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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: COATS FUNDRAISER
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Senator Coats, thank you. What a fantastic job you are doing for the great State of Indiana. / Rex Early, your terrific Republican State Chairman. / A special salute to the next Governor of the Hoosier State, __. Fellow Republicans.

I want to thank you for that warm welcome. Thanks even more for the privilege of being "back home again in Indiana" -- the home state of my friend, Dan Quayle. //

To paraphrase Churchill, never has someone withstood so much from so many. But despite the sleazy barbs, cheap shots, and low blows, Dan Quayle is standing tall. / And I'm proud he'll be standing beside me in the White House for the next four years. //

Like ~~Dan~~ ^WQuayle, Indiana's ~~Junior~~ ^JSenator is a great sports fan. Dan Coats will tell you: If he weren't a Senator he'd like to be playing shortstop for the Cubs. // Well, Chicago's loss is Washington's gain. When it comes to defending Middle America, Dan Coats comes in with his spikes high. //

Dan Coats has stood fast on family values, the line-item veto, and Congressional reform. It's no surprise that Hoosiers made a great choice when they voted for Senator two years ago. You decided that one good Dan deserves another. /

It's men like these that -- quoting Harry Caray -- can achieve "It might be / it could be / is is" -- a Republican

Congress. / Once someone said of Dan Coats: "Bats right / throws right / votes right." / Sounds like my kind of Senator. / Dan is the kind of guy who can help us change America -- like America has already changed the world. //

You've heard plenty of talk already this year about change. But this election is not about change versus no change. It's about change that works versus change that doesn't. //

Over the past few weeks you've heard plenty about the change that doesn't work. It's liberal change cloaked in moderate clothing. The other side is trying to conceal their kneejerk reaction to every problem -- raising taxes. The only problem: When their knee jerks -- you get kicked. //

The other kind of change is based on saying what you mean - - and meaning what you say. It's changed based on trust. / When you get ride down it, this election will be like every other: When you pull that curtain closed and cast your vote November 3rd -- trust matters. //

Many times, in the White House late at night, the phone rings. Most times it's an aide double-checking the next day's schedule. But sometimes it's another voice -- more serious, more solemn -- bringing news of a coup in a powerful country, or word of a bully threatening the peace halfway round the world. / The American people need to know that the man who answers that phone ^{is the right man} has the experience, the seasoning -- the guts -- to do the right thing. // You want a leader you can trust. I have proved I am that man. //

Now, that's trust in the traditional sense -- trust that keeps America safe and strong. But that's just part of the picture. Trust matters -- when you're looking to someone to build a strong economy ... a better future. I stake my claim on a simple philosophy: To lead a great nation ... you must first trust the people you lead.

Look at every big issue we face. You'll see a choice -- a choice between those who put their faith in everyday Americans, and those who put their faith in government.

The other side seems to be saying "of the government, by the government, for the government." I stand with the Hoosier tradition here in the home of the Indianapolis 500. // ((I think that was the number of votes Dan's opponent got in the last election.)) // We believe that government exists for the people -- not the other way around. //

That's why I trust parents -- not the government -- to make the decisions that matter in life. //

I trust parents -- not government -- to decide whether our kids can say a prayer in classroom. Dan Coats joins me: We want Congress to pass a Constitutional Amendment restoring voluntary prayer to our Nation's schools. //

I trust parents -- not the government -- to choose their children's schools: public, private or religious. //

I trust parents -- not the government -- to choose their children's child care. // When the other side says, "government knows best" -- I say: Parents know better. Parents know better

than some bureaucrat in Washington, D.C. //

I trust the people -- not the government -- to choose their own health care. // For months -- years -- Dan Coats has traveled Indiana talking to real people about real needs. // He'll tell you: If the other side gets in power -- with the Democrats in Congress -- within a year -- the government will run health care ... and you'll be paying another payroll tax. //

People keep asking me why my opponent's been calling for the government to run health care as he travels around the country. I don't know. / Maybe he's inhaled too many bus fumes. / As long as I'm President, I say: We don't want the government playing doctor. Let's keep health care in the hands of the people. //

But the number one issue today is the economy -- it's jobs. The question is how we keep the American economy Number One in the world.

Trust matters here, too. Ask Dan Coats -- whose reform legislation would at last make the Congress responsive and responsible. / We trust you to spend and save your money more wisely than some budget planner in Washington.

Six months ago in my State of the Union, I proposed a common-sense, comprehensive plan to get this economy moving faster -- right now. Tax incentives -- to encourage businesses to hire new workers. A \$5000 tax credit -- \$5000 dollars right off the income tax you owe -- as a break for young families struggling to work and save and buy that first home. // And

while we're at it, give me the line-item veto to cut outrageous spending. Let's stop those who measure progress made by dollars wasted. //

Almost 200 years after I proposed my economic plan, I'm still waiting -- America's still waiting. / My economic recovery plan is being held hostage and the ransom note reads, "wait 'till after the election." For six months Congress has fiddled while Americans burned. //

Let me ask you to send a message to Congress: The American people are tired of waiting. They want jobs. No alibis. No excuses. It's time for action -- now. //

This is what this campaign is all about -- who do you trust to change America? The other side says -- they want to "put the people first." But look at every change they propose: It isn't putting people first -- it's putting government first.

Don't expect a Democratic President to restrain spending in a Democratic Congress. There would be so much more overspending in Congress, their session could be covered on the commodities page under "pork futures."

I stand for a different way. I stand with those who know we can't depend on your good money to bail us out of liberals' bad ideas. //

On education: Let others listen to the polls -- let others listen to the pols: I'm going to do what's right for America.

On health care: Let others listen to the polls -- let others listen to the pols: I'm going to do what's right for

America. //

On national defense: Let others listen to the polls -- let others listen to the pols: I'm going to do what's right for America. //

Let me close today with a few words from the heart. //

Barbara and I are blessed -- blessed to serve at a moment in history when so many of the old fears have been driven away ... when so many new hopes stand within our reach.

Push The changes we've worked for have come to pass: The end of the Cold War ... the collapse of imperial communism ... a new birth of freedom, from Managua to Moscow. A new world of hope for ourselves -- for our kids. // Maybe now that we've got the Russians to stop knocking our country -- we can convince the Democrats to stop knocking it .

Today the world we live in is a safer world -- safer than it was a decade ago / a year ago -- safer than it was two months ago, when the kids right here walked out of school ... and into summer. I'm proud of the progress we've made in reducing some of the world's most dangerous nuclear weapons. //

The important thing isn't what that means for Presidents or Prime Ministers ... not for historians or heads of state ... but what it means for parents, and for our kids: it means a future free from fear. //

Dan Coats knows what I'm talking about. He too has been blessed. / Son of a pharmacy owner. Wheaton College graduate. Married for 26 years to a wonderful wife, Marcia. Three kids.

