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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1999

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Sean Maloney

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT TOM HARKIN FOR SENATE DINNER  
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But consider the irony of the lowest unemployment rates in the country being in Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, all these farming states where we're at risk of losing a huge percentage of our family farmers unless there is both an emergency response and a different long-term course that they have available. So I say to you, yes, have the election, yes, have the debate, but let's keep on working for what's good for America, and let's not avoid the big choices. Let's not pretend that we don't have to make them.

We're in the shape we're in today because we made the tough choices and we kept at it, and that's what the country needs to do. And that's the gift I want to give you, that when you see me, you think I'm working and not enjoying the sunshine of our prosperity.



The last point I want to make is this -- I thought about this today when I was in Iowa. Politics is really personal to me. You know this debate we just had over the patients' bill of rights. Several doctors who are here today thanked me for that, thanked Tom for fighting for that. Look, here's the issue: more people than not are in managed care plans. A lot of them have done a lot of good; they've cut down on a lot of inflation and health care costs. But if your doctor says you need to see a specialist, no accountant should be able to stop your doctor from sending you to a specialist.

If you get hit in an accident, you should not have to go by the nearest hospital to one that's farther away because that's the one covered by your managed care plan. Now, if you are working for a small business and your small business -- your employer has to change coverage at some point and you're six months into a difficult pregnancy, you ought not to have to get another OB/GYN to finish your pregnancy.

If you are halfway through a difficult chemotherapy treatment, you ought not have to get another oncologist to finish your treatment. Now, every physician in this audience will tell you this happens all the time in America. This is not some radical notion, this happens all the time. So all we said was that basically everybody in America ought to have the same protections that I gave all the people in the federal programs -- Medicare, Medicaid, the Federal Health Employees Program, the Veterans Program, by executive order. And we were actually attacked by our friends in the other party. Tom was attacked, because, they said, "Oh, you're relying on personal stories. You're trying to play on the emotions of the people." Well, get a life. I mean, what is politics about anyway? Why are we doing this?

Every time I come to Iowa, I think of two things. One of them, I got hit right between the eyes with today. When I was here for the flood in 1993, I'd go out to sack my -- you know, my sand bags, you were talking about that -- I'd go out and do my sandbag deal. And I look up and there is this child about so big, with a head about so big -- huge bones coming out of her eyebrows -- very short, large head, knobby elbows, gnarled knuckles, knobby knees. This child has brittle bone disease. She's 12 years old. She has been operated on already more than a dozen times. Her bones shatter at will. She has come all the way from Wisconsin to stand in the flood in Iowa to help people who are putting the sandbags up -- literally risking her life.

So I talked to this kid and I said, where are you from? And I said, well, how's your condition -- because I've seen -- you

know, she's actually done pretty well. There are a lot of children who have that disease who never get out of bed, they have to be prone for their whole life. But this kid is up walking. She said, "I told my parents I wanted to go down there." She said, "I can't hide my whole life, I've got to serve, I've got to be a citizen, I've got to do this like everybody else."

Then that child started coming to the National Institutes of Health for help -- Tom Harkin. You know, all this money is put in the NIH all these years. So am I playing on your emotions? You bet I am. What else is there? What else is life about? What is politics about? This child has a chance at life.

And you know what happened? Six years later I go to American University and give a speech and here is this girl, beaming, a freshman at American University, still growing, still getting stronger, still out there taking chances, doing things other kids wouldn't do with those problems, being brave. We didn't -- none of us -- Tom Harkin and I didn't have a lick to do with her courage, her bravery, her heart, her soul, her character. But because of what he did, she had a better chance. She had a better chance.

And I'll tell you another story -- 1992, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, huge rally we're having out in front of Quaker Oats. And I'm working the crowd -- after the speech, grasping for votes. And there is this lady there, this tall, white woman, holding an African American baby. And I said, whose baby is this? She said, this is my baby. And I said, well, how did you get this baby? She said, from Miami. She said, this child was born with AIDS and no one would take her and she was going to be homeless, and so I took her.

Now, this is a good story, right? But what you need to know is this woman was living in a rented apartment with her two kids because she had been left by her husband. And she barely had enough money to support her own kids, but she couldn't bear to see this child be left alone, so she took in the other child. Okay. Fast forward to today. Today, at that middle school, mama was there, since remarried, doing fine, with her daughter, giving me a report on her son, holding that beautiful child who is almost too big for me to hold. And she has come repeatedly to the National Institutes of Health.

And I held her today and I said, Jemiah, how you doing? She is so beautiful. And I have seen her a half a dozen times. She is so beautiful and she said, "Oh, Mr. President, I'm giving myself my own shots now and I'm going to be just fine."

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It's not about power. It's about ideas and action and, in the end, it's about people. When you breathe your last breath you are not going to be thinking about what some arcane political philosophy was that you embraced. You're going to be thinking about who you liked, who you loved, how you felt when the seasons changed, and what you're proud of that you did for somebody else. And I want to be part of a political party that tries to give those gifts to America.

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So I say to you as you think about the future of your state and nation, there is evidence here. And what I want to say to you is, Tom Harkin and I -- I'm not running for anything and he's not running for anything right yet -- but we and all the people that are running who are in public office, we're still drawing a paycheck from you every two weeks, and we should show up for work, and we should do things.

I tell all the Republicans and Democrats in Washington all the time, if we agreed on everything I'm asking us to agree on, there would still be stuff for us to fight about. There will always be something to have a next election on. But we get hired to show up for work. Now, the big question we have before us today is: What are we going to do with the surplus; what are we going to do with this period of bounty we have?

✓ And I would argue -- I don't want to repeat my whole State of the Union address -- but I want to tell you, I would argue three things for sure. Number one, we ought to do whatever we

can to deal with the aging of America, because when the baby boomers retire, we're going to have more people retired and fewer people working to support them. If you want the seniors of this country to be able to have their Social Security and their Medicare, and you want them to have it in a way that is secure and does not bankrupt their children so they can't afford to raise their grandchildren, now is the time to set aside most of this surplus to save Social Security and Medicare and provide a prescription drug benefit with Medicare.

So I think that is a big deal. The second thing I think we ought to do is everything we can to keep this economy going and then reach out and touch the people who have not been affected by the recovery. And let me just say on the first, the way I want to save Social Security and Medicare will keep us from spending that surplus and devote the interest savings on the surplus to making Social Security last longer, so we'll make Social Security last for more than 50 years, make Medicare last for more than 25 years, and make the country debt-free in 15 years for the first time since 1835.

Now, these are big things. We should not wait for another election to deal with these big things. On the economy, the last thing we've got to do is to try to reach the people that aren't affected by the recovery. There are a lot of disabled people, as Tom would tell you, who want to go to work and could go to work. There are still people on welfare who want to go to work, who could go to work. There are whole regions of our country, from Appalachia to the Mississippi Delta, to the Indian reservations to the inner city that need new investment. And, of course, there is the problem of the farm, which you are very well familiar with.

But consider the irony of the lowest unemployment rates in the country being in Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, all these farming states where we're at risk of losing a huge percentage of our family farmers unless there is both an emergency response and a different long-term course that they have available. So I say to you, yes, have the election, yes, have the debate, but let's keep on working for what's good for America, and let's not avoid the big choices. Let's not pretend that we don't have to make them.

We're in the shape we're in today because we made the tough choices and we kept at it, and that's what the country needs to do. And that's the gift I want to give you, that when you see me, you think I'm working and not enjoying the sunshine of our prosperity.



The last point I want to make is this -- I thought about this today when I was in Iowa. Politics is really personal to me. You know this debate we just had over the patients' bill of rights. Several doctors who are here today thanked me for that, thanked Tom for fighting for that. Look, here's the issue: More people than not are in managed care plans. A lot of them have done a lot of good; they've cut down on a lot of inflation and health care cost. But if your doctor says you need to see a specialist, no accountant should be able to stop your doctor from sending you to a specialist.

If you get hit in an accident, you should not have to go by the nearest hospital to one that's further away because that's the one covered by your managed care plan. Now, if you are working for a small business and your small business -- your employer has to change coverage at some point and you're six months into a difficult pregnancy, you ought not to have to get another OB/GYN to finish your pregnancy.

If you are halfway through a difficult chemotherapy treatment, you ought not have to get another oncologist to finish your treatment. Now, every physician in this audience will tell you this happens all the time in America. This is not some radical notion, this happens all the time. So all we said was that basically everybody in America ought to have the same protections that I gave all the people in the federal programs -- Medicare, Medicaid, the Federal Health Employees Program, the Veterans Program, by executive order. And we were actually attacked by our friends in the other party. Tom was attacked, because, they said, "Oh, you're relying on personal stories. You're trying to play on the emotions of the people." Well, get a life. I mean, what is politics about anyway? Why are we doing this?

Every time I come to Iowa, I think of two things. One of them, I got hit right between the eyes with today. When I was here for the flood in 1993, I'd go out to sack my -- you know, my sand bags, you were talking about that -- I'd go out and do my sandbag deal. And I look up and there is this child about so big, with a head about so big -- huge bones coming out of her eyebrows -- very short, large head, knobby elbows, gnarled knuckles, knobby knees. This child has brittle bone disease. She's 12 years old. She has been operated on already more than a dozen times. Her bones shatter at will. She has come all the way from Wisconsin to stand in the flood in Iowa to help people who are putting the sandbags up -- literally risking her life.

So I talked to this kid and I said, where are you from. And she said -- and I said, well, how's your condition -- because I've seen -- you know, she's actually done pretty well. There

are a lot of children who have that disease who never get out of bed, they have to be prone for their whole life. But this kid is up walking. She said, "I told my parents I wanted to go down there." She said, "I can't hide my whole life, I've got to serve, I've got to be a citizen, I've got to do this like everybody else."

Then that child started coming to the National Institutes of Health for help -- Tom Harkin. You know, all this money is put in the NIH all these years. So am I playing on your emotions? You bet I am. What else is there? What else is life about? What is politics about? This child has a chance at life.

And you know what happened? Six years later I go to American University and give a speech and here is this girl, beaming, a freshman at American University, still growing, still getting stronger, still out there taking chances, doing things other kids wouldn't do with those problems, being brave. We didn't -- none of us -- Tom Harkin and I didn't have a lick to do with her courage, her bravery, her heart, her soul, her character. But because of what he did, she had a better chance. She had a better chance.

And I'll tell you another story -- 1992, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, huge rally we're having out in front of Quaker Oats. And I'm working the crowd -- after the speech, grasping for votes. And there is this lady there, this tall, white woman, holding an African American baby. And I said, whose baby is this? She said, this is my baby. And I said, well, how did you get this baby? She said, from Miami. She said, this child was born with AIDS and no one would take her and she was going to be homeless, and so I took her.

Now, this is a good story, right? But what you need to know is this woman was living in a rented apartment with her two kids because she had been left by her husband. And she barely had enough money to support her own kids, but she couldn't bear to see this child be left alone, so she took in the other child. Okay. Fast forward to today. Today, at that middle school, mama was there, since remarried, doing fine, with her daughter, giving me a report on her son, holding that beautiful child who is almost too big for me to hold. And she has come repeatedly to the National Institutes of Health.

And I held her today and I said, Jemiah, how you doing? She is so beautiful. And I have seen her a half a dozen times. She is so beautiful and she said, "Oh, Mr. President, I'm giving myself my own shots now and I'm going to be just fine."

Now, is this playing on your emotions? You bet it is. What is life about anyway? Tom Harkin didn't put a heart in that little girl or a heart in the mother. But she has a chance because of the kind of things he's fought all his public life for. And it is a beautiful story.

So I just ask you to be faithful to your friend, Tom Harkin, to fight for the things we believe in. If your friends and neighbors wonder whether the President is right or whether the Republicans are right and saying we ought to take all the non-Social Security surplus and spend it on a tax cut right now and make everybody happy right here before the election; tell them that you think we have earned the benefit of the doubt with our record, and that, you know, we should not squander this. We ought to think about our children's future. We ought to think about what we're going to do when the baby boomers retire. We ought to think about how we can make everybody a part of this economy. And remember the stories. That's part of what makes us who we are.

It's not about power. It's about ideas and action and, in the end, it's about people. When you breathe your last breath you are not going to be thinking about what some arcane political philosophy was that you embraced. You're going to be thinking about who you liked, who you loved, how you felt when the seasons changed, and what you're proud of that you did for somebody else. And I want to be part of a political party that tries to give those gifts to America.

Thank you very much.



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Issue, with Maloney cover note

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Kris: Per our telephone conversation . . .  
Sean Maloney



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 23, 1999

MR. PRESIDENT:

John thought you should see the attached draft response to Lott and Hastert on the tax cut issue.

If you approve, the plan is to transmit it tomorrow.

Sean Maloney

August 24, 1999

Dear Majority Leader:

Thank you for your recent letter discussing some of the major challenges facing America as we enter the next century.

Having gone from a \$290 billion deficit in 1992 to a balanced budget and growing surpluses today, we have an historic opportunity to work together in a responsible way to pay off the national debt and strengthen Social Security and Medicare. It is essential that we maintain the fiscal discipline that has helped strengthen our economy, fuel record investment, and lower interest rates and mortgage payments for tens of millions of families.

The tax bill passed by Congress would reverse the fiscal discipline that has been so critical to making the American economy the strongest it has been in generations. The tax bill would spend 100 percent of the non-Social Security surplus. The tax and budget framework that you are asking the American people to endorse is by any standard untenable, and would require nearly 50 percent cuts in essential government functions, everything from education to air traffic control to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

If you were unable or unwilling to make cuts of this magnitude, the clear and predictable consequence of such an untenable tax and budget plan would be to divert hundreds of billions of dollars of the Social Security surpluses from promised debt reduction, while providing no money for Medicare or Social Security solvency, and still requiring cuts in domestic priorities like education, healthcare, law enforcement, science and technology, the environment, and veterans programs.

You continue to minimize the likely consequences of your tax cut by including the implausible legislative assumption that the major provisions expire after nine years and virtually all of the provisions are repealed after ten years. This scenario would create uncertainty and confusion for taxpayers, and it is highly unlikely that it would ever be implemented. If the tax cut were continued, its problems would grow even more severe. The tax cut would cost about \$2.7 trillion dollars between 2010 and 2019, just at the time when the baby boomers begin to retire, Medicare becomes insolvent, and Social Security comes under strain. If your tax cut became law, it would leave America permanently in debt.

These are the broad considerations that reinforce my decision to prevent this legislation from becoming law. It would also be irresponsible of me to sign legislation that, as written, would force an automatic cut of \$41 billion in Medicare over 5 years and the eventual complete elimination of \$19 billion in farm safety net programs.

Rather than break our fiscal discipline, we should work together to pay off our national debt, devise a bipartisan plan that modernizes Medicare with better quality, competition, and

prescription drugs, while extending its solvency past 2025, and extend the solvency of Social Security. Once we have met these basic obligations, the budget I presented to Congress shows that we can still meet our long-term needs for military readiness, education and other critical programs, while leaving room for a \$250 billion tax cut targeted to working families.

I look forward to working with the Congress in the coming months to put first things first -- by paying off the national debt, maintaining fiscal discipline, and meeting our fundamental challenges for the future.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Trent Lott  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1601

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# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 18, 1999

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the summer weather heats up, so too has the recent debate over tax relief. Throughout the year, Congressional Republicans have shown our commitment to strengthening Social Security and Medicare, and reducing the national debt. We commend you for recently agreeing to support our Social Security lock-box plan. As you know, the lock-box will save the *entire* Social Security surplus to be used only for Social Security and Medicare. This will accomplish two of our shared goals: it will pay down the national debt until we have implemented plans to secure Social Security and Medicare for future generations.

In recent weeks, you have vowed to veto common-sense tax relief, claiming that this money should be spent on other priorities. You have implied that we ignore Social Security and Medicare, yet our plan reserves \$2.2 trillion for Social Security and Medicare reform over the next decade. You have said that the surplus should be used to pay down the national debt, yet our plan reduces the national debt by over \$2 trillion in the next ten years – even more than your plan. Mr. President, there is no honest reason to veto this common-sense tax relief legislation.

Even if you believe that working Americans do not deserve tax relief, surely you must agree with us that issues of basic tax fairness must be addressed. The current tax code unfairly levies extra taxes on millions of Americans just because they are married. This is unfair. Tens of millions of Americans are investing money in the stock market to help finance their retirement. While our government often extols the importance of savings, it then turns around and punishes those investors with the capital gains tax. This is unjust. Family farmers and small business owners are stung by the death tax. They pay taxes on their income and property throughout their lives, yet the government again taxes them when they die. The tax code makes it impossible for them to pass their farm or small business on to their children. This is un-American.

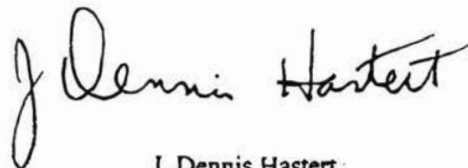
Mr. President, our tax bill addresses basic American principles of common sense and fairness. In addition to the aforementioned proposals, our bill also expands Roth IRAs, 401 (k)s and education IRAs. If you are serious about encouraging Americans to save, then surely you must support this legislation. Furthermore, this legislation extends many important research and development tax credits. These credits encourage American businesses to develop new technologies that will help them better compete in the global marketplace.

Too often, partisan squabbles center on who deserves credit for this budget surplus. But the truth is that the American people are the ones who created it, and it is they who deserve fairness and tax relief. We hope you will join us in delivering both.

Sincerely,



Trent Lott  
Senate Majority Leader



J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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June 19, 1999

MR. PRESIDENT:

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**June 18, 1999**

**RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL**

**TO:** Mrs. Jan Bullock

**DATE:** ASAP

**RECOMMENDED BY:** Minyon Moore

**PURPOSE:** To express condolences on the death of former Lt. Governor Bob Bullock, her husband.

**BACKGROUND:** Lt. Governor Bob Bullock passed away on Friday morning, June 18, of a heart attack after a battle with lung cancer and pneumonia. He is survived by his wife, Jan, and their two adult children, Lindy and Bobby. The funeral is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 19, at 2:00 pm.

Bob Bullock served in public life for over twenty-five years. He served as Texas' state Comptroller for 16 years before becoming Lieutenant Governor in 1991. He also served as Secretary of State and in the state Legislature. He retired from public life last year.

Jan Bullock was very helpful to the Clinton/Gore campaign in 1992.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** (512) 499-0624

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** June 18, 1999

**ACTION:**

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 12, 1999

MR. PRESIDENT:

Following your announcement last week, we executed the attached document for LIHEAP funding on your behalf today. The funding will benefit CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, MI, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV, and D.C.

Sean Maloney

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 12, 1999

MR. PRESIDENT:

We executed the attached document  
for LIHEAP funding on your behalf.

*Following your announcement  
last week,*

Sean Maloney

*The funding will benefit  
[16 states] and D.C.*

*Today.*

## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 7/12/99 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: ASAPSubject: LIHEAP FUNDS

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Okay for Signature by AD  
Staff Secretary [Signature]  
Date 7/12/99

REMARKS: \*

THIS WILL BE FORWARDED TO PORUS TODAY

RESPONSE:



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RESPONSE: \_\_\_\_\_



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

'99 JUL 12 PM 12:07

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available emergency appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Your approval of this request would make available previously appropriated funds to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to address the needs of 16 eastern States -- and the District of Columbia -- that are suffering from extremely hot weather conditions.

The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999, as included in Public Law 105-277, provided \$300 million for LIHEAP contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. HHS analysis of weather conditions to date shows that these 16 States and the District of Columbia have suffered particularly severe heat. We will continue to monitor conditions across the country.

I recommend that you designate this request for \$100 million as an emergency funding requirement in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. No further congressional action will be required.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of Health and Human Services in recommending that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacob J. Lew".

Jacob J. Lew  
Director

Enclosure

**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
**WASHINGTON**

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

In accordance with provisions of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999, as included in Public Law 105-277, I hereby request and make available appropriations of \$100,000,000 in budget authority for the Department of Health and Human Services' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. These funds will enable the Department to support the needs of 16 States in the Eastern United States -- as well as the District of Columbia -- that are suffering from extreme hot weather conditions. These States are Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

I designate the amount made available as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED  
MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

Low income home energy assistance program..... \$100,000,000

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At this time, \$100 million of the total \$300 million in contingent funding is required to support needs arising from the extreme hot weather in Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 2, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Paul Weinstein Jr.  
Domestic Policy Council

CC: Gene Sperling  
Bruce Reed  
Larry Stein  
Ron Klain

SUBJECT: **Representative Kanjorski and Better America Bonds (BABs)**

During your New Markets trip next week, Representative Kanjorski may seek your support for two controversial changes to your Better America Bonds proposal. First, he will ask that we alter the selection criteria to limit BABs to those areas that are economically distressed. Such a limitation would defeat one of the main purposes of BABs, to promote regional cooperation between suburban, urban, and rural communities. In addition, such a change would cost us the support of a number of Members in suburban and rural areas, including possibly the chief sponsor in the Senate, Max Baucus. We are also concerned that some in the environmental community would react negatively to limiting the number of applicants based on economic conditions. To relieve some of his concerns, you could tell the Congressman that approximately one-third of the BABs would be used to cleanup "brownfields" which tend to be located in distressed communities. We have asked EPA to make sure that there are potential "brownfield" sites in the Congressman's district and that they consider the unique characteristics of these sites when developing program guidelines.

Second, Representative Kanjorski will ask that we provide private entities with the authority to issue Better America Bonds along with local, state, and tribal governments. Treasury opposes this change because of the significant potential for fraud with regards to the bonds and the misuse of the open spaces they are designed to preserve. In addition, state and local governments might also oppose such a proposal because it would drain resources from their efforts to preserve open spaces.



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To President as  
an FYI .

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MEMORANDUM  
VIA FAX AND BY HAND DELIVERY

TO: Ms. Jodi Sakol  
U.S. Department of Treasury

FROM: Fredda L. Plessner (FYP)  
Vice President & Associate General Counsel, SIA

DATE: June 2, 1999

SUBJECT: President Clinton's New Markets Initiative

Cc: Michael Barr, Treasury  
Cheri Carter, White House  
Jay Dunn, White House

'99 JUN 29 AM 9:25

In connection with the President's laudable New Markets Initiative and specifically, the upcoming roundtable and national tour of underserved urban and rural areas in need of revitalization, I am pleased to forward the following information for your consideration.

Currently underway is an exciting venture -- involving the relocation of the New Jersey Nets basketball organization -- to develop and revitalize Newark, New Jersey. In scope, magnitude and mission, this project seems to fit precisely within the goals of the President's New Markets Initiative. Almost 20 years ago, the Federal government designated Newark as an enterprise community, in the hopes of reversing the economic and social decline experienced during the late 1960's and 1970's.

Notably, the two individuals who purchased the team did so through an entity known as the Community Youth Organization ("CYO"), which is a 38% stakeholder in the New Jersey Nets franchise. In a rare and extraordinary act of generosity, these two individuals determined from the outset that all profits derived by CYO from the team's activities will be distributed to the beneficiaries of CYO, which consist of programs dedicated to improving the quality of life for inner city youth in Newark and other New Jersey cities.

It is my understanding that the President is not only personally familiar with this project and its principal owners, Lewis Katz and Raymond Chambers, but has expressed his strong support as well.

### **New Jersey Basketball Associates, LLC**

New Jersey Basketball Associates, LLC (the "N.J. Nets") recently purchased (in 1998) the New Jersey Nets basketball franchise of the National Basketball Association. As is evident from the company's mission statement and bylaws, the new ownership of the N.J. Nets is committed to the revitalization and development of Newark and to improving the quality of life for inner city youth. Indeed, one of the company's three fundamental tenets is to foster "a new paradigm of behavior in sportsmanship, behavior and role modeling for the entire organizations to support the establishment of outreach programs that will enhance the overall [Newark] community."

Lewis Katz and Raymond Chambers are the principal owners of the N.J. Nets. A full organizational chart is available, if necessary.

Following on the heels of the urban success stories of Baltimore (Camden Yards), Cleveland (Gund Arena/Jacobs Field) and Denver (Coors Field), one of the primary goals of the new Nets team ownership is to revitalize downtown Newark. Through the entity known as Newark Sports and Entertainment Village, LLC (the "Village"), the Nets ownership is working to provide Newark, New Jersey with an integrated sports and entertainment facility by developing a 40-acre site. The cornerstone of the Village will be an 18,500-seat NBA world-class sports arena to host over 200 events throughout the year. The arena will be the home to the New Jersey Nets (basketball), the New Jersey Devils (ice hockey), a future WNBA (women's basketball) franchise and for the Seton Hall Pirates (college basketball). As well, the facility will be usable for concerts, professional wrestling, the circus and other such entertainment events. As part of this revitalization project, the construction of a 30,000-seat, outdoor stadium for use by Major League Soccer (the New York/New Jersey Metrostars) as well as for international soccer competition is planned.

Connecting the arena and stadium will be over 1,00,000 square feet of new office space and a 400-room hotel with a variety of dining, retail and entertainment establishments in close proximity.

As part of the underlying mission of the overall redevelopment plan, the Village will sponsor sports and management education and training for jobs in the sports and communication industries and will help the teams promote and provide community service initiatives throughout the city and state.

A preliminary economic impact analysis performed by Arthur Anderson LLP for the project estimates that the project will have the following impact on the area: 4,800 one-time construction jobs will be created during the construction of the Village, and 7,800 permanent new jobs from annual operations will be created. In addition, the personal income generated for those participating in the construction of the various facilities will be \$362 million, temporary purchases of supplies and materials in connection with the construction is expected to be approximately \$325 million and

ongoing personal income generation in the form of permanent jobs for area residents is anticipated to be approximately \$389 million.

It is anticipated that Phase I of the project, which includes the soccer stadium, the arena and the hotel, will be completed by 2003.