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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
DNC WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FORUM LUNCHEON
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OCTOBER 31, 1995

Talking Points

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- Too many in Congress are blind to this connection. They don't understand that our economy and society will prosper only when our next generation of workers grows up healthy, educated and prepared for a constantly changing job market.
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CLINTON ADMINISTRATION PRO-WOMAN/PRO-FAMILY AGENDA

Making Families More Economically Secure

- Signed the Family & Medical Leave Act
- Improved access to child care, established Child Care Bureau and National Child Care Information Center (1-800-616-2242)
- Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit by \$21 billion over five years
- Committed to increasing the minimum wage
- Strengthened equal opportunity for all through affirmative action
- Increased enforcement of child support and introduced legislation that doubles federal child support collections
- Fighting for federal budget that strengthens families, e.g., Medicare

Keeping Our Families Safe from Violence

- Signed Assault Weapons Ban and Brady Bill
- Signed the Violence Against Women Act
- Created the Violence Against Women Office
- Introduced Operation Safe Home to fight crime in public housing
- Passed Family Preservation and Support Act, providing services to prevent child abuse and neglect

Making Education and Training a Reality For All

- Created and signed Student Loan Reform, saving students and taxpayers money
- Signed National Service Act, helps communities and students
- Signed School-to-Work Opportunities Act, preparing students for careers and advanced education
- Signed Goals 2000: Educate America Act, setting higher standards
- Increased Head Start funding by \$760 million
- Signed reauthorization of Elementary and Secondary Education Act, providing better education for impoverished students
- Supported Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act

Health Care That Makes Sense

- Made improvement of women's health a priority
- Signed legislation requiring that women and minorities are included in NIH-supported research
- Increased funding for breast cancer research by 65%
- Signed Childhood Immunization Plan, ensuring vaccination and healthy future for all children
- Developed healthy school meal initiative for students
- Placed WIC on full-funding path
- Revoked Reagan-Bush restrictions on abortion counseling
- Ensured safety, effectiveness and availability of mammography
- Increased AIDS funding by 40%
- Established first Deputy Assistant Secretary for Women's Health

Expanding Economic Opportunities for Women

- SBA lending to women increased by 86 percent
- DOL's Women's Bureau launched Honor Roll initiative, encouraging employers to implement family-friendly policies good for women
- Expanded the public-private SBA's Women's Demonstration Program, providing business skills and training for women
- Created the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise, eliminating barriers to economic development within federal agencies
- Increased federal procurement contracts for women in both percentage and dollar amounts

Making Way for Women

- 42 percent of President's appointees are women, highest ever
- Six women hold Cabinet-level positions, highest ever
- 59 percent of all President's judicial nominees are women and minorities, highest ever
- Second President to nominate a woman to the Supreme Court
- Opened almost 260,000 positions for women in the military
- Established Older Women's Initiative, bringing focus on issues impacting older women and their families
- Established White House Office for Women's Initiatives & Outreach

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President Clinton's Pro-Woman/Pro-Family Agenda

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"The fight against domestic violence is really about respect for women and honoring our commitment to strong families."

—President Clinton, Speech on Domestic Violence, Oct. 2, 1995

President Clinton Committed to Stopping Domestic Violence

President Clinton reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening families by continuing his fight against domestic violence in a radio address on Oct. 14 and at an event at The White House on Oct. 2. The President emphasized his commitment to eradicating domestic violence by challenging Congress to support the Violence Against Women Act through the budget process. (The House has moved to cut \$50 million from VAWA.) In addition, the President signed a proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and signed a memorandum directing federal agencies to conduct employee awareness programs on domestic violence.

At The White House event, Tana Sherman of Andover, Mass., a survivor of domestic violence, spoke compellingly about her abusive ex-husband. Ms. Sherman said: "There are millions of women just like me. And, Mr. President, I want to thank you for all of your work to help us. You've done more than any other President in history to raise awareness on this issue and to create real programs that save battered women before it gets too late."

Jerry Rossi, the President and Chief Operating Officer of Marshalls, Inc., of

Andover, Mass., also spoke, urging the private sector as well as individual men to take more of an active role in ending domestic violence. Mr. Rossi has initiated several pro-active policies and programs in his company to fight domestic violence.

Nashville, Tenn., Detective Sgt. Mark Wynn, who has been educating other law enforcement officers and training judges across the nation on the issue of domestic violence, said: "I've known officers who have died in the line of duty protecting people they did not know during domestic violence incidents. And for us to make light of this crime is to tarnish their memories....Bill Clinton understands that."

Vice President Speaks at Lion of Judah Conference

Vice President Gore spoke at the Lion of Judah Conference, sponsored by the National Women's Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, Sept. 19, in Washington, D.C. More than 1,200 women activists from around the country attended the conference. The Vice President spoke about the beliefs and values he holds in common with them: respect for Israel, commitment to peace around the world, dedication to helping those less fortunate than ourselves, and responsibility for valuing and protecting the environment.

The First Lady -- At Home and Abroad

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton made an official visit to Nicaragua, Chile, Brazil and Paraguay on Oct. 12-17 as part of the Administration's continuing efforts to strengthen U.S. relations with countries in the Western Hemisphere. About her visit, the President said: "At the Summit of the Americas, the leaders of our hemisphere agreed that our mutual prosperity depends upon the welfare of our children, families and communities. With her deep interests in health and education, and in women and children, the First Lady will be a strong spokesperson for this Administration's commitment to the fundamental social values that unite this hemisphere." Mrs. Clinton visited communities to witness the progress being made with improving schools, health services and employment opportunities.

At home, Mrs. Clinton has kicked off the Clinton Administration's Medicare Mammography Awareness Campaign, particularly relevant during October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The campaign features public service announcements by the President and Mrs. Clinton and a special "Mama-gram." Since January, Mrs. Clinton has conducted listening sessions with senior women and doctors at hospitals and senior centers to encourage older American women to utilize the Medicare mammography benefit.

Further stressing the importance of good health, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was the keynote speaker at the Third Annual Women's Health Achievement Awards dinner on June 27. The banquet was sponsored by the Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research, a non-partisan advocacy group for women's health research. Mrs. Clinton emphasized the recent gains in women's health, such as the increase in fund-

raising efforts and research advancements in breast cancer by the National Institutes of Health. (Under President Clinton, breast cancer research funding has been increased by 65 percent.)

Mrs. Gore Visits Michigan

Mrs. Gore spoke to the Coalition of Labor Union Women in Dearborn, Mich., on Oct. 13. She told the gathering: "The reality is, as women we must understand that we have to make time for politics if we want to shape the public and private policies that can give us more influence over our lives."

In addition to the speech in Dearborn, Mrs. Gore held a roundtable discussion with Michigan women leaders to discuss working women's issues.

Follow-up on U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women

President Clinton has formed an inter-agency council on women as the primary means to follow up on the commitments made at the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. Composed of representatives from various federal agencies, the council will help implement U.S. commitments by soliciting the views of non-governmental organization leaders and other individuals and translating needs into concrete action. The makeup of the council will be announced Oct. 25 at a meeting in the Old Executive Office Building with the First Lady.

In early December, the council will also convene an event in Washington, designed to help hundreds of leaders of national, regional and local groups bring the message of the conference back to their communities as well as solicit ideas for

local strategies. The dialogue with leaders in the NGO community will also bring participants up to date on Administration actions in support of the commitments made by the U.S. at the World Conference. The White House Women's Office and senior officials from the Beijing delegation will be hosting a meeting on Nov. 2 with senior women appointees to discuss the conference.

Appointees Discuss Budget Cuts

Betsy Myers, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director for the White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach, convened a meeting on Oct. 5 with 25 women appointees to discuss the effects of the Republican budget cuts. **Dr. Laura Tyson, National Economic Advisor**, led the discussion by assessing the overall outlook for women's programs and discussing how women appointees could work together to protect women's and children's programs. Some of the programs affected by Republican cuts are: Head Start, denying service to almost 50,000 children from the 1996 program; GOALS 2000, severely undermining state and local efforts to improve student achievement; Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, ending assistance to between 5 and 6 million low income families; and the Special Supplementary Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, ending service to 50,000 users.

Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise Releases Report to the President

The Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise and their private sector partners, the National Women's Business Council, are about to release their annual

report to the President, Congress, and the American people entitled "The Partnership--Changing the Face of the Economy." The report, which will be issued in early November, will include the most up-to-date statistics on the growth of women owned businesses from 1987-1992 and a review of the programs and policies on the federal government which address the economic needs and priorities of women.

The Interagency Committee, which is chaired by the **President's National Economic Advisor, Dr. Laura Tyson**, has also issued a newsletter to provide women in business with the latest research and official statistics, profiles of important policy-makers and information on federal programs initiated to assist women in starting and growing their businesses. The next issue of the newsletter will be issued in November.

Talking Points Cards Available

Talking Points Cards detailing the Clinton pro-woman/pro-family agenda are now available in The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach. Call: (202) 456-7300.

If You Have Questions, Call Us:

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AGENDA --
SUPPORTING WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

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"...Until all women have an equal opportunity to develop their full potential and to make contributions that are accepted and welcomed by our society, our freedom as a nation will be incomplete."

--President Clinton, Women's Equality Day, 1995,
Proclamation

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Message from President Clinton

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- II. Stopping Violence on the Streets and in Our Homes**
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- VI. Taking Care of Our Children**
- VII. Providing Business and Economic Opportunities for Women**
- VIII. Making Way for Women -- Becoming Partners in
Decision Making**

"The United States is now a leader in the battle for the rights of women and we intend to see, in this Administration, that in that battle, there is no going back. We intend to win that battle."
--Vice President Gore, June 22, 1995

"We are here to find common ground so that we may help bring new dignity and respect to women and girls all over the world -- and in so doing, bring new strength and stability to families as well."
--Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.N.'s Fourth World
Conference on Women, Beijing, September 5, 1995

**A Message From
President Bill Clinton**

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(November 1, 1995)

My grandmother and mother both worked outside the home -- at a time when many women worked in their homes. They dealt with the classic dilemma of balancing home and workplace.

Today, 58 million American women are in the workforce, half of all workers. Almost every woman will work for pay sometime during her life. Our culture, however, hasn't made it easy. Each day, women struggle to balance working outside the home with whether they can afford child care or with whether they will have enough time to drive their children to school or to the doctor's office. On top of balancing work and family, women still make only 72 percent as much as men do for comparable jobs. We, as not only an Administration but as a society, have an obligation to advance policies to help women be successful in the workplace and the home.

Since taking office, my Administration has created a disciplined government and a sound economy to provide opportunities for all Americans. The federal deficit is coming down for the third year in a row. More than 7 million jobs have been created since I took office. Average annual inflation is the lowest since President Kennedy. Our economic policies are making our nation stronger. But I know we must go farther specifically to target policies to make it easier for working women and families in our changing and growing economy.

That's why I proposed the Middle Class Bill of Rights which would help hard-working families meet the costs of raising and educating their children. I signed the Family and Medical Leave Act to allow men and women the peace of mind that their jobs won't be in jeopardy purely because they need to take care of a sick child or parent. I expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit to give a much-deserved tax break to working families. I've worked to improve access to child care, increase enforcement of child support, make improvements to women's health a priority and worked to increase the minimum wage.

The unprecedented number of women appointees in my Administration -- from my Cabinet to women serving throughout the departments -- are helping make a difference. Each woman appointee brings her experience and values that make government more responsive to women and working families.

During the U.N.'s Fourth World Conference on Women, the First Lady brought a much-needed focus to the vital issues facing women and families across the world -- from making ends meet, to education and training, to domestic violence, to health care. My Administration will continue to zero in on these issues and others to ensure that the policies coming out of Washington make sense for women and families across the nation.

I. ENSURING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICA'S FAMILIES

"Never before have American women had so many options -- or been asked to make such difficult choices. It's time not only to make women full partners in government, but to make government work for women."

**--President Clinton and Vice President Gore,
Putting People First**

*Two-thirds of minimum wage workers are women.
More than half of low-wage workers are mothers.*

Signed the Family and Medical Leave Act

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Improved Access to Child Care

The Clinton Administration has launched initiatives to make child care more affordable and accessible. We have increased investment child care in every budget and we have established a Child Care Bureau to streamline federal child care programs. The Child Care Information Center: 1-800-616-2242.

Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit -- Making Work Pay

The President has expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit as a first step to ensure that no child of full-time working parents will have to live in poverty. The expansion gives a tax cut to more than 15 million working families.

Committed to Increasing the Minimum Wage

The President's proposal increases the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.15 over two years, through two 45-cent increases. For a full-time, year-round worker at minimum wage, a 90-cent increase would raise yearly income by \$1,800 -- as much as the average family spends on groceries over seven months.

Strengthened Equal Opportunity for All Through Affirmative Action

Following an extensive review of affirmative action, the President expressed his support for affirmative action as a tool to expand economic and educational opportunity. He believes that affirmative action must be designed to fit our ideals of personal responsibility and merit.

Increased Enforcement of Child Support

Some families -- especially those headed by women -- are plunged into economic crisis and poverty when the absent parent fails to pay child support. The President's child support plan, a part of his welfare reform legislation, would double federal child support collections by the year 2000. In addition, the Clinton Administration uses criminal prosecution to ensure that every child receives adequate child support. Case referrals to the Department of Justice have increased by 600 percent under

this program. In addition, the President has made it easier to force federal employees to pay the child support they owe.

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II. STOPPING VIOLENCE ON THE STREETS AND IN OUR HOMES

"If children aren't safe in their homes, if college women aren't safe in their dorms, if mothers can't raise their children in safety, then the American Dream will never be real for them..."
--President Clinton, March 21, 1995

In a typical year, over 4.5 million American women 12 years or older are a victim of a threatened or attempted violent crime.

Signed the Violence Against Women Act

This act, part of the President's crime bill, takes a comprehensive approach to combating violence against women. The law will improve the responses by the police and the courts to domestic violence crimes, enhance lighting in public places, force sex offenders to pay restitution, increase funding to battered women's shelters and ensure that a "stay away" order obtained against an abuser will no longer stop at the state line.

Created the Violence Against Women Office

In March 1995, the President appointed a director of the new Violence Against Women Office. She is leading a national effort to combine tough new federal laws with help for states and localities to fight violence against women.

Signed the Brady Bill and Assault Weapons Ban

The Brady law works to keep handguns out of the reach of criminals -- including men under restraining orders for domestic threats. The law: A five-day waiting period and background check.

The assault weapons ban outlaws 19 deadliest assault weapons and their copies.

Introduced Operation Safe Home to Fight Crime in Public Housing

To combat violent and white collar crime in public and assisted housing, the Administration launched an aggressive interagency effort for a more effective Operation Safe Home Program. In one year, over 3,000 criminals were arrested and \$1.5 million in drugs were seized.

Passed Family Preservation and Support Act

This law supported by the President provides supportive services to children and families, designed to help strengthen them and prevent child abuse.

Signed Three-Strikes-And-Out Law

This act, which was part of the President's crime bill, puts criminals behind bars for good if they commit three violence crimes.

Community Notification for Sexual Offenders

This new law, part of the President's crime bill, requires appropriate community notification when serious sex offenders have been released.

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III. ENSURING EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR OUR FAMILIES

"Let's give our children a future. Let us take away their guns and give them books." --President Clinton January 24, 1995

The typical college graduate earns 74 percent more than a worker with a high school degree.

Created and Signed Student Loan Reform Act

The Student Loan Reform Act, which includes the President's Direct Lending Program, is saving taxpayers billions of dollars. It lowers interest rates for students and allows for flexible repayment plans for college costs.

Signed National Service Act

President Clinton created AmeriCorps to enable young people to serve their communities -- teaching, caring for the sick, making the streets safer while earning money toward their education. Already, 20,000 Americans are serving in AmeriCorps.

Signed School-to-Work Opportunities Act

With bi-partisan support, President Clinton signed into law the most important national program ever to provide apprenticeships for students who don't go on to college. School-to-Work helps all young people -- including the 70 percent who don't get four-year degrees -- get the education they need to obtain good jobs.

Signed Goals 2000: Educate America

This legislation sets world class education standards and provides voluntary assistance to states and communities to implement education reform.

Committed to Head Start

President Clinton has expanded Head Start services while improving teaching and facilities for those who participate. The President's increase in Head Start will allow more than 50,000 children to take advantage of Head Start by the year 2000.

Title One -- Improving Basic and Advanced Skills

Part of the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, this initiative helps low-income students achieve high standards.

Supported Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act

This President-supported program expands security and violence prevention in schools across the country by teaching students the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse and alternatives to violence.

LIFELONG LEARNING

The President's "G.I. Bill of Rights for Workers" would reform job training programs and put resources and information directly into workers' hands.

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IV. ENSURING ACCESSIBILITY TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE

"Our families will never be secure, our businesses will never be strong, and our government will never again be fully solvent until we tackle the health care crisis." --President Clinton,
February 17, 1995

*Every three minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer.
Every 12 minutes another woman dies from the disease.*

Improving Women's Health

Clinical research historically has concentrated on men only. Under President Clinton, this inequity has been corrected. The largest clinical study ever conducted -- a study of diseases affecting older women -- is now underway. The President signed legislation requiring that women and minorities be included in all clinical research supported by taxpayers.

A Much-Needed Focus on Breast Cancer Research

The lifetime risk of developing breast cancer has risen from 1 in 20 to 1 in 8 in just 20 years. The President has dramatically increased the funding of breast cancer research by 65 percent.

Educating Women about Mammography and Ensuring Its Quality

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has helped launch a campaign to educate women over 65 that mammography saves lives -- decreasing breast cancer rates by 30 percent in this age group. The First Lady has convened listening sessions around the nation to discuss the benefit and to discover why older women have not used the benefit. In addition, the FDA has put in place quality standards for mammography facilities.

Strengthening Medicare and Medicaid

President Clinton believes that health care for women, children and older citizens must be protected. He is fighting massive Congressional cuts of Medicare and Medicaid.

Increased AIDS Funding by 40 Percent

AIDS is increasing at a faster rate among women than men. The Administration is increasing the number of women participating in AIDS research and exploring women-controlled barrier methods.

Care for Women's Veterans

A series of Veterans Administration health-care initiatives has been implemented under President Clinton. The VA has established four comprehensive health centers; four stress-disorder treatment teams; and hiring counselors in 69 locations to treat the after-effects of sexual harassment and assault.

V. Ensuring a Woman's Reproductive Rights

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"Certain choices are too personal for politics."

--President Clinton/Vice President Gore

The President is committed to making abortion safe, legal and rare. President Clinton is fighting to protect reproductive rights of women while Congress launches an all-out attack on a woman's right to choose.

Ended the Gag Rule

President Bush instituted a "Gag Rule" that prevented women who go to federally-funded clinics -- primarily poor women -- from getting the information they needed to make informed choices. President Clinton revoked the "Gag Rule" in his first week in office.

Revoked RU-486 Import Ban

President Clinton revoked President Bush's import ban imposed on RU-486, a drug that terminates pregnancy without surgery. Now RU-486 is being tested in the U.S.

Family Planning Services for Military Families

The President made sure that comprehensive family planning services are available to women in the military and military families. He reversed the ban on abortion services paid for by the patient at military hospitals.

Ensuring Reproductive Choices for Women Around the World

The President repealed the Mexico City policy banning funding to international organizations that promoted comprehensive family planning. At the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, the United States forged a partnership with more than 150 nations to promote gender equality and reproductive health. The nations gathered at Cairo also recognize the importance of addressing the threat posed to women's health by unsafe abortions.

Ensuring Clinic Safety

The President signed the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act to fight violence and intimidation by anti-choice extremists against women and their doctors.

Implementing the Hyde Amendment

Under President Clinton, HHS implemented a congressionally ordered change to Medicaid to include abortion services for poor women whose pregnancies result from rape or incest as well as to save the life of the woman.

Funding Family Planning

The President has requested budget increases for the federal family planning program each year he has been in office.

VI. TAKING CARE OF OUR CHILDREN

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"There are certain fundamental national needs that should be addressed in every state, north and south, east and west -- school lunches in all our schools, nutrition for pregnant women and infants...All these things are in the national interest."

--President Clinton, 1995 State of the Union

*More than 5 million children are hungry each month in the U.S.
One in eight children under age 12 goes to bed hungry.*

Signed Childhood Immunization Plan

President Clinton signed the comprehensive Childhood Immunization Initiative to ensure that children will be vaccinated against disease. The initiative is improving the vaccine delivery infrastructure, making vaccines affordable for families and improving immunization outreach. The goal is simple: Vaccinate 90 percent of all 2-year olds by the year 2000.

Increased WIC Funding and Expanded WIC Services

The Clinton Administration has increased funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children -- \$610 million in the first two years, and a further proposed increase of \$350 million in FY 96. WIC works: Every \$1 invested in WIC saves up to \$4.25 in health-care costs.

Fighting Teen Pregnancy

Under President Clinton's leadership, the Administration is developing a new strategy to address the high rate of teen pregnancy in this country. That campaign is designed to catalyze communities to build partnerships and to discover what strategies work. The Administration has supported new and innovative demonstration programs and expanded existing programs in communities all across the U.S.

Protecting Medicaid

President Clinton is fighting to maintain the health care protection that Medicaid provides to millions of low-income mothers and children and elderly and disabled Americans. While Republicans are proposing to cut more than \$180 billion from Medicaid. The President is working to ensure that Medicaid is there to provide vital health care for those who cannot afford it.

Developed Healthy School Meal Initiative

Under the Department of Agriculture, the President has worked toward better nutrition for all school children. The school meals initiative aims to cut fat and sodium and improve the overall nutrition of school lunches and breakfasts.

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VII. PROVIDING BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

"We're working to bring people together -- to unite Americans rather than divide them. We're on the side of working families. We want every citizen to be able to reach his or her God-given potential. Helping working women is key to all this."

--President Clinton, May 19, 1995

Women-owned businesses contribute over \$1 trillion in sales to the U.S. economy annually.

Family-Friendly Workplace

Under President Clinton's leadership, the Women's Bureau launched a nationwide initiative to improve the lives of working Americans by encouraging employers to improve working conditions for working women and families. Under the Honor Roll program, the bureau collects commitments from employers to improve pay and benefits, create a family-friendly workplace and value women's work through training and advancement.

Working Women Count!

The Women's Bureau surveyed over 250,000 working women to learn more about their workplace experiences. The bureau is working to address the concerns raised by the survey: better pay and benefits, help balancing work and family, and workplace recognition.

Expanded Public-Private SBA's Women Demonstration Program

Under President Clinton, the Small Business Administration added 19 centers nationwide to its Women's Demonstration Program. The women's business sites offer financial management, marketing, procurement, technical and other assistance to women to launch a business or to run one more successfully. Each site is tailored to needs of the community.

SBA Lending To Women Has Increased by 86 Percent

A significant number of women business owners must use credit cards and personal resources to maintain or finance their businesses. The SBA under President Clinton has increased the volume of loans to women by 86 percent from 1993 to 1994 alone.

Created the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise

The President's Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise is comprised of senior officials from 10 federal agencies, ensuring that women's economic issues are addressed at the highest policy-making levels.

Increased Federal Procurement Contracts for Women

Supported by President Clinton, in 1994 the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act for the first time explicitly opened up \$200 billion in federal procurement contracts and subcontracts to women-owned businesses.

VIII. MAKING WAY FOR WOMEN -- BECOMING PARTNERS IN DECISION MAKING

"Women are beginning to participate more fully throughout this country in the life of America. As so far as I know, the sky is not falling anywhere." --President Clinton, August 26, 1995

The Baltimore Sun noted, that President Clinton has delivered on his promise to make diverse appointments: "No Administration has ever produced such diversity."

Appointing Women Throughout the Administration

President Clinton pledged to appoint an Administration that looked like America. Sticking to his commitment, he has opened more opportunities for women to serve in government than any other President.

- *More than 40 percent of the President's appointees are women, by the far the highest percentage of any Administration.

- *Six women hold Cabinet-level posts, the highest ever.

- *Several of the appointments have never been occupied by women including Attorney General, Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors, Secretary of Energy and Office of Management and Budget Director.

- *The President has appointed women to several positions traditionally held by men: chief scientist at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, deputy director at the National Science Foundation.

- *59 percent of the President's judicial nominees are women and minorities, highest ever.

- *Only the second President to nominate a woman to the Supreme Court.

- *Two out of the three policy-making councils in The White House are headed by women.

Women in the Military

The Clinton Administration has opened nearly 260,000 new positions for women who wish to serve in the military.

Established Older Women's Initiative

President Clinton established a new initiative at HHS to bring focus to issues affecting older women and their families.

Established First Deputy Assistant Secretary for Women's Health

The President has established the first Department-level position -- Deputy Assistant Secretary for Women's Health -- dedicated solely to improving women's health.

Created White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach

The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach was created by the President to better serve and listen to women. It serves as the primary liaison between The White House and women's organizations, listening to women's concerns and proposals and bringing these ideas to the President and others in the Administration.

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Please let us know how The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach can help you by answering the following questions:

It's addressed to The White House so all you need to do is attach a stamp and mail it.

Would you like to receive more information on a regular basis?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
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OCTOBER 31, 1995

Talking Points

Acknowledgements: and Tipper Gore.]

- I am very happy to be with you this afternoon. I want to thank each of you for the energy and resources you have dedicated to helping our Party improve the lives of women and all Americans.
- Women hold the key to solving a lot of the problems that face our country today. During policy-making sessions and legislative battles, we offer insights gleaned from the double perspective of being active both in the workplace and at home.
- As Democratic women, we have dedicated ourselves to helping create a more compassionate, a more just society for all Americans. And partly because of your leadership, we came closer to achieving these goals during my husband's first two years in office. For instance:
- Women and men are no longer forced to choose between their families and jobs because of the Family and Medical Leave Act, the first bill the President signed after taking office. The Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for an infant, spouse, or ailing loved one without losing their jobs.
- The Administration has increased investment in child care, created a Child Care bureau to streamline child care programs and a toll-free Child Care Information Center hotline.
- More than 15 million working families benefited the Administration's expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit. It is our first step toward making sure that no child of full-time working parents will have to live in poverty. The President has also proposed to raise the minimum wage.
- We have increased funding for WIC, the nutrition program that helps low-income women, infants and children.
- We have made strides against domestic violence. New laws will improve the responses by the police and courts to domestic violence, force sex offenders to pay restitution, increase funding to battered women's shelters and ensure that restraining orders no longer stop at the state line. In March, the President appointed a director of the new

Violence Against Women Office to coordinate these programs.

- Brady Bill and Assault Weapons ban keeps handguns out of reach of criminals, including men under restraining orders for domestic violence.
- We have ensured education and training for our families. The Student Loan Reform Act lowers interest rates for students and allows for flexible repayment plans for college costs. For students who do not plan to go to college, the School-to-Work program helps them get the education they need to get good jobs.
- We have expanded Head Start, allowing more than 50,000 children to take advantage of Head Start by the year 2000.
- This Administration has also ended more than a decade of anti-choice measures supported by the two previous Republican administrations.
- But these important accomplishments and the vision we as Democratic women share for a more compassionate and more just society are in jeopardy.
- Even as we speak, the new Republican majorities in Congress are furiously trying to turn back the clock: They are gutting the very program that gives many welfare-dependent families the incentive to work, Earned Income Tax Credit; cutting funding for Head Start; taking away food from the mouths of the nearly 50,000 needy women, infants and children, and taking heat away from the homes of the more than 5 million low income families who depend on federal home energy assistance programs. Even the Violence Against Women Act is slated for a \$50 million decrease in funding.
- Perhaps most alarming, the Republicans have sought to cut Medicare and Medicaid, programs that provide vital health services to our country's seniors and the needy.
- Too often the issues you and I have dedicated so much of our time and energy to, those relating to women and families, have been dismissed as "soft issues" - issues that don't really have much to do with the important and pressing problems that face us across the globe. Issues that don't belong in the board rooms, or in the TV studios or in the corporate offices around the world.
- But I think that is wrong. Because these issues that affect the physical, mental and social well-being of women and families, are inextricably linked to such traditionally "hard" issues as national security and economic development.
- Many in Congress, the Republicans especially, are blind to this connection. They think that they can attack these

programs with little impunity, that the economy will not suffer if the next generation of workers grows up undernourished and undereducated, that the people served by the modest programs slated for cuts will not remember when it comes time to vote in November.

- But, you and I, as Democratic women, must notice, must remember in November and must do all we can to preserve the futures of our families, our communities and our nation.

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