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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**THE REPORT FROM MY AT THE TABLE:**(Please return to White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach
ASAP following roundtable: Fax: 202-456-7311.)

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Location of Roundtable: American Council on Education, Washington, DC
Date of Roundtable: Tues. Feb. 27, 1996

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Number of Participants at Roundtable: 35
(See attached At the Table Roundtable Sign-In Sheet. Please send back along with this form and please make sure that all the participants have signed the sheet.)

Brief Description of Participants (i.e. working women, mothers, ethnicity, age):
a coalition of presidents and chairpersons of
progressive grassroots women's organizations

Main Topics Discussed: pension policy issues
and related Clinton Administration initiatives
on retirement savings and pension simplification

Most Important Conclusion: women's groups need to help
educate and inform their members on the need to
save and plan for retirement

MISCELLANEOUS: (e.g. newspaper clips, other thoughts)

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"AT THE TABLE" - Facilitator: Shirley Harrington-Watson

Louisville, KY - February 21, 1996 was the site of much activity from members of the Clinton Administration. As First Lady Hillary Clinton prepared to meet and greet well-wishers at book-signing tour for her book, "It Takes a Village", Attorney General Janet Reno addressed the Kentucky State Assembly on the issue of domestic violence. Appointee, Shirley Harrington-Watson, served as host for an "At The Table" discussion with twenty women at the Downtown Hyatt Regency Hotel.

This diverse group included 17 African Americans and 3 women of European decent. They ranged in ages 25-35 (3); 36-45 (4); 46-55 (11); and 65+ (1). There were 15 mothers. Of the twenty,; all were in mid-level or managerial positions; and 10 single and 10 married in the group.

The following are their priority concerns:

1. To be respected as responsible individuals and treated as first class citizens with equal opportunities. Examples were given of sales persons calling their homes asking to speak to the man of the house. One women stated, "You know a husband must sign for his wife to get a car here in Louisville." Another lady added, "I recently called to get an appraisal on my home which is in my name, but because my husband wasn't there to authorize it, they would not come out to look at my home." A third woman stated, "I refuse to buy from anybody who ask those questions. I live along, its none of their business if a man is in my life. I pay my own bills."
2. Having woman in positions of authority in government operations, not just one of two in top positions, but more women, especially in areas that impact the development of programs for women. "In implementation of government regulations, women must be a part of this decision-making process. Consult women on women issues."
3. A sustained level of commitment by the federal government to women business owners with more program support to encourage, educate and assist women who want to go into business. "If true empowerment for women in this country is to occur, more activity is needed to sustain economic development and growth for women in business."
4. Health care coverage that transfers with pre-existing conditions from one company to another when a women changes jobs. Protection under federal/state laws that prevent companies from cancellation of insurance policies for women known to have extended medical conditions that may exist for years. Cost controls on medical care should become priority.

5. Job security that does not diminish with privatization. Most felt that the federal government had the best record for opportunities in advancement for women. But they feared that contracting-out is going to reduce chances for advancement. Also, the contracting-out needs stiffer enforcement so that discrimination practices are prevented. Most preferred job-sharing with benefits instead of contractual part-time work arrangements, which carry no benefits.

6. "Pay for performance" is old come-back process that is subjective and subject to abuse. They strongly stated that "this area must be controlled better this time." Many felt that in most agencies, the mid-levels are being reduced and this is the highest level for most women. One commented, "Now that this middle is being cut, how will affirmative action work. Women have been the last-in and then first-out based on down-sizing, re-organizations and now performance factors. We are going backward, down in the ladder and over the next ten years we will go back up to this mid-level only to be forced to retire with no hope for top positions."

7. Want education systems to get in step with job market needs so that their children can compete. "The projections from international markets should be integrated into school curriculum. Our children will not have jobs if we don't change." stated one mother. Priority to higher education funding needs, and more funds available for students were also raised.

The closing comments were about safety in the workplace and safe environments to and from workplace; no glass-ceiling as identified in recent past; and transition time be given with special consideration for single-parents who may be required to move with staffing cuts.

Conclusion:

- A. Possible schedule of events within next six months to include an SBA conference for this area for women in or interested in business.
- B. Mail-outs that provide information on violence and crime with new laws that will help hopefully alter current trends.
- C. Public hearing on the status of women in Kentucky to focus on the opportunities of women and treatment by corporations and businesses.

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. Issues with Cut backs in
higher education as it impacts
African Americans and other minorities

2. Why are people hungry in
America with the abundance of
food in store houses?

3. _____

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Location of At the Table:

Louisville, Ky

Date of At the Table:

2-21-96

Appointee Host of At the Table:

Shirley Harrington Watson

Local Contact Host:

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

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Dear President Clinton:

1. The Federal Government should take a closer look at privatization and contracting out as: (a) corporate America is not all compliant in Equal Opportunity for women and minorities (b) corporate America not as concerned about compensation for its employees or the public. Specifically there is discussion on privatizing certain Social Security functions. That the Agency needs is just a little fine tuning and reorientation, not privatization.
2. Job Training partnership with corporate America so that in lieu of benefits for employees give stipends for on the job training with future retention with the company as permanent employees for men and women. For African American women it is important that for herself and her children that African American men be supportive of their families.
3. More support for Day Care and Head Start. we must invest in our children for their selves as well as our country's

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Location of At the Table: Louisville, Ky

Date of At the Table: 2/21/96

Appointee Host of At the Table: Shirley Harrington Watson

Local Contact Host: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

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Dear President Clinton:

1. I am concerned about the right to ~~maintain~~ possess
a concealed weapon at age 21. This concerns is
primarily relative to weapons in the public school
system and minors having access to weapons
and possessing these in schools.

2. I sympathize with Congress and the passage of bills
that result in govt. shutdowns that affect women
and single-parent families.

3.

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Location of At the Table:

Louisville, KY

Date of At the Table:

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Appointee Host of At the Table:

Shirley Watson

Local Contact Host:

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. My concern is crime and violence in the community and the proposal of carrying concealed weapons.

2. Major concern regarding health care - affordability.

3. Stress factor regarding the possible consolidation of some of the V.A. Regional Offices. If it is to be, will people be informed in a timely manner - not at the last minute.

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Location of At the Table: Louisville, Ky

Date of At the Table: 2/21/86

Appointee Host of At the Table: Shirley Harrington-Watson

Local Contact Host:

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. Health concerns re: cost, coverage,
and, existing conditions coverage,

2. education - re training, loans grants
etc.

3. _____

NAME: Nazir Walker

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Location of At the Table: New Ky

Date of At the Table: 21 Feb 96

Appointee Host of At the Table: Shirley Harrington Walker

Local Contact Host: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. My major concern is the effect that a balanced budget in seven years in reference to health care, creating economic security for the upper-lower class income bracket Americans. That the balanced budget offered by republicans seems to cater more to upper income brackets and corporate America. I would like for Mr. Clinton to continue to stand his ground when it comes to the cutting back of programs that help women and minorities.
2. Another concern is crime and violence in and out of the workplace. Because we have to work to support our families and crime deters you from working as much as you need to in order to support your family.
3. Another concern is education for myself and my child. Internationally right now that we can compete with other countries.
4. The complete elimination of affirmative action is a concern.

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Date of At the Table: 2-21-96

Appointee Host of At the Table: Shirley Harrington Watson

Local Contact Host: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

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Dear President Clinton:

1. The "Goat Old Boy" network is alive and well and working against women. Highest level of management needs to be better trained to treat women as equal to men.
2. This country needs to invest in training the population for skills and not just "getting a degree".
3. Health care Reform. Must be affordable and accessible.

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Appointee Host of At the Table: Shirley Harrington-Watson

Local Contact Host: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. The cost of higher education for children. As a working mother of 2, the cost of their education is mind-boggling. How can we possibly give our kids the education & skills needed to compete in global economy? We must invest in our children now if our nation is to stay competitive.
2. Affordable Health Care.
3. Crime and drugs. We must address these issues. Thank you what your administration has accomplished thus far. Keep up the good work!

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Location of At the Table: Louisville, KY

Date of At the Table: 2/21/96

Appointee Host of At the Table: Shirley Watson

Local Contact Host:

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

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Dear President Clinton:

1. I love what is being done for those who have less or nothing to what I do earn. But I am the working poor, I am a black female earning \$25,000 with two children, one just turned 18 & one 12, my husband works off on thorough temp. SRCS. I know that I have to pay about \$500.00 taxes and charges because I have no deduction I would, one day like to own my own home, but by the time I take out all deductions w/ ins. health & life, nothing is left. Yet I see those on welfare receiving more than I can ever hope to gain.
- I cannot get home ~~and~~ without spouses signature even though he would temporary and his debts become my downfall.
3. I think welfare need to be for those who work and need a lift for a short term.

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Location of At the Table: Louville Hyatt

Date of At the Table: 2-21-96

Appointee Host of At the Table: Shirley Watson

Local Contact Host: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. As the women Veterans Coordinator I notice the inequality of health care of our veterans & male veterans. Still we receive better and more comprehensive care in the VA system than women. We should have obstetrical care for our child-bearing age veterans. There is very little money funded for women's services in the VA system. Louisville, VA Medical Center has over 2000 women enrolled yet there is very little funding for a separate women's clinic and full-time primary care provider exclusively for women. There is very little space. The women have asked for inpatient rooms to be set aside for them. On the psychiatry inpatient units, privacy is still an issue. We serve a large area - transportation is often what stops women from receiving the care we do provide. We also have a growing homeless women veterans population and no money to house & rehabilitate them especially if they have children. Often the women don't have chronic mental illness but circumstances have left them homeless.

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Location of At the Table: Louisville, Ky

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Appointee Host of At the Table: Shirley Harrington Watson

Local Contact Host: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. TRUE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR WOMEN AND MINORITIES SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED through ownership in the American Enterprise system. If self-sufficiency is to be enforced, services that support the development toward this goal should not be eliminated under ~~the~~ with the misconception that they are welfare. Individuals who are of value to a society in terms of growing consumer spending and voting power are not welfare recipients. The return to the economy in dollars and cents is tripled.
- 2.

The MBDA's and services for women and minorities should be expanded to reflect the current trend of business growth among these groups, and the growth in the population of minorities who are actually the majority.

3.

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Location of At the Table:

Louisville, Ky

Date of At the Table:

2/21/96

Appointee Host of At the Table:

Shirley Harrison-McBarn

Local Contact Host:

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1.

Crime and violence in the community is a major concern because it curtails freedom of movement.

2.

Entitlements -

3.

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Location of At the Table:

Date of At the Table:

Feb 21, 1994

Appointee Host of At the Table:

Shirley Harrington Watson

Local Contact Host:

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. I am concerned that insurance companies are forcing the health care providers to make decisions based on profit rather than individual patient care needs. Everyone is concerned with escalating health care costs. Some escalation is predictable, but it is ^(insurance) growing disproportionately.

2. The government offers better career opportunity than the private sector for women but advancement is often predicated on mobility and women are disproportionately affected because they are less likely to be able to relocate. ^(and negatively)
Government still has unproductive personnel designations i.e. competitive and non-competitive.

Government needs to set the standard in employment practices and can still improve itself in this leadership role.

3. Continued importance needs to be focused on educating all children to reach their potential—both gifted and challenged. I have taught in an adjunct college instructor's position and have seen a steady decline in basic skills of incoming students over the last 10 years, especially among female students. Gender bias is real in education.

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Location of At the Table: LOUISVILLE KY

Date of At the Table: 2-21-96

Appointee Host of At the Table:

Local Contact Host:

Shirley Harrington Vals

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW
(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. Why is it that women are subject to judicial abuse given misleading information, labelled as a trouble maker for standing for truth and justice, being ignored and prolonging court judgments?

I am experiencing this situation now and have been ongoing since 1992.
I need help!

2. _____

3. _____

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Location of At the Table: Louisville Ky

Date of At the Table: 2/21/96

Appointee Host of At the Table: Shirley Harrington Wok

Local Contact Host: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. The attack on EEO programs is a major concern
of mine, because discrimination is still in existence
and these programs are needed to allow women the
opportunity to achieve economic empowerment.

2. devaluing the work of federal employees through
the budget process i.e. contracting out federal work
to private contractors, furloughs

3.

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Location of At the Table: LOUISVILLE, KY

Date of At the Table: 2/21/94

Appointee Host of At the Table: Shirley Watson

Local Contact Host: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. Equal pay, equal work.

2. Need more diversity in the workplace.

3. ~~When~~ Went to seminar in D.C. 5/95
Women: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow

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Location of At the Table: Louisville, KY (Hyatt Hotel)

Date of At the Table: 2/21/96

Appointee Host of At the Table: Shirley Watson

Local Contact Host: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

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Dear President Clinton:

1. Women consulted on issues that ARE being decided about women who be included in decision making issues, especially regarding welfare, social reforms, health, etc.

2. Education and skills development of our youth.

EEOC! Need to have power to investigate a company and providing advance notice that we are coming.

3. Continue development and support of women who have committed themselves to perpetuating a positive role in the home, family, workforce.

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Location of At the Table: Louisville, KY

Date of At the Table: 02-21-96

Appointee Host of At the Table: Shirley Harrington Watson

Local Contact Host:

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. Educational opportunities in the Postal Service are not open to everyone. Employees are selected by their directors to receive college courses paid for by the US Postal Service.

2. The Difference in medical treatment

More male illnesses are covered under medical insurance than women.

3. A fair evaluation system in government for merits.

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Location of At the Table: LOUISVILLE KY

Date of At the Table: 2-21-96

Appointee Host of At the Table: SHIRLEY WATSON

Local Contact Host:

"I hope you will
save our
movement to
leave no
children
behind."

"We as a nation
ought to
commit to
do no harm
to children."

We all have to understand
that stand for is
to stand for
children

I worry with my father of my being

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Location of Roundtable: Philadelphia, PA
Date of Roundtable: JUNE 14, 1996

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Number of Participants at Roundtable: 25

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Brief Description of Participants (i.e. working women, mothers, ethnicity, age):

- Working women
- Business owners

Main Topics Discussed:

Affirmative Action, Glass Ceiling, Equal Pay,
FMLA

Most Important Conclusion:

President Clinton should stand firm on
issues that he believes in, as opposed
to flip-flopping.

MISCELLANEOUS: (e.g. newspaper clips, other thoughts)

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Dear President Clinton:

1. Have two Vice-Presidents

Al Gore + a Woman

2. Get a Woman Surgeon General -

Allow her to model Health Care System
reform after 2 centuries that have
succeeded. Separate systems for
Metropolitan & provinces based a population.

3. Format of At the Table very helpful

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Local Contact Host:

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

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Dear President Clinton:

1. My grandmother used to say, in Jewish ("Yiddish")
parafela = be careful.
Your message is so good.
As a messenger you are so good.
Be careful that in haste, in the frantic,
hurry world of being president and
running for office ~~which~~, please ask your
staff, campaign workers, etc. to be
careful not to let the minor silly
mistakes happen that dilute the
message.
- 3.

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Location of At the Table: Sugarcreek, Morris Hacksher

Date of At the Table: 6/14/96

Appointee Host of At the Table: Rene Redwood Rhonda Crawford

Local Contact Host: Susan Turley

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. Striker Replacement Laws - Such laws are unrealistic and completely ignore balance of power needed in the labor management workforce.
2. Balance is the key - Appointment of Gould and Browning to the NLRB have upset balance. Circuit Courts are reversing NLRB all over the country. Appointment to such important ~~positions~~ should be based on balance, reasoned decision making process not politically based.
3. Many issues discussed today were helpful but I don't believe have "political solutions."

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Location of At the Table: Phila
Date of At the Table: June 14, 1996
Appointee Host of At the Table: Mr. Redwood
Local Contact Host: Susan Forey

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. Business Summits to educate Corporate America
concerning the dramatic changes in demographics
which have made women "economic beings."
Emphasizing growth in shareholder value by
marketing & selling to women (particularly
the ~~business~~ women's market) → Women are
a business imperative.

2. Greater need for attention & funding for
Women's Health Care

3. _____

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Date of At the Table: 4/14/96

Appointee Host of At the Table: _____

Local Contact Host: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

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Dear President Clinton:

1. A leader must focus on the good of the community.
Gov. focus over past 20 yrs has been on
individual rights. It was necessary, but
resulted in ~~abandonment~~ ^{lack} of individual responsibility
and promulgation of special interest groups.

Disproportionate gov. resources are spent on individual
rights

- now is time to adopt Vulcan motto
- something like 'the loss of one, for the good of the
2. many

FMLA is being abused. Dept. of Labor
required no individual responsibility
- put entire burden - even to point of
guessing whether employee needs leave -
on employer. Please fix it.

3. _____

NAME: _____

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Reene Redwood; Rhonda Crawford

Susan Turey

Engage in complex civil discourse. Don't
be simple. LEAD. TAKE A RISK AND
SHOW WHAT YOU STAND FOR.

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. Support systemic educational change.

2. Support positive ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

3. SUPPORT NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

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Location of At the Table: PHILA.

Date of At the Table: 6-14-94

Appointee Host of At the Table: RENE REDWOOD

Local Contact Host: SUSAN FURY

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. I think one of the main problems facing women today is balance in their lives and carrying the burden of motherhood, work and family.
We encourage our daughters to work hard, to have a career to be married and to have children. I am a business owner with 2 children. I worry constantly about my kids after school. Day care has to be available at all levels up to the age of 12 at least.
I can afford it and still have problems. What about the women who can't?
Why should the richest country in the world have rampant child neglect, child abuse and broken families. It is the burden of stress caused by lack of support structures at all levels despite income in some cases.
3. Healthcare and quality day care should be available for all. A family of four living on minimum wage cannot make it despite their best efforts. The children will then become a burden for the whole society because they do not experience a solid support structure from the start. It is a vicious cycle.

NAME: Veena Aggarwal

ADDRESS: 871 Richards Rd
Wayne, PA 19087

PHONE: (610) 783-5031

FAX: (610) 783-0726

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: Philadelphia

Date of At the Table: June 14th, 1996

Appointee Host of At the Table: Rene Redwood

Local Contact Host: Susan M. Furey

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. Take credit for (and do) pushing social change through research + education, not just legislative initiative or Presidential fiat; e.g. do info-commercials on the value to corporations of establishing progressive policies on developing minority + female workers. Women + minorities will respond + it's being provided for the benefit of corporations so you can claim you're working for business. Encourage progressive businesses to advertise the benefits to them of hiring + nurturing these employees.
2. Cut the sound bites and prevarication; be forthright about your policies. Encourage true education by thoughtful discussion. Be brave and honest.
3. Listen to Hillary's policy analysis.
4. Don't allow laws permitting individuals to challenge power to be diminished in order to save possibility of democracy, e.g. civil rights laws, attorney's fees statutes, affirmative action, punitive damages, etc. Otherwise the corporate power controls no matter who is in "power" + the citizens will lose their ability to truly participate.
5. We need to develop respect for participation. Do so by developing a thoughtful consistent agenda + sticking to it. Fight for it - you're not a mediator.

NAME: Gloria M. Gilman

ADDRESS: 700 W. Sedgwick St.
Phila, Pa 19119

PHONE: 215-842-1584 (h)

FAX: 215-925-4933

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: Phila, PA.

Date of At the Table: 6/14/96

Appointee Host of At the Table: Rhonda Crawford; René Redwood

Local Contact Host: Susan Furey

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. Positive propaganda on values of skills needed for parenting -
 - Support parenting classes in public schools
 - Support training programs for males & females after high school/college to become "nannies" or caretakers of elderly ^{support} an "A Pair America" with Americans taking care of American children in America.
 - ↑ studies on importance of male role in child rearing
2. Send check to

Jo White in '96

to support my candidacy for

Pennsylvania State Representative District #61 (Democrat)
Address below
3. Make another try at health care reform.
This time have physicians, HMO administrators,
insurance reps on committee to make
recommendations

NAME: Jo White, up

ADDRESS: PO Box 274
Gwynedd, PA 19436

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Location of At the Table: Philadelphia

Date of At the Table: 6/14/96

Appointee Host of At the Table: Susan M. Furey

Local Contact Host: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

- Citizens are disenchanted with politicians. People want to believe what leaders say but don't. Politicians are not perceived as honest or sincere. Politicians will say anything to get votes.

Given Bob Dole as the opposition, Clinton has nothing to lose. Take hard stands, be honest, take risks, take a strong position. Talk about true realities, required sacrifices, let the public know who you are and what you believe in - exert true leadership. Recognize the complexities of the issues.
- Preserve the Safety Net for the working poor

Encourage welfare recipients to work - provide support for training and preparation for work - recognizing that most of these people will work at minimum wage - preserve the health care coverage for working poor families.
- Stick to the middle road

America fears the extremes from either party

NAME: Mary Rogovin

ADDRESS: 642 Revere Rd
Merion Pa 19066

PHONE: 610 668-8009

FAX: 610 668-3631

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: Phila Pa

Date of At the Table: 12/14/96

Appointee Host of At the Table: _____

Local Contact Host: Susan Furey, Leola Price

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. Please stand up for something!
Take a stand & don't move, we need a
leader in whom we can have confidence
that he will do what he says. Compromise
is one thing - selling out is another.
2. I want to know what you will
protect above all else - will it be children,
big business, medicare, national defense?
I hope you will draw the line in the
sand for children. This will gain you
3. respect even from people who disagree.
Last point - stop letting little issues that few
people really care about (same sex marriage, travelgate
liberal judges, etc) take up so much time & media
attention.

NAME: Kathy Neary

ADDRESS: 538 Beaumont Circle
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FAX: 610-429-0509

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Location of At the Table: Phila.

Date of At the Table: 6/14/96

Appointee Host of At the Table: Rhonda Crawford - Rene Redwood

Local Contact Host: Susan Furey.

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

(Please return to the Presidential Appointee Host of the At the Table.)

Dear President Clinton:

1. Education as to definitions of terms - Affirmative Action may be ~~the~~
2. Have political ads stress your positions on personal issues that affect many people
3. Respond to opposition when they only try to draw attention to themselves

NAME: Felice Wiener

ADDRESS: 1233 Remington
Wynnewood PA 19096

PHONE: 610-649-6552

FAX: 610-649-3883

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: _____

Date of At the Table: 6/14/96

Appointee Host of At the Table: Susan Ferry

Local Contact Host: _____



THE REPORT FROM MY AT THE TABLE:

WHERE: Chicago, IL
AFL-CIO

WHEN: May 30, 1996

HOST: DOL Women's Bureau
Name: Ida L. Castro, Acting Director
Address: 200 Constitution Ave NW, 53002
Phone: 202-219-6611
Fax: 202-219-5529
E-Mail

PARTICIPANTS: Senior labor union women
Names, Addresses, Phone, Fax, E-Mail
(Please use separate sheet.)

TOPICS DISCUSSED: continued male dominance in some unions and occupations, union resistance to even minor changes, need for training in leadership + nontraditional occupations, need for more awareness/support of women's role in unions.

MOST IMPORTANT CONCLUSION:
women need govt help to encourage their full participation in unions

MISCELLANEOUS: (e.g. newspaper clips, other thoughts)

Send completed forms to The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach,
708 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C. 20503

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. MORE WOMEN ARE ENTERING THE WORK FORCE THAN EVER BEFORE, BY THE YEAR 2000, TWO OF EVERY THREE PEOPLE ENTERING WILL BE WOMEN, HOWEVER 60% OF WORKING WOMEN ARE IN LOW PAYING JOBS, THEY CAN'T AFFORD HEALTH CARE, CHILD CARE, ELDER CARE AND IS BURDENED WITH THE STRESS OF NOT BEING ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF FAMILY

2. WE NEED LEGISLATION PASSED FOR PAY EQUITY, NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

3. WE NEED LABOR LAW REFORM & A SAFE WORK PLACE.

NAME: KATIE JORDAN

ADDRESS: 8126 S. LASALLE

PHONE: 312-738-6100

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: _____

Date of At the Table: MAY 30 1996

Host of At the Table: IDA CASTRA

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I'm interested in seeing you become more aggressive toward assisting labor -

Strikes Replacement

fair wages -

equality + ability for women to work

Child care

health care

2. Tax capnading

prevent downsizing which requires workers to find P.T. jobs - The D.S. is becoming a nation of P.T. workers w/o benefits + no family life.

3.

NAME: Jo Pressler

ADDRESS: 1615 W Jackson Blvd, 7th Fl.
Chgo Ill 60612

PHONE: 312-738-2810

FAX: 312-738-2823

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: Chgo Fed of Labor

Date of At the Table: _____

Host of At the Table: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. Push for labor law reform so that we can organize & represent those who want to be union.
2. Stay on course, value women's worth.
3. Protect reproductive freedom.

NAME:

Margaret Blackwell

ADDRESS:

55 W Wacker

PHONE:

312-251-1414

FAX:

1420

E-MAIL:

Location of At the Table:

Date of At the Table:

Host of At the Table:

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Go - Teams
Katie - UNITE - Club President

Margaret

Guidelines / Examples - How ϕ can rise
i go up the stairs.

- See the steps up!

Joe - Leaders

Prospective to K negotiations by the
Labor Morit

Katie - UNITE - Club Pres.



THE REPORT FROM MY AT THE TABLE:

WHERE: Chicago, I.L.
SER Office

WHEN: May 30, 1996

HOST: DOL
Women's Bureau
Name: Ida L. Castro, Acting Director
Address: 200 Constitution Ave NW, S3002
Phone: 202-219-6611
Fax: 202-219-5529
E-Mail

PARTICIPANTS: Dislocated women workers in re-training program
Names, Addresses, Phone, Fax, E-Mail
(Please use separate sheet.)

TOPICS DISCUSSED:
need for education/training; discrimination; job insecurity;
child care; medical insurance

MOST IMPORTANT CONCLUSION:

The job situation is extremely tenuous. While these women were happy to be in a re-training program, ~~they~~ they feared they wouldn't find jobs or - if they did - they'd be dislocated again.

MISCELLANEOUS: (e.g. newspaper clips, other thoughts)

Send completed forms to The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach,
708 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C. 20503

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION
THAT I AM 26 YEARS OLD AND I HAVE NO CHILDREN
AND I FEEL THAT THE MINIMUM WAGE IS NOT
ENOUGH TO SUPPORT A SINGLE PERSON LIKE MYSELF.

2. I ALSO FEEL THAT THE HIGHER THE EDUCATION
ONE HAS DOES NOT GUARANTEE HIGHER PAYING
JOB. I MYSELF DID NOT FINISH MY COLLEGE
EDUCATION BECAUSE I NOTICED A LOT OF MY
PEERS WHO COMPLETED COLLEGE COULD NOT FIND
A JOB IN THEIR FIELD OF STUDY AND GOT JOBS
THAT DIDN'T PAY MORE THAN \$10 AN HOUR.
I MADE MORE MONEY THAN THEY DID.

3. I HOPE YOU ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT A LOT OF
COMPANIES ARE HIRING PEOPLE TO TAKE PLACE OF
EXPERIENCED + EDUCATED PERSONNEL IN ORDER
TO PAY THEM LESS EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE
INEXPERIENCED + LESS EDUCATED.

NAME: NANCY HERNANDEZ

ADDRESS: 3054 N. KILPATRICK

PHONE: (312) 777-1422

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: _____

Date of At the Table: _____

Host of At the Table: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. No one is safe now. Government jobs use to be stable but now days it's not true. The price to live is increasing while jobs are decreasing. This World will be in total chaos. What are we suppose to do? You wonder who are the jobs full, why is drug abuse on the rise? No one can cope, or support their family. People with degrees + P.H.D's can't get a job. Why? One say get an education then the grants are cut. Yes I want to do better.
2. One ~~is~~ don't expect a hand out, but while I'm climbing the ladder don't kick me down a step.

NAME: Shaterice Sayles

ADDRESS: 3510 S Rhodes 2058
Chicago, IL 60653

PHONE: (312) 548-4268

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: SER

Date of At the Table: May 30, 96

Host of At the Table: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I would like to say I'm getting this training thanks to Mayor Office. I hope this benefits stay for long time because somebody US can get this training too.

2. SER Institute is a great opportunity for everybody. For me it is like a dream can true because when I came to this country I don't speak any English so I can continue ahead.

3. So hope more Spanish people have this great opportunity.

NAME: Martin Lopez

ADDRESS: 7627 S Lawler
Burbank, CA 91506

PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: _____

Date of At the Table: _____

Host of At the Table: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I would really like the economy to improve. Not only use jobs ~~people~~ very hard to find. Living in society is very hard. ~~now~~ working for 4.25 an hour is just inhuman to live under the conditions that are put upon us.

2.

3.

NAME: Theresa Young

ADDRESS: 224 N. Leanington

PHONE: (321) ~~287~~ 287-6592

FAX:

E-MAIL:

Location of At the Table:

Date of At the Table:

Host of At the Table:

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. You should know how a lot people not work and just living from the government. Make laws to force this people to work and not living from us.

More programs to prepare young people for the future.

2. Taxes, raising taxes and the people who make minimum wage can live and it is difficult to take care homes. Always put the laws against poor people.

Law companies moving out of the country.

3. About Medical Insurance. Poor people can't pay insurance like me. Government should do something for us. We paid taxes and we have no rights any medical right for insurance.

NAME: Emigdalina Delgado

ADDRESS: 1920 N. Cicero Ave.

Chicago, Illinois 60639

PHONE: (312) 622-6727

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: _____

Date of At the Table: May 3, 1996

Host of At the Table: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. Credit cards interest

Can I save interest Why am I paying all this high interest rate and I can not obtain our income tax? Why if I make 5% on a saving account do I pay 19% on a credit card?

2. More + more single mothers are raising their children as single parents more breaks are needed.

3. Need more work for our project discrimination to train minority to get them ready for tomorrow's jobs.

NAME: Minerva Vega

ADDRESS: 4250 E. Drummond

PHONE: (312) 237-2116

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: _____

Date of At the Table: _____

Host of At the Table: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I am a single dislocated worker. My main concern at this particular point is daycare. In my opinion the U.S. government needs to allocate more money to our schools ~~so that~~ for the kindergarten age students, or shall I say maybe this is a local issue, but in more than one way the U.S. government plays a major part on this issue

2. My next concern is the issue of discrimination. I have been on several interviews and I feel that I was discriminated against because I am an African-American, A WOMAN, AND A BIT OVERWEIGHT. I think we need to have stricter laws pertaining to the issues I have mentioned.

3.

NAME: SONYA HERMAN

ADDRESS: 1048 N. LAVERGNE

Chg. IL 60651

PHONE: (312) 379-0603

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: SER BUSINESS & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Date of At the Table: 05-30-96

Host of At the Table: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I am a dislocated worker, who worked for 15 yrs at one company. I would like to see in the future that when you have put in this much time at one place, that company should be responsible for giving something of provision to prepare the workers for the outside world. I also would like to see the employer hire on experience, not on who you know, playing politics with your life.

2.

3.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: _____

Date of At the Table: _____

Host of At the Table: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. Large Companies are downsizing but the plan for deploying employees are biased. The plan usually consists of getting rid of employees by the supervisor or manager based on personality clashes or friendships.
2. As a displaced person, you feel you can not fight a large company and you do not have any evidence to prove you were released from work due to anything other than your personality clash with a supervisor or manager.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: _____

Date of At the Table: _____

Host of At the Table: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1.

To keep up the good job.

2.

3.

NAME: Lucita Sumulong

ADDRESS: 4240 N. California
Chicago Il. 60618

PHONE: (312) 267-5774

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: SEK Business & Technical Institute

Date of At the Table: 5/30/96 5110 W. Roosevelt St.

Host of At the Table: Eda Chicago Il. 60610

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I'm a dislocated worker, from powerhouse Sears Roebuck & Co. I was laid off in July - 1995. My position moved to Dallas, TX. My question to you Mr. President is: what are you and your administration going to do to stop our jobs from moving overseas and to lower paying states like TX, Mich, etc?

2. Mr. President, please don't cut the educational grant and loan programs. We need these programs to continue to better our kids chances for success in an Capitalistic Society.

3.

NAME: Evelyn Palmer

ADDRESS: 1124 N. Monitor
Chicago, IL 60651

PHONE: (312) 379-1175

FAX:

E-MAIL:

Location of At the Table: SER Business + Tech. Institute

Date of At the Table: 5-30-96

Host of At the Table: EDA

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. Mr. President ever since I started working I have been discriminated against. First was because of being female and second because of my age. I think you should approve a law for equal pay because that's another thing I do not understand. I was working as a Receptionist during duties as a secretary with a pay of 6.00 an hour. A week after I was hired a young man got hired doing less work and sometimes not even working his hours but yet he was being paid more 8.00 an hour.
2. And that's not all this particular person is illegal he doesn't have legal residence, his social security is not his. I'm working there I'm Naturalized United States citizen performing duties as a secretary making 6.00 an hour and here is this guy doesn't speak English is not legal in this country but is making 8.00 an hour. So Mr. President please help all the women that are going thru the same. My Name is NORMA RODRIGUEZ, 3031 W. 38th PLACE, CHICAGO, ILL. 60632.
3. Another issue is violence to much guns in the city of Chicago we have been having kids 9 to 17 yrs. old please help us. My cousin's son got kill 3 months ago. A Nephew was shot on Mother's Day. I'm willing to get involved and stop all this violence. It's getting very, very scary. Please help us.

NAME: NORMA RODRIGUEZ

ADDRESS: 3031 W. 38th PLACE

CHICAGO ILLINOIS 60632

PHONE: (312) 247-7189 - or - (312) 254-5475

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: 5051 W. Roosevelt Rd.

Date of At the Table: MAY 30, 1996

Host of At the Table: Ms. EDA

P.S. Mr. President please get back so that we can discuss the issues which I know you are about. Thank you for your time to read this information.

all the Rep.
in Chicago
needs you.

Sincerely,

Norma Rodriguez

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I would like to let you know.
FIRST I AM GOING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING
ABOUT ME I'M A MEXICAN GIRL I AM 21 YEARS
OLD I WAS WORKING WITH A COMPANY
FOR FOUR YEARS, I WAS ONE OF THE FIRST
PEOPLE WORKING FOR THE COMPANY BY THAT
TIME PEOPLE WAS STARTING TO GET HIRE
AT THAT TIME I WAS TEACHING THE
PEOPLE HOW TO DO THE JOB TIME LATER
MY BOSS WAS MAKING DISCRIMINATION ON
2. TREATING ME BAD TIME LATER HE JUST
TOLD ME THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE THE JOB
FOR ME.

3. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU IF YOU
CAN HELP THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IN A
FACTORY BECAUSE ALOT OF TIMES THE
MEXICAN PEOPLE ARE TREAT VERY BAD
BECAUSE ALOT OF MEXICAN PEOPLE DON'T
SPEAK VERY GOOD ENGLISH.

NAME: ESPERANZA MONTERO

ADDRESS: 1908 S. 51 AV CACEPO IL

PHONE: (708) 652-0215

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: _____

Date of At the Table: _____

Host of At the Table: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I would like to know why after paying health insurance for most of your life the insurance company stops paying your Hospital Bills. I was paying my insurance premiums with ~~the~~ workman's compensation ~~from~~ the employer stopped paying workman's compensation I could no longer afford paying my premiums therefore the insurance ~~cancel~~ me. I could no longer pay so it created a lot of health problems. Then you have to wait a year to apply for SSI and then to wait another year ~~before~~ it took a toll on my health and made me worse.

2. Why is it that Immigration is taking there sweet time about calling us or writing to us - to let us know when we can become Citizens it has been a year and four months for me others - 2 yrs. - I have been in this country for over 35 years. ~~not~~ believe ~~it~~ because we - the Hispanics went to vote on elect President Clinton. I also believe that the Republicans are behind the long wait. YOU ARE A GOOD MAN SIR I ALWAYS PRAY FOR YOU AND YOUR WIFE AND CHILD.

3. Can you please have some kind of insurance in place to where you can still be covered once you ^{become} disabled or SSI to where you don't have to wait so long. If I had not had someone to care for me - my daughter I would have been homeless which it also took a toll on my daughter's health. (her nervous break down)

NAME: Connie Garcia (Disabled)

ADDRESS: 2643 Atlantic
FRANKLIN PARK TX

PHONE: 208 451-1601

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: _____

Date of At the Table: _____

Host of At the Table: _____

P.S.
I apologize for my writing but we were given a short time to fill out this form - we have to go back to class. Thank you President Clinton for this program. God Bless you and your family and you will always be in my prayer.
Sincerely Connie



THE REPORT FROM MY AT THE TABLE:

WHERE: Chicago, IL
Chicago Commons

WHEN: May 30, 1996

HOST: DOL Women's Bureau

Name: Ida L. Castro, Acting Director

Address: 200 Constitution Ave NW, 53002

Phone: 202-219-6611

Fax: 202-219-5529

E-Mail

PARTICIPANTS:

Names, Addresses, Phone, Fax, E-Mail
(Please use separate sheet.)

women on public assistance in
training for self-sufficiency

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

need for education + training; lack of jobs; low wages;
need for help collecting child support; problems with
welfare cut off dates

MOST IMPORTANT CONCLUSION:

These women are working hard to support themselves and
their families, but they need more support and opportunity

MISCELLANEOUS: (e.g. newspaper clips, other thoughts)

Send completed forms to The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach,
708 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C. 20503

Learning disabled reg'd 7 time in school

- We are trying and its hard w/ a learning disab.

- 2 yrs is not enough

Anna
Gabriel

All these houses were built ~~with~~ for poor people - however the ones that really need don't have - Those that don't need it all they do is sell drugs.

Maria
Moyet

Benefits for ♀ - When you go for work - you can't afford it if kids

Betty Helen -

3 kids (girls) - not enough jobs.
If you want to get off ~~side~~ - jobs don't pay

You should get paid to be trained.
Project exchange - gives you \$20 / month to look for work. They got us in a bind! You need to be careful finding quality child care. If you get \$4.50 / hr and they charge \$8.00 / hr for child care

Elizabeth - mother of 4 - More time for GED and job training - Go ~~home~~ after the 7th

Rita

Single mother - Get jobs.

Problem is daughter's medical.
Her mom is disabled. She lives w/
her. More jobs in the city. Jobs
are in the suburbs - Also buses
don't run frequently nor do they
go all the way.
The few better jobs

Horretta

9 kids - 4 more schools for the
mothers w/ Day Care - w/ work program
& jobs

I only want a good job.

Knowledge is power. Women mess up their
lives out of ignorance. I want to be able
to pay gas. I want to get it the right way.

Charmen

→ Insurance is Key for the work field.

Adela

Chicago Commons is great.

Incest Survivor - Couldn't go to school
at the time. She is also a volunteer
parent. When you work you don't
become involved as w/parents.

She lost her job - and she went home
to be a mom but had to ~~go~~ give it all
up. You can't work & be a mom - they won't

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I am a welfare Mother. I have return to school for my GED. I been out of school for a long time. I need more time in Education. After I get the GED program Education need to be continue for better job that will meet the needs of the family.
2. More Funds for Education. Higher wages. Child Care. Jobs should provide health benefits.
3. More jobs that can meet the needs of the working mothers.

NAME: Michelle Brown

ADDRESS: 5125 W. Crystal

PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: _____

Date of At the Table: _____

Host of At the Table: _____

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. Pues yo quiero trabajar. Pero no puedo por mis hijos que no tengo quien me los cuide y pues tiene que dejar de trabajar por que cuando tenia quien me cuidara los niños lloraban mucho por la hora que era muy temprano y pues me gustaria que las fabricas tuvieran un day care para que una estuviera mirando sus niños si estan bien o si no se enferman. pues tambien me gustaria que tuvieran en las fabricas o trabajas un horario mas flexible. que no tenga que levantar los niños a las 5 O 6 AM. de la mañana. Pues tambien
2. Me gustaria que hubiera mas oportunidades en los trabajas. Como seguranca, mejores beneficios mas programas en las escuelas y en las escuelas catolicas que ubiera un precio mas bajo. por que ahor no ay muchas oportunidades de mandar los hijos a estudiar los precios son muy altos.

NAME:

Rosalia Sotelo

ADDRESS:

1517 N HAWKING
Chicago ill 60651

PHONE:

312-227-8684

FAX:

E-MAIL:

Location of At the Table:

Date of At the Table:

Host of At the Table:

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. Build schools and Demand That Mothers go to school a couple of days a week, and will have a job training on site with day care inside.

I am on public Aid, am in school trying to obtain my G.E.D. and planing to go into a job training. I live in an apartment that I have to pay rent and my own heat and light every year. My Gas get shut off because I don't have enough money to pay for all the Utilities and when Christmas come and school starts back. I don't have the money to buy my children it really gets depressing sometimes. I thank God for Public Aid its just enough to keep me and my children from going under. Its not enough that you would really want to live off of it for the rest of your life. I really I can't understand why so many people are so hard on humans life women and children.

We need rent contrall

3.

NAME:

Loella White

ADDRESS:

1105 N. Central Park

PHONE:

FAX:

E-MAIL:

Location of At the Table:

Date of At the Table:

Host of At the Table:

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. My name is Angelica I would like you to know that we need more education school. Because before it was different now it's even hard. I am a single parent of one kid and it's hard because sometime my daughter sometime come home and tell me I need help and there time I can't help her. But now that I started Chicago Common it's help me out a lot. I have been hear for a whole year and 2 month and I have learn a lot. Soon I will probably be out of hear soon. I was working before but I was hard because I was going to school and working at the same time so I had to leave my job ~~beu~~ because I couldn't handle it.
- 2.
- 3.

NAME: Angelica Nevarez

ADDRESS: 2837 N Whipple

PHONE: 312 525-4316

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I Maria Mayet who have one Child what I want from you is to help Single Mothers that are in School trying to make a better life for themselves plus their Child or Children to have more books in schools that help mother on AFDC. And for a better Education and to open School for women School that help you pick out your True Talent in a job you will like some you don't have to go back to AFDC.
- 2.
- 3.

NAME: Maria Mayet

ADDRESS: 1355 N Homan

PHONE: 252-1412

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. Should I say I am Damed for being born a woman or Am I Damed because I am a mother. NO! I am Proud of both.

Please help me & others to become productive citizens of our nation. I would love to persue a career in law, But Child care, Affordable child is not easy. Money for transportation & Homes for low income working women is not as easy as they all say. I feel every thing is for the benefit of men. I can't buy a house because I

2. Am a single mother & paying my bills on time has left me with bad credit. on the Contrary My EX Has a nice car, Pays child care when he wants & Does not have to work with expenses of 5 children & myself.

3.

NAME: Dee. Jan.

ADDRESS: 2800 S. Homan
Chicago IL 60623.

PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. Welfare reform must include funding and provisions for education and training, not simply to mandate work. The states are not good places for this reform to occur. Welfare needs to remain a Federal entitlement.

2. Welfare reform ~~will~~ will not happen without guaranteed health care, childcare and a very large investment ~~in~~ in literacy and job training.

3.

NAME: Jenny Wittner

ADDRESS: 5932 N. Kostner
Chicago IL 60646

PHONE: 312-772-0900

FAX: 312-772-0136

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: Chicago Commons

Date of At the Table: 5/31/96

Host of At the Table: Ida Castro

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. My Name is Francisca Cruz. I'm a mother of 13 children. I have a teenager that's 14 years old. The problem that I have is giving the teenager a home when I work. Since project change does not cover for childcare after they turned 12. I suggest that there should be more programs for teenagers to get involved after school. I because I'm very afraid for my son living him alone in the house. I could get in trouble because he's under 18.
2. and you know how teenagers are, they do what they want when they are left alone. The gangs get a hold on them and you lose them to the streets. So please do something for the teenagers. More programs for them to get involved.

Thank you

Sincerely yours

3.

Francisca Cruz

NAME: Francisca Cruz

ADDRESS: 1643 N. Spaulding

PHONE: (312) 227-4823

FAX:

E-MAIL:

Location of At the Table:

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. My name is trina and I am really interested in knowing why we have such an unorganized Department of Children and family Services are they really out to help our kids.

I think not they need help they are doing! They don't know what

2. Also I really think we need better educational equipment at our minority schools (computers etc)

3.

NAME: Katrina King

ADDRESS: 1914 W Kimbark

Chicago IL 60647

PHONE: (312) 862-1617

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. If you would put your feet into our shoes you would know ~~how~~ hard it is to survive with 1 check per month for me now to feed, clothes, pay bills and do other things with one check it is not enough. I did not ~~the~~ chose to be in this. Please give us more time to finished our school year. And then go to a training program. Lets if we don't have to struggle to keep up with the system.

2. Give me the time and I know that I will be proud of my life. That even though I'm struggling I can make it and show others that it is never to late for anything to happen and accomplish what they want in life for them and their love ones.

3. Please don't discriminate us for being women that are trying our best in life. Give us to continue our school year and help us with medical and child care for us to move on in life it may be a struggle but it is worth the struggle. God Bless you and your ability of trying to help us out!

NAME: Ruth ALVARADO

ADDRESS: 1956 N. Whipple

PHONE: (312) 342-5478.

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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God Bless you
Once again

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. Yo soy una madre de 2 niños. Yo estoy en Chicago Common. Trato de ser de superme. Uno de mis problemas es yo trabajo solo los fines de semana por 12 horas al día, y yo trabajo muy duro y me pagan muy poco, me he dado cuenta que ahora con todas las políticas anti-inmigrante que existen, estamos en peores condiciones de trabajo y aprovechándose de está los dueños de restaurantes, puesto que ahora pagan menos. Yo he tratado de no ser una carga para este país, siempre he pagado impuestos y nunca he recibido ningún beneficio de ninguna clase.
3. me gustaría que pudiera haber una oportunidad mas para arreglar nuestra situación migratoria a las personas que hemos hecho meritos para este país.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: Teresa Morales

PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I, Peggy Fischer, want you to know that there are a few things needed to be done, by you, in order to help women get a job and keep it. Women need childcare for their children, at an affordable rate. It is hard to work at minimum wage and pay a babysitter, the ends never meet. The babysitter usually asks for \$5 to \$10.00 an hour, depending on the age and number of children. A low paying job doesn't go far after the childcare. Another thing that needs to be done
2. to help women get good jobs is education. I know for myself, I personally know that job training is hard to get. I have just finished getting my G.E.D. thanks to you and the government, but as a mother of four and at the age of 31 yrs old where can a woman with no job skills get a job? I know alot of women who need some training or college to get a job. We women need to have it more affordable and more exersible.
3. Thankyou for what you have done, but more is needed. Women need help getting the jobs we want. We need counseling if needed, childcare, medical coverage for the children and education and job training. You did alot for women and we thankyou. Please keep us in your mind and thoughts as you get bills signed. Thankyou

NAME: Peggy L. Fischer

ADDRESS: 2112 N. Lawndale - Bmt
Chicago, IL 60647

PHONE: (312) 862-4965

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: _____

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I am a Mother of two teener I have been
get P.A. Since My oldest ~~was~~ was born she is 16 yrd now.
I am going to school now at Chicago Community it's
been about 7 month that I have ^{been} there. Since I been
there I find out that I have a learning ~~is~~ Disability.
if I get ~~out~~ of school I can't get a Job to Support
my family now a day the first thing that they ask
for is your Depolma. if you don't have one you
know that they will give you the run around.
2. US. mother's that have been getting P.A. they
dream of getting off it but the way prices and
rent has gone up it is getting hard for US to
find a good paying Job. With the Minimum pay
it hard to Support the family and pay for
child care at the same time to. Some women
that have little kid and tire to get a Job it get's
hard because they have to pay for transportation and
insurance that they can't afford.
3. there has to be a way to have insurance that low
income people can afford medice care. I think if gov
tire to fight for the Componise to pay a little more people
will be able to live a little better. and have the P.A. for
those who real need it, they also have these low income
house but some of the one's that are living in them are
drug dealers so there fore the one's that real need it don't
have it.

NAME: ANA GABRIEL

ADDRESS: 1237N Rockwell

Chicago IL 60622

PHONE: 312-772-3414

FAX:

E-MAIL:

Location of At the Table:

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. It is ludicrous what the government is doing to
uneducated women. They are making it hard for us to
survive. Mr. President you must and I know we can't get
HER B.E.D. and the job training that we need in this place.
We need more time to prepare ourselves for an education
and job. There are lots of women who are illiterate. I have
been in school now a year or half but I am not ready to
work more. We need better child care, Medicaid and support
from the government to help us get off of public
aid. I don't think it's fair that we will be cut
off public aid. What can you do to help us?
2. off public aid. What can you do to help us?
3. _____

NAME: Elizabeth Perry

ADDRESS: 5642 West North Ave

PHONE: 312-237-4826

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: _____

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I would like for you to get better high paying jobs and good insurance for single mothers and kids because its very difficult to raise kids when you make only \$4.25. And also people that cant go to school because they have a default on there loan they should fix a program for they continue there education and go to school. Because they cant afford to pay for there education and there kids at the same time.
2. We should get more jobs in the city because alot of people dont have transportation to the suburbs. and they should have buses that go out there for better jobs.
- 3.

NAME: Rosa Fleites

ADDRESS: 7249 W. Belmont

CHGO ILL 60634

PHONE: (312) 745-8997

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. More job and here pay raise!

The job that they have don't pay enough money so that women on A F DC can get off A F D.C.

I think that if they won us to get off of A F DC they should find a way to help the women

2. They should put more job training and if you are going to a job training they should pay you for going and give you your check to help you find a job.

3. I feel that A F DC doesn't give a person a person enough money to go looking for a job with \$20.00 month for transportation fair.

NAME: Betty Mellon

ADDRESS: 4922 W. Rice

PHONE: (312) 287-7139

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Location of At the Table: _____

Date of At the Table: 5-30-96

Host of At the Table: EN A Castro

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

It is an honor to have the opportunity to have this chance to express our side as women representing some of our need. We as women of Chicago Commons are here to receive classes for our G.E.D. We understand that we gave up those rights when we dropped out of high school for personal reasons, some because the laws were not forceful the way they are today. We women have also learned the hard way that without our high school diploma or our G.E.D. the working field will not accept us.

That is why we are making an effort to be present and attend school at Chicago Commons. For women to progress we are very grateful for this school. We find many schools like this one here in Chicago. Chicago Commons offers classes to women individually around the Chicago area who are on Public Assistance. This school gives us classes to prepare for our G.E.D. so we as the women trying for that important up lifting opportunity to achieve it. By this we would just give the mothers of today who are doing something like going to school to get a half way decent paying job we would appreciate that opportunity. Chicago Commons has been the best place for a lot of us here. We have child care and the school help for transportation. This is great for mother who

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I do want to find a good job. We want to get off P.A. It has been brought to our attention that the P.A. system will limit women for 2 years only to be on P.A. If the President can help other countries by feeding the starving people. Why can't he help the American children. Our children, yes we use up tax payer money but make sure the tax payers know what and where their money is going. The laws should drop, but all P.A. recipients, who are even on drug abuse their case should be canceled.
2. One another ask of the President to allow us to receive these opportunities while we are making these efforts. I for example dislike being on P.A. I was married and owned my own home. I've lived the fantasy world until my husband became very abusive. I was not on P.A. but I had a job. Mentally I knew I had to go and beg because I need personal help. I knew I had to leave that situation, so I left my husband and six months later I sold my house. I was fired from my job because I was embarrassed to go to work because I was so badly hurt. I had no choice but to apply for P.A. I received my divorce about one year ago and I have been attending school just a few months after those papers were in my hands. Now I attend school because yes I tried working but because I had no high school diploma.

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I was so desperate that I worked in a nursing home, not a profession, a person, that I would want to do all my life cleaning beds for \$5.00 an hr. why? I had no education. That is why without an education we can never find a good paying job. I'm talking about a 30,000 to 35,000 a yr job and you have an education. In order to get women on P.A. off of P.A. we hope you are able to make sure that we stay off. With an education we can most likely work for jobs because we are educated women.

2. Also the President could explain more about the issue of women on P.A. who are going to be limited 2 years to receive P.A. If these women are making an effort to do the smallest thing like part timer students. If these women are making something good out of this P.A. ordeal. Please extend those 2 years. Make them 4 years. It takes four years of high school to receive a diploma. Why can't the president give the people who are trying to achieve their G.E.D. who are on P.A. a limited time 2 years are not enough. Studies show that 85% of high school graduates fail the G.E.D. test because it is very difficult. Chicago Corman has had over 500 graduates from their G.E.D. Some one should visit our school maybe they can fund us to better teach us.

3. We love and appreciate this school that's why we attend here.

NAME: Common Morning

ADDRESS: 3057 W. Diversey

PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. Chicago Commons has opened the doors to my future. It can open doors for many other mothers who want to go into the working field, but need a school like Chicago Commons who have day care for the young kids. Don't close these open doors now.

2. Raise these minimum wages, the prices in our economy are very high. (owning a home, putting food on the table, dressing your family.) So raise those wages so we can afford to live a life.

3.

NAME:

Wanda E. Evans

ADDRESS:

2437 N. Francisco

PHONE:

312.235-3558

FAX:

E-MAIL:

Location of At the Table:

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I want you to know I'm learning English I hope you continue support schools like (Chicago Commons) I think is important to us learn English. This way we can find better jobs.

2. I hope you can raise the salary because with \$4.25 we can't live in good conditions.

3.

NAME: GUADALUPE VERA

ADDRESS: 1637 N. SPRINGFIELD

PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I'd like the all companies raise the salary and have good benefits like paid sickness days, the insurances cover all, and all employees of the companies have equal wages because all workers do it the same things.

2.

3.

NAME: LUISA Anaya

ADDRESS: 4858 W- Cortland St

PHONE: 312) 237-1404

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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