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MAKING OREGON A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **10.2 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created more than 10.2 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate nearly 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- more than one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan will cut the deficit for four years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 60,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down, violent crime fell 4 percent in 1995 -- the largest decline in more than a decade, and the number of murders decreased 8 percent -- one of the largest drops in three decades.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Oregon Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Oregon Has Declined from 8.1% to 5.1%.**
- **188,200 New Jobs in 41 Months -- More Than Double the Total of the Previous Administration.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 54%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Oregon.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **145,323 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 145,323 working families make ends meet.
- **398 New Police Officers in Oregon.** The President's Crime Bill puts 398 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **431,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 431,000 workers in Oregon.

TAKING BACK OREGON'S STREETS FROM CRIME AND DRUGS

Communities across America are taking back their streets from crime and drugs. After six years of gridlock, President Clinton passed the toughest, smartest Crime Bill ever. Violent crime and murder rates are falling, nearly 20,000 new police are on our streets, tens of thousands of criminals have been stopped from buying guns, and 19 of the deadliest assault weapons and their copies have been banned. President Clinton remains committed to making America safer by continuing to put more cops on the beat and taking guns, drugs and gangs out of our communities.

MAKING AMERICA A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE

THE TOUGHEST CRIME BILL EVER. With the strong support of every major law enforcement organization in the country, President Clinton signed into law the most comprehensive Crime Bill in the nation's history.

- **100,000 NEW POLICE.** The Crime Bill is putting 100,000 new police on our streets ahead of schedule. Already, nearly 20,000 new police are on the beat and more than 44,000 additional officers have been funded.
- **FIGHTING TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.** The first-ever Violence Against Women Act combines tough new penalties with programs to prosecute offenders and help women victims. Introduced nationwide 24-hour domestic violence hotline providing immediate crisis intervention.
- **GROUNDBREAKING RESOURCES HELPING STATES FIGHT CRIME AND DRUGS.** The Crime Bill is providing funding for 100,000 new prison cells, Drug Courts to break the cycle of drugs and crime, Boot Camps to instill discipline for juvenile non-violent offenders, and, for the first time, reimbursement for the cost of incarcerating criminal aliens.

- ★ Thanks to the Brady Law, over 60,000 fugitives, felons and others have been stopped from buying guns.
- ★ The rate of reported violent crimes has fallen each year of the Clinton Administration -- the first three-year consecutive decrease since 1984 -- after four years of increases before the President took office.
- ★ Cocaine use is down 30% since 1992 and purchases for illicit drug use have declined 23%.
- ★ The nation's largest cities saw their overall crime fall 6% in 1995.

GIVING OREGON THE RESOURCES IT NEEDS TO FIGHT CRIME AND DRUGS

- **398 MORE POLICE IN OREGON.** President Clinton's Crime Bill has funded 398 new police in communities across Oregon.
- **FIGHTING TO END DOMESTIC ABUSE.** Through Violence Against Women grants, Oregon will utilize \$1.5 million in federal funds by the end of this year to establish more women's shelters and bolster local law enforcement, prosecution and victims' services to better address violence against women.
- **WORKING TO KEEP DRUGS AND VIOLENCE OUT OF OREGON'S SCHOOLS.** Oregon will receive approximately \$4.5 million in FY96 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program which invests in school security and drug prevention programs -- benefitting 40 million students in 97% of America's school districts.
- **WORKING TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.** President Clinton is providing a roadmap for schools to adopt effective school uniform and truancy policies and for cities to implement curfew programs to reduce juvenile violence and increase learning and safety.
- **BREAKING THE CYCLE OF CRIME AND DRUGS.** Drug Courts in Oregon are providing a tough and effective alternative to incarceration for non-violent offenders. Oregon currently has a planning grant of \$31,423 for a Drug Court in Grants Pass and an enhancement grant of \$512,055 for Portland.
- **FIRST CRIMINAL ALIEN REIMBURSEMENTS.** Oregon has received nearly \$6 million in federal funds for the costs of incarcerating illegal aliens. This is the first time ever the federal government is assisting states with these costs.

WELFARE REFORM UNDER PRESIDENT CLINTON: OREGON

"Bill Clinton can justifiably claim that he has indeed ended welfare as we know it."

Douglas J. Besharov, American Enterprise Institute, *Business Week*, May 20, 1996

AMERICA...MOVING FAMILIES FROM WELFARE TO WORK

GRANTING UNPRECEDENTED STATE FLEXIBILITY. Even before President Clinton announced on July 31, 1996 that he will sign the welfare reform bill before Congress, America's welfare system has already changed profoundly under the Clinton Administration. Since taking office, the Clinton Administration has approved 77 welfare waivers in 43 states -- more than all previous administrations combined. In an average month, these welfare demonstrations are making work and responsibility a way of life for more than 10 million people -- approximately 75% of all AFDC recipients. States are now reforming welfare rules by requiring work, time limits, making work pay, improving child support enforcement, and encouraging parental responsibility.

PROMOTING SELF SUFFICIENCY. Due in part to the Administration's emphasis on welfare reform and its policies to strengthen the economy, welfare caseloads are down while work and training activities among recipients are up. And child support collections have reached a record high.

- The welfare rolls have decreased by 1.8 million -- over 13% -- since President Clinton took office after they grew 20% during the previous four years.
- In 42 states, welfare rolls have fallen, some by as much as 30%.
- Participation in the Food Stamp program has dropped by nearly 2 million people since May 1994 which has helped save taxpayers more than \$1.8 billion.
- Work and training activities among welfare recipients have increased by 28% since 1992.
- And the President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit has given tax relief to 15 million working families helping them move from welfare to work.

STRENGTHENING CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT. In 1995, the federal-state partnership collected a record \$11 billion from non-custodial parents, an increase of \$3 billion or nearly 40% since 1992. In addition, paternity establishments increased by over 40% from 1992 to 1995.

OREGON...MOVING FAMILIES FROM WELFARE TO WORK

27,156 FEWER PEOPLE ON WELFARE. The total number of AFDC recipients in Oregon has decreased 23%, from 117,656 in January 1993, to an 90,500 in March 1996.

TOUGHER CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT COLLECTS \$49 MILLION MORE -- an increase of 46% -- since FY 1992. In FY 1995, Oregon distributed \$156,829,194 in child support collections, up from \$107,434,692 in FY 1992.

58,100 MORE FAMILIES RECEIVED CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES -- an increase of 30% since FY 1992. In FY 1995, 253,447 families received child support services compared to 195,347 in FY 1992.

OREGON CHARTS ITS OWN WELFARE REFORM THROUGH CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WAIVERS. Oregon's JOBS Plus program provides individuals with short-term subsidized public or private employment at minimum wage or better. Participants continue to receive Medicaid and support services, as well as any child support payments the state collects on the family's behalf. Each JOBS Plus participant also has an Individual Education Account, to which employers will contribute one dollar per hour of work. The funds are available to the participant or immediate family for continuing education and training at any community college or state university. Oregon's second program, the Oregon Option builds on the JOBS Plus program with an innovative employment-focused approach. The state limits the benefits AFDC recipients receive to 24 months in a seven-year period. The funds saved from limiting welfare will be matched by federal funds and used for addition child care and JOBS services. To ease the transition to independence, Oregon will extend child care eligibility an additional 12 months for recipients who get jobs but whose income remains below a level established by the state. In addition, minor parents are required to live at home or at another safe living environment

ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN OREGON UNDER PRESIDENT CLINTON

President Clinton's strategy to strengthen the economy is based on reducing the federal budget deficit, lowering trade barriers, and empowering workers, families, businesses and communities to succeed. Here are some of the results for the nation and Oregon after the first 41 months of the Clinton Administration:

Improved Economic and Fiscal Conditions in the United States:

- Under the Clinton Economic Plan, the deficit will be lowered by more than \$1 trillion over 7 years -- the deficit will be cut for four years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President.
- 10.2 million new jobs created. Combined rate of unemployment and inflation at lowest level since 1968.
- Federal government workforce will drop by 272,900 -- creating lowest workforce since the Kennedy Administration.

Improved Economic Conditions in Oregon:

- The unemployment rate has dropped from 8.1% to 5.1%.
- Over twice as many new jobs per year -- 55,083 vs. 23,475 average during the previous 4 years.
- Almost three times as many new private sector jobs per year -- 54,498 vs. 18,800 average during the previous 4 years.
- 19,900 new manufacturing jobs added in 41 months -- after 7,300 lost during the previous 4 years.
- Consumer confidence has increased 54% -- after declining 54% during the previous 4 years.
- Business failures have decreased 13% per year -- after increasing 25% per year for the previous 4 years.
- New home building has increased 14% per year.

What President Clinton's Accomplishments Have Achieved for the People of Oregon:

\$15,000 OF REDUCED FEDERAL DEBT FOR EVERY FAMILY OF FOUR IN OREGON: The national debt will be more than \$1 trillion lower over 7 years than was projected before the passage of the President's economic plan. That's about \$15,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Oregon.

12 TIMES MORE OREGON FAMILIES RECEIVE A TAX CUT THAN A TAX INCREASE: As a result of the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit, 145,323 working families in Oregon will receive a tax cut. This compares to an increase in the income tax rate for only the 12,350 wealthiest taxpayers in Oregon.

TAX CUT FOR 18,286 SMALL BUSINESSES IN OREGON: The President helped entrepreneurs, proprietors, and other small businessmen and women by expanding the annual expensing allowance from \$10,000 to \$17,500. About 18,286 small businesses in Oregon are likely to benefit from the expansion of the expensing allowance this year alone *and many more will benefit over the coming years.*

431,000 OREGON WORKERS PROTECTED BY FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT: The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child, to care for a sick family member, or if they become too sick to work. This law covers about 430,843 workers in Oregon, and protects the jobs of 25,883 workers in Oregon who are likely to use unpaid leave this year alone.

215,900 STUDENTS AND FORMER STUDENTS IN OREGON WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM STUDENT LOAN REFORMS: Approximately 215,900 Oregon borrowers -- 151,100 current borrowers and 64,800 new borrowers in the next few years -- can take advantage of the new direct student loan program by participating directly in the program or by consolidating guaranteed loans into direct loans. Some will benefit from lower interest rates, and all will benefit from more repayment options, including income contingent repayment.

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