight this fight.

America's fourth challenge is to give our people the tools they need to make the most of their God-given potential and become the winners of economic change.

These are good times for America. For three straight years, we have had the strongest growth of any major economy. Businesses have created nearly 8 million American jobs. Three years ago, our auto industry was losing jobs. Today, it has gained over 700,000 jobs, and Detroit is beating Japan for the first time since the 1970s. Three years ago, we were losing jobs in construction; today, we have gained over 700,000. Small businesses started by women now employ more people than the Fortune 500. Home ownership is expanding more rapidly than ever before. (ck) Thanks in no small measure to the work of Vice-President Gore, we have cut 16,000 page of unnecessary rules and regulations -- so government costs less and works better to build our economy. And from coast to coast, remarkable new industries like biotechnology and telecommunications are leading the world into the 21st century.

In the industrial economy dominated by big companies, people got their health care, their pensions and their training where they worked. Today, in the information age, more and more people work in small businesses or at home. More than ever, we need to help people carry with them the fruits of their work -- their training, their health care, their retirement benefits -- so they can thrive in the new economy. We must not fear economic change. We must conquer it.

We can do this, if Congress passes my GI Bill for workers, which will give people a training voucher they can take to a community college or their next job.

We can do it, if we enact reforms so that insurance companies cannot deny you coverage or raise rates when you are changing jobs, because you or a member of your family have a preexisting condition. We should help give small businesses the same purchasing power to buy health care as big businesses, make it easier for women to get mammograms every year, and find a way to ensure that if you lose your job, you don't lose your health care.

We can do this, if we cut through red tape to make it easier for small business to

provide pensions for their employees, so that every American can share the responsibility of saving for retirement. I propose that every American be allowed to join the federal workers retirement system. If it is good enough for federal workers, it should be good enough for employees of small businesses across the country.

Economic growth and environmental protection go hand in hand. We should say to business: if you can meet tough pollution goals, we will let you figure out how to do it in the cheapest, most efficient way. We will give communities the right-to-know what toxic chemicals are being released into their neighborhood, by expanding our pollution disclosure order. And we will launch a "brownfields initiative" to waive the rules and call off the lawyers for businesses that develop abandoned industrial sites.

And if we honor work, then work must pay. Two and a half million Americans -- many of them women with children -- earn the minimum wage, and it is at a 40 year low. A year ago, I called on Congress to raise the minimum wage. Since then, the value of the minimum wage has dropped \$250 -- while Congress' pay has gone up [x]. That's wrong. Congress should increase the minimum wage.

We will all be stronger the more our companies invest in the long term and treat their workers like their most valuable asset. Last month, the Malden Mills factory in Massachusetts burned to the ground, taking 2400 jobs with it. The mill's owner could have cut his losses and left his workers behind. That's not what he did. Here's what he said at the time -- quote: "I don't consider the workers an expense that can be cut. I know in the long run that what I'm doing today will come back tenfold." His name is Aaron Fuerstein, and he is with us tonight. We salute him; and pledge to learn from his example. [*Mr Fuerstein will be in the First Lady's box.*]

Fifth, to renew the American dream of opportunity for all, I challenge parents, teachers and students -- and business and community leaders -- to join a national mission to renew our public schools for the challenges of the 21st century.

Our best economic strategy is also our best opportunity strategy.

America was the first nation to believe that every child deserves an education. For two hundred years, the public schools raised up generation after generation, and taught us what it meant to be an American. They have opened the world of math and science and poetry and history to the sons of farmers and the daughters of factory workers. Next year there will be more young Americans in school than ever before. Yet today, our schools are not ready for the new era. Our schools have low standards, dilapidated and crowded classrooms, and only chalkboards in the age of the microchip.

To make our school succeed at this moment of change, tonight I propose a four part challenge to renew every level of education in America for the new century.

We must raise our sights. We should insist that every teacher meet basic competency standards . . . that every student meet national standards of excellence . . . that every parent take responsibility for their children . . . and that every school be held accountable for results.

Every state should give parents the right to choose their child's public school. And if the idea of choice in public schools is to be real, we must give parents and teachers the right to start better public schools -- charter schools -- if the current ones do not work.

We must recognize that technological literacy is now as important as learning to read, write, and do math. Our goal is clear: when we walk into any school in the 21st century -- five years from now -- we should see every classroom connected to the outside world . . . a cutting-edge computer accessible to every student . . . and teachers with the skills and the software to make technology as exciting in the classroom as it is in the video arcade. Tens of millions of parents have watched their children play every video game from Mortal Kombat to Killer Instinct. From now on, the most important computer game in America must be learning.

Tonight I challenge educators, scientists and business leaders to join in connecting the schools and prepare our people for the future. If a company or community is willing to donate money to put new computers in the schools, we will match that donation dollar for dollar. *(policy decision needs to be made)*

It is not enough to make our public schools the best in the world. We must make it easier for deserving Americans to go to college. We have already made it easier for people to pay back their college loans.

And last year, I asked the Congress to make \$10,000 of college tuition costs tax deductible. If businesses can deduct the cost of their equipment, then families should be able to deduct the cost of a college education.

Tonight, I propose two more steps to open the doors of college for people who are willing to work hard and excel. First, a \$2000 merit scholarship for the top 2% of graduating students in every secondary school in America. Second, a dramatic expansion of college work-study, so that 1 million young Americans will be working their way through college by the Year 2000. (ck)

Higher standards. Public school choice. Technology in the classroom. And an aggressive strategy to open wider the doors of college. That is my education challenge. Because when our schools succeed, America succeeds.

America's eighth and perhaps most important, challenge is this: to live up to our values, and restore a sense of right and wrong, in our daily lives. I challenge Americans in all walks of life to reach within themselves and find a new sense of personal responsibility.

As Americans, we more than any people on earth should recognize the truth of the Gospel: "To whom much is given, from them much is required." We need a rebirth of ethics, of values, of the moral code that this country was built on. Only if we share a community of values, can we value community.

Throughout our history, Americans have always joined together as neighbors and citizens to build strong communities and a strong country. We need that spirit more than ever today.

That means:

- We in this chamber should give the government back to the people. In the past year, we have already applied to Congress the laws that apply to America, banned gifts and meals from lobbyists to lawmakers, and forced the lobbyists to fully disclose who they are working for, what they are spending, and what bills they are trying to pass or kill. But we all know that special interests give too much money in political campaigns. And we should all take personal responsibility for changing it. There is a strong, bipartisan campaign finance reform bill, waiting for action. Let's pass it without delay.
- We must challenge our young people not to get pregnant or father a child until they are ready. Tonight, I am pleased to announce that a group of prominent Americans have answered this call, and are forming a new national organization to enlist the media, business and communities to help our young people do the right thing.
- I believe in a woman's right to choose an abortion. Some people deeply disagree. But I challenge people on both sides of the abortion divide to find common ground. At the very least, let us do what we can to encourage adoption, and unite the hundreds of thousands of eligible parents who want a child with the thousands (ck) of babies who need a loving home.
- We must challenge every father to take responsibility for his children. Spend time with your child, love your child, and take an interest in your child's daily life. And if you owe child support, pay it. Your child needs you. You cannot walk away.
- We must challenge those who produce and market cigarettes to take responsibility for your actions. Sell your products to adults, if you wish. But draw the line on children.
- All of us working together must find a way to do something about violence and sex on TV. We must challenge the media to put more education and less sex and violence on TV. And challenge parents to turn off the set if they don't.
- We must challenge every citizen to give something back to their community through service. I am proud of what the national service program, AmeriCorps, has done to put 25,000 young people to work in communities -- raising reading scores, pulling

garbage out of rivers, helping police shut down crack houses. But we shouldn't stop there. Every American has something to contribute -- from volunteering at an AIDS clinic to adopting a child. And let me issue a special summons to our nation's seniors, who have the time and the wisdom to teach us all: let your retirement years be a season of service.

And let me say this above all: Every one of us faces a challenge to seek common ground with our fellow Americans -- to reach out beyond our differences, both because it is the right thing to do, and because it is the way we will meet every one of our other challenges as we enter a new century.

Conclusion/Olympic torchbearers

That is what we will see this summer in Atlanta, when we are hosts to the centennial of the modern Olympics. I am not just talking of our athletes, who show us all how to work hard to make our dreams come true. I also mean the shared effort of the entire community of Atlanta -- the City Too Busy to Hate. One community, pulling together. That is what's right with America.

But there is another group of Americans I want to call your attention to tonight. They are the ones who will hold high the Olympic torch and carry it on its path across America, from Los Angeles, across mountains, concrete canyons, unbroken desert and lush farmland. They will even carry the torch across the White House lawn, and I'll be there to greet them.

These are not celebrities or heroic athletes, but they are heroes nonetheless. Thousands of them are being selected because they are community heroes -- Americans who have used their energies to make our world better, one community at a time. Most of these people will be announced next month. But I am proud to say that the first three of them have been chosen so they can be here with us tonight. [insert on two or three heroes]

Let us strive to be like these everyday champions. They show us a different kind of strength and endurance and a lot of heart. They show us that if we each do our part, we are sure to reach our destination. Together. And when we do, we will know the joy of a special victory -- where every American has a chance to win.

We are going to show the world this summer what happens when America pulls together. And I believe, my fellow Americans, we are going to show it time and time again in the century that lies ahead. That is, and forever will be, America's challenge.



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TO: Kathy Wallman
Fr: Andy Fois
RE: State of Union
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Followup on speech from last night:

1. 85% of Federal sentences is fine - it is correct.
2. Gangs and drugs in public housing is OK per Walter Dellinger if modified to say "criminal" gangs. See attached edits. (I was sent a copy from other sources)
3. Need to change the cops "hired" wording to "funded about a third" not "hired a third" because they are not all hired yet and some of the funding is for cops redeployed not new cops hired.
4. The drug czar stuff is very wrong in several regards:
 - a. no U. S. troops stormed the Cali headquarters, McCaffrey's or otherwise says the DAG. And besides - what would Colombia think about the claim that US troops stormed their country?
 - b. to say McCaffrey slowed the influx of drugs into the country is:
 1. wrong since the influx has not slowed overall
 2. certainly not attributable to one man and is an insult to 1,000's of DEA agents risking their lives around the world.

I have suggested changes as attached but even these are based on assumption of some role for McCaffrey on Cali raid which DEA is checking.
5. AG has heard there is immigration stuff somewhere in the speech that INS has not seen. Can you confirm and if so share? I hear its about the Exc Order on hiring illegals.
6. Brady number is old - that was last year's number. Trying to get updated one.

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

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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. *limit* *was instrumental in the successful raid on*
It was General McCaffrey whose troops stormed the Cali Cartel headquarters in Columbia and who locked up the leaders of that vicious group. *reduced amount from getting* *are preventing*
We have slowed the influx of drugs into this country -- and that man did it. *and the DEA deserves a lot of the credit.*

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.



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Tonight I am appointing a hero of the Gulf War, General Barry McCaffrey as my Drug Czar to command a campaign against drugs on our streets. For years, we have needed a strong leader to marshal all our national efforts against the drug scourge. General McCaffrey brings unquestionable credentials to the task. As the leader of the U.S. Southern Command, his personnel have worked side by side with the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Colombian government to support efforts to dismantle the Cali Mafia. The leadership of this group is in disarray - some jailed, and some on the run.

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" Agencies, including the Drug Enf. Administration, are working hard to remove drug dealers from communities and go after the world's most notorious drug traffickers."

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
STATE-OF-THE-UNION ADDRESS
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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 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, or even the state of individuals alone. I speak to civic groups, religious, business and charitable organizations, to state and local governments and to the American community. As a team, in our efforts, after 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 the healthiest it has been in three decades. We have the lowest rate of unemployment and inflation in 27 years. Home ownership is at its highest rate in 15 years. We have created over seven million American jobs. Through a concentrated strategy, we have increased our exports of American products by 25 percent in three years. Detroit is winning the competition against Japan for the first time since the '70s.

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. Americans are living better lives. But they are paying a high price in work and worry about our families, our children, our communities. We must answer core questions: How do we keep the American dream of opportunity and our values of responsibility alive for our children in a new era? How do we promote peace? 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 help people who help themselves to seize opportunities and assume responsibilities. Above all, we must help Americans make the most of their own lives, 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 for children and adults. . . 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 one for themselves is over. The era of One America, a nation that works 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 we must remember that this budget debate is more, much more, than politics-as-usual. We are engaged in a long-overdue discussion over the role of government and our values as a people. 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 -- and preserve Medicare, Medicaid, education, the environment and the duty we owe to one another.

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. I call on Congress to enact these savings so we can, at the very least, balance the budget and afford a modest tax cut -- while we continue to negotiate over cuts in other areas.

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.

It is time to look beyond the battles of the hour to the challenges of our future. 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 cherish our children, to renew our schools and college opportunity for a new century.

It is not easy to be young today. Media assault our children with violence. Experts manipulate them to addict them to tobacco. And the vast amount you must learn to get good jobs and to keep them dwarfs what my generation had to learn.

I challenge our businesses, our media, our schools, our teachers, our communities, and our governments to help these children make it.

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. [VChip language?] 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: today, like every day, a thousand children got hooked on a smoking habit that will ultimately kill them. Sell your products to adults, if you wish -- but draw the line on children. 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. 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.

Our businesses, parents and educators have a special responsibility for us in the Information Age: to join with government in a massive national effort to make every student technologically literate by the Year 2000. We need cutting-edge computers, accessible to each student, and teachers with the skills and the software to make our classrooms as exciting as any video arcade. Already in California, 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 match one-quarter for every dollar contributed by communities and businesses equip their schools.

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 standards, where every student meets high levels of achievement. Promote on those who earn it.

To state governments: Pass laws giving every parent the right to choose which public school a child will attend. Let them find the best public school and reward those schools. 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.

Today, higher education is 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 we have cut the default rate in half. Through our national service program, this year 25,000 students will earn their way by serving their country. This program is a bipartisan success story; it is the right thing for America -- let's keep it going. .

Tonight I want to open the doors of college even wider -- and create a new gateway to our children's 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.

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.

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 for every American worker to pay for tuition at a community college or to use for training for new jobs.

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 their money to raise children. My balanced budget plan makes possible a \$500 tax credit for 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 balance the budget and give every family a \$500 tax credit for each child right now, 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 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.

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, Congress should pass the bill offered by Republican Senator Nancy Kassebaum and by Senator Ted Kennedy to require insurance companies to provide this basic protection.

We must honor our most basic values -- and save Medicare and Medicaid. In the past three years, we have saved \$15 billion by fighting fraud in these programs. 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. Medicare and Medicaid are about the duty we owe one another, and we are stronger because of 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.]

We live in a time where both parents have to work, and we must create a country where people can succeed at home and at work. One of the proudest things we have done was to pass family leave, which lets people take time off to care for a new child or a sick parent. But it should not take a law for corporations to take responsibility. Don't force your workers to choose between their job and their family.

Businesses and labor unions have to take responsibility as a team -- 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. Labor needs to abandon rigid work rules and outdated job classifications. We all need to cooperate. Teamwork. When American companies and workers look to the long-term, 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 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.

Community policing only work if we restore the 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 need you as our heroes. Do not let us down. After all, you are America's finest.

The Brady Bill has already stopped 44,000 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 our strategy involves 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 a 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 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 into sports leagues and other projects where they get good values and see good role models. I challenge all communities and adults to give these children futures to say Yes to.

Now we have to agree 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. We should punish young people who kill and maim like adults as adults.

To solve the crime problem, we must 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. All over America, anti-drug efforts in our schools are changing the lives of our kids. Hillary and I remember well how our daughter talked about her D.A.R.E. officer in the fifth grade for years afterwards. We should not stop now.

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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.

Ten million children under 12 live within four miles of a toxic waste dump. A third of us breathe air which endangers our health. In too many communities, water is not safe to drink.

Yet, this Congress has allowed lobbyists for the polluters to walk in these doors like they owned the place and write loopholes into 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?

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.

Because of our bipartisan efforts 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.

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.

Are we saying we will forego or relax enforcement of environmental laws? Do we want to suggest that?

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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.

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 . . . environmental degradation. 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. Not as an isolationist, not as a global policeman who responds indiscriminantly each time the law is broken -- but as a 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.

We applied patient pressure in North Korea, which has now frozen its dangerous nuclear weapons program. We stayed engaged with Russia, and 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. We used the threat of force, as in Haiti, and the dictators are gone, democracy is back, and the flow of desperate refugees to our shores has ended.

We negotiated better deals for America and opened markets abroad, so now more Americans have jobs at home.

We stood shoulder to shoulder with those taking risks for peace. Now , the sound of car bombs in Northern Ireland has given way to the quiet sounds of children living 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, we stared down aggression and stood up for peace in Bosnia, so that the sniper's killing fields become the child's playing fields once more. Remember what we saw in the

very heart of Europe: 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. Today, horror has given way to hope.

As a peacemaker, America must do more to build a safer future for our people. We must work to cut the world's nuclear stockpiles by another 25 percent; I urge the Senate 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 the Senate 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, 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 -- 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 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 reform is only the first step. The next step is to make it work.

So I challenge every American business: open up in poor areas, and make room to hire people getting off welfare. I challenge America's banks to steer 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 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 government which works best. They are the basic building blocks of our national structure, yet they face difficulty and decay. 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.

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

Don't they need financial sense to know it makes financial sense to do this?

They won't do it unless they know it makes sense.

Are we offering incentives?

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.

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 say: before we can ask more of the American people, we have to take responsibility to make our democracy work. 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. *different from saying it will apply to*

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.

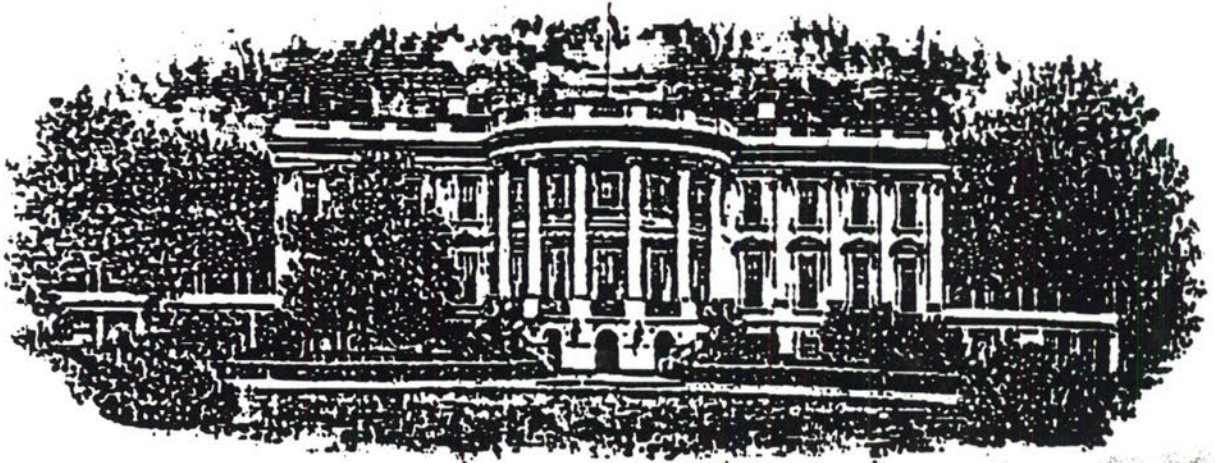
I want you to meet three people tonight who show us what this all means. Dr. Lucius Wright is a professor at Jackson State University in Mississippi. He is a distinguished Viet Nam veteran, and he is improving the lives of young people, helping them work with police officers to make their community a 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.

Like them, each of us must hold high the torch in our own lives. But none of us can finish the race alone. From our beginnings, we have been bound by a faith more powerful than any doctrines which have divided us: Our belief in progress, our love of liberty, our relentless search for common ground. Today, at the edge of a new century, we must replenish that faith again -- so we take hold of our age of possibility. We must not wait passively for the future. Everywhere we turn, the future waits for us. With God's help, we will get there.

That is America's Challenge. Thank you and God bless America.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL WALDMAN

FROM: KATHLEEN WALLMAN
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Here are some comments based on my reading of the draft and on input from Department of Justice. DOJ may have more in the morning.

On the major question that you asked me, about legislation affecting former government officials who become foreign lobbyists, I advise, on the basis of what I have heard from DOJ, that you should not put in the speech what we discussed. I can give you more detail when we talk.

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"The Brady bill has already stopped 44,000 people "

DOJ doesn't keep these statistics, but they think that Treasury does. Do you want me to try to verify this with Treasury?

"Houston has the lowest murder rate"

If the sentence means to suggest that the sports leagues and preventive programs that have succeeded in Houston were funded in the federal crime bill, that isn't accurate.

"Now we have to agree that it is time I am directing the FBI and other investigative agencies to wage a coordinated war on gangs that involve juveniles in violent crime."

DOJ suggests changing "juveniles" to "our youths". The reason: Federal prosecutors don't prosecute very many juveniles -- kids under 18 years of age. It's mostly state and local prosecutors who do that. If we say "our youths", we can capture a broader class of young federal prosecutees.

"One strike and you're out"

I understand that this is a HUD initiative. Does HUD advise that we have the authority and the resources to do this?

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"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."

I'm not sure what this means. Are we saying that we will relax enforcement of environmental laws in the inner city?

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"So I challenge every American business: open up in poor areas . . . steer capital to the inner city . . ."

Are we exhorting them? Won't some say that they would already be doing this if it were financially remunerative? Are we planning to offer any incentives?

I hope that this is helpful and that you're holding up okay. Please let me know if I can be of further help. I'll let you know if I hear anything more from Justice.