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Democratic National Committee

To: Mack McLarty
White House Chief of Staff

From: David Wilhelm
Chairman Democratic National Committee

Re: DNC Grassroots Strategy

Date: May 27, 1993

Yesterday, I received a phone call from the President inquiring about the DNC efforts to assist in the passage of the budget. I believe I adequately answered all the President's questions. However, because the next few days are critical to the Administration and the Democratic National Party, I have assembled the memos prepared by my staff outlining their activities performed to generate support for the economic plan as it passes through the Congressional Budget Reconciliation process. I thought you would find this information useful.

The DNC strategy is divided into several components. This project is, of course, ongoing and the attached memos provide only examples of the types of activities we are performing to enlist Congressional support for the President's budget package. The memos are summarized below.

SUMMARY

Earned Media Program

The Communications department, with the assistance of the Research and the Intergovernmental departments, is organizing an aggressive earned media campaign. The campaign includes satellite feeds of selected cabinet members into targeted media markets. Secretary Bentsen, Secretary Shalala, Secretary Panetta and Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors Tyson have each participated and received nationwide press coverage explaining the fairness of the budget and encouraging Congressional support.

We are also assisting Congressional leadership in the implementation of a free media satellite program for targeted members of Congress. In addition, the Communications department has launched a national radio surrogate placement program. The program

uses individual spokespersons representing a variety of constituency groups, elected officials, and national Democratic Party leaders.

Finally, in the Senate we will coordinate an effort to bring the faces of the Clinton plan to Congress. During the Budget debate, we will seat in the Gallery families from the districts of various members of Congress. The member of Congress will be asked to recognize the family during one minute presentations on the floor. The message will be that these are the real people who are helped by the Clinton plan and these are the children who stand to inherit the deficit problem if we don't adopt the Clinton plan and begin to really address this issue. We hope to generate not only "inside the beltway" press, but hometown press for the members who participate in this program.

Grassroots Organizing Efforts

The Political Department, with the assistance of the Research, Constituency, and Intergovernmental Departments, will provide an exhaustive grassroots organizing effort to oppose the Boren plan and pass the Clinton plan. A complete description of all anticipated activities is attached.

The highlights of this effort include, but are not limited to, the following:

- * Democratic elected official and leadership press conferences in each of the 50 states.
- * An elite phone calling operation - 25 key opinion leaders and the close supporters of each member of Congress in the target areas will be asked to encourage their members of Congress to support the Clinton plan.
- * Constituency groups leaders and targeted state and local elected officials have been asked to call their members of Congress to encourage their for support of the President's budget package.
- * Major CEO's were asked to sign a letter endorsing the Clinton budget package. The letter was distributed to all the members of Congress.
- * We plan a visibility campaign of support for the Clinton plan which includes using lapel stickers that read "Pass The Plan. The stickers will be worn on Capitol Hill and distributed to as many communities around the country as possible.

- * We have prepared a flyer focusing on the detrimental effect of the Boren plan to the senior citizens community. The flyer will be distributed to condominiums and senior facilities in target areas around the country; seniors are encouraged to call members of Congress.
- * Each of the constituency desks is working with its respective national, state, and local organizations to generate grassroots phone calls to their members of Congress and to send out an organization press release asking for Congressional defeat of the Boren plan and endorsement of the Clinton plan.
- * As the attached information explains, all traditional methods of grassroots and elite lobbying are being organized and employed in support of the Clinton plan. This effort is nationally focused and includes all the groups, organizations, elected officials and Party officials represented by the DNC.
- * The research department prepared and distributed a funding analysis of the "Citizens for A Sound Economy". The report proved that the organization was funded by the big oil companies. The members of Congress found the information very enlightening and it was used during the one minute presentations on the House floor.

Other Support Efforts

The resources of the DNC are focused on the effort to generate adequate Congressional support for passage of the Clinton budget. Other activities not discussed above include:

- * A conference call was held with all the State Democratic Party Chairs to encourage their support and to respond to any questions or concerns that they had regarding the budget or the process.
- * "The Morning Briefing," which is faxed across the country on a daily basis, will continue to focus solely on the economic package and the necessity for passage of the Clinton plan; it will also ask the recipients to contact their members of congress to encourage their support for the Clinton plan.

We will continue to use all resources available to generate information in response to the misconceptions espoused by the opponents of the Clinton plan across the country. We'll continue to maintain communication between the DNC and those organizations

that may have genuine concerns or questions regarding the Clinton plan or the budget reconciliation process.

I will continue to provide information to you and your staff on an as needed basis.

cc: Mark Gearan
Roy Neel

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TO: CHAIRMAN DAVID WILHELM

FR: CRAIG SMITH
MINYON MOORE

DT: 5/25/93

RE: UPDATE ON DNC ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE BUDGET

OVERVIEW

As you are aware, the DNC political and constituency departments have been engaged in a series of strategies and outreach to help build momentum and support for the President's budget plan before the **vote on Thursday**.

On Friday, May 21, 1993, we met with the White House office of Public Liaison. During this meeting, we outlined our proposed strategy and outreach plan for the upcoming week. We have held several conference calls with OPL and extended WH staff to update them on the progress of our work. We have communicated to them the overwhelming opinion and concern that we have been receiving from our supporters as it relates to whether or not there will be any deals cut that will adversely effect our constituents and elected officials. We have asked OPL to keep us informed in a timely fashion about any political and policy decisions they are made in the White House.

The outline below will describe all activities that we are involved in to promote this plan. In addition to the outline, all press releases that we have received to date from various groups, organizations and individuals have been assembled for your review.

Lastly, reports from each staff member have been submitted for your review. These reports will give you a detailed account of our individual and collective activities.

OUTLINE

- * Each political desk person has been asked to get a congressional reading on where members of Congress stand on the plan and where they may have problems in supporting this plan. This has been done through our state infrastructure and through relationships with the Congressperson's AA on the hill.
(see attached reports)
- * The political desk will be organizing state-by-state press conferences with key state leaders and opinion makers in support of the plan to generate support and momentum;

- * A more elite strategy is underway by our desks in which they are identifying 10 to 25 key opinion leaders and close congressional contacts in each House district with a Democrat asking them to call their member in support of the President's plan. These individuals will be Clinton/Gore leadership, large donors, elected officials, labor leaders, etc.
- * We will be scheduling five CEO's to do media in support of the President's plan either by satellite or in person.
(see attached list)
- * Christine Varney will be working with political and media affairs to schedule satellite time for cabinet members today and tomorrow.
- * All news clips and op-ed articles in favor of the program will be faxed to the DNC for our final report.
- * We have printed 5,000 lapel stickers for all lobbyist who will be on the hill lobbying in support of the President's plan. The lapel will read, "PASS THE PLAN."
- * Each constituency desk person has been asked to contact all national and grassroots organizations to help build support for the plan.
(see attached reports for more details)
- * Each constituency leader has been asked to issue a press release in support of the President's budget plan.
(see attached partial list)
- * We have faxed talking points to all organizational leaders who are leading spokespeople in the media community to help articulate the President's plan.
(see sample memo)
- * A one-page flyer has been prepared for **Senior Citizens** that highlight the differences between the Clinton plan and the Boren-Danforth plan. This flyer will be distributed to targeted states with large Senior Citizens populations.
(see flyer)
- * The environmentalists have been asked to take out a one-page ad in the Washington Post or the USA Today in opposition to the Boren plan.
(decision still pending)
- * We have asked every supportive organization to contact their membership to send telegrams and call Congress in support of the plan.

- * Every supportive organization and or business leader has been asked to hold press conferences and or events in various states in support of the plan.
- * There has been a parallel strategy designed by the National Realtors Association for the business community. Under the direction of the Realtors and AFSCME several national organizations have joined together in coalition forces and collectively signed on to a letter of support for the President's plan. This letter will be sent to **every member of Congress**. This coalition has also been actively lobbying congress and seeking support from **every member of the House**. **The coalition will meet again at 2:00 p.m. on the hill.** They have extended an invitation to all interested parties to attend. Each desk person faxed the notice to their constituency leaders.
(see report from Caren)
- * A letter signed by 51 major corporations was released by Chairman Rostenskowski today and the White House was informed of this release. (copy attached)
- * There has been a strong emphasis placed on mobilizing Seniors, labor, environmentalist, disabled, African Americans and the business community in support of the plan.
- * While this report reflects our efforts as of today's date, we will continue to work the phones, faxes, and support contacts for the next several days.
- * You will continue to receive periodic updates and briefings as our work on the budget plan progresses!

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TO: Craig
FROM: Natalie
RE: Undecided
DATE: May 25, 1993

Pennsylvania

Bill George, the AFL-CIO state president, has come to Washington and is meeting with all McHale, Holden and Klink today.

Bill Lincoln, the State Senate Majority Leader, is putting out a statement calling for the Congressmen to endorse the plan. [ool]

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Borski's AA, Alan Slomowitz, is trying to get Borski up on the air in Philadelphia tonight to debate Margorie Margolis-Mesvinsky.

LABOR

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McHale

The president of the ATU and UTU state organizations are calling McHale.

Klink

The Allegheny County Commisioners, Forrester and Flaherty, will call Klink. Also the new Pittsburgh mayor, Tom Murphy, is calling Klink.

New Jersey

The state chair Ray Lesniak is calling the delegation. The party also is issuing a statement calling for support for the president's plan.

Tom Lindenfeld has called Menendez and Pallone. He used to be Pallone's AA.

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Menendez has said he is on board and has said that Payne and Torrecelli will vote for the plan. Klein should vote for the plan. Menendez has told

New York

Governor Cuomo released a statement on Monday supporting the President's plan and criticizing the Boren plan.

Al Gordon, former executive aid to Cuomo and current state chair, is calling Maloney and Nadler expressing the Governor's support.

The state committee is putting out a release.

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TO: Craig
FR: Nick
RE: House Votes on Budget Resolution
DATE: 5/25/93

Connecticut

Rosa Delauro Fine
Sam Gejenson Fine

1. Hilary to CT over the Summer on Health Care
2. Third SeaWolf ?
3. Pentagon is proposing moving Naval Undersea Weapons Center to Newport RI. Eastern CT is in such bad shape.

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Barbara Kennelly Fine

Maine

Thomas Andrews Fine

Maryland

Benjamin Cardin Fine

Steny Hoyer Fine

Kweisi Mfume Fine

Albert Wynn Fine

Massachusetts

Joseph Kennedy Fine

Martin Meehan Probable Needs:

(b)(6)

Frank Barney Fine

Edward Markey Fine

Joe Moakley Fine

Richard Neal Fine

John Olver Fine

Gerry Studds Fine

New Hampshire

Dick Swett Going to be tough

1. Needs more spending cuts
2. Repub. Spin All Tax

Rhode Island

Jack Reed Fine

Totals

Fine 16

Probable 1

Going to be Tough 1

Not Supporting 0

They are all Worried about walking the plank only to have the Senate take it away

TO: Craig
FR: Nick
RE: House Vote on the Budget Plan
DATE: 5/25/93

I have only three problem areas:

1. Dick Swett

- A. We are sending a Sec. into Boston TV Market
- B. We are having the State Party issue a press release praising the plan and trashing Boren's Amendment
- C. We are organizing a press conference of Democratic legislative leaders criticizing the Boren amendment as another example of Washington passing the buck.
- D. We have a list of people to call the congressman. They will be contacted tonight.

2. The Boston Congressmen will be with us, but they want some help:

- A. We are sending a Sec. into Boston TV Market
- B. We are organizing a press conference of Democratic legislative leaders criticizing the Boren amendment as another example of Washington passing the buck.

3. We do not know where Cong. Thomas Andrews stands. We are still trying to target him, but in the meantime this is what we are doing:

- A. Some of Maine is hit by our Boston TV
- B. The State Chair has done Radio and TV News Interviews praising the president's plan.
- C. We are working on doing a legislative press conference, but the Democratic Speaker of the House has very high negatives.
- D. We have a list of people to call the congressman. They will be contacted tonight.

In all my states volunteers are being found to write Op Ed Letters.

Memorandum
Tax Plan Strategy

To: Minyon Moore
From: Craig Hughes
Date: 5/25/93

Regional Targets:

- o Rep. Bill Orton of Utah. Strongly against plan.
- o Rep. Larry LaRocco of Idaho. With us, but is getting pressure to go the other way. Very worried about being sold out in the Senate.

Colorado: The State Party is organizing a press conference, probably at a local Senior Citizens home outlining the differences between the Clinton Plan and the Boren-Danforth proposal. Attendees are uncertain.

Other: We are trying to get Gov. Romer to do radio interviews. The state party is having volunteers send in an Op-ed favoring the Clinton reconciliation plan to the Denver Post, Colorado Sprigns Gazette, and Rocky Mountain News.

Idaho: Gov. Andrus radio? He has not agreed to this yet. Working on a press conference at the State Party for tomorrow. Influence leaders are calling LaRocco's office to make sure he stays on board. Op-eds going to major papers.

Montana: Doing a press conference - may do a joint one with the local AARP. Also trying to do radio with former Gov. Ted Schwinden. Sending Op-eds to major papers.

Oregon: Trying to line up Senate President Bradbury for radio interviews. They are doing a press conference tomorrow. Attendees and location are uncertain. Op-eds to papers.

Utah: Former Salt Lake City Mayor Ted Wilson will be doing radio, and we are having influence leaders call Rep. Orton to push him our way. Op-eds to papers.

Washington: Mayor Rice will be holding a press conference supporting the President's plan, stressing how fair it is and how it makes the tough choice to tackle the deficit. Op-eds to papers.

Wyoming: Possible Gov. Sullivan press conference - we have not solidified this. If not the Gov., we will try and get Secretary of State Karpan to hold a press conference. Op-eds to papers.

TO: Caren
From: Craig Hughes
Date: 5/25

All of the AA's for Members on your targeted list say they are on board with the President. That includes:

Cantwell - WA
Inslee - WA
Kreidler - WA
Schroeder - CO
Shepherd - UT

MEMORANDUM

May 26, 1993

TO: Minyon Moore

FR: Monica Aboud

RE: Update on Congresswomen/men on the Plan

The attached packet was faxed out to all of the Southern Region, urging them to send out Press Releases and get the information to Congress. We also federal expressed an informative packet on May 24 on the Economic Plan to educated people in the states about the plan. They have recieved it and are using it.

North Carolina:

Debbie Bryant in the DC North Carolina office is calling the following Congress people:

Eva Clayton

Tim Valentine

Martin Lancaster

Stephen Neal

She is also faxing the model press release to her Congress people to get it out

Tennessee:

It is my understanding that Gore has put pressure on both Cooper and Clement. Both are still undecided.

Texas:

Bryant has been getting some great press on his support of the plan. (see attached article)
A phone call has been placed to Bernard Rapport in hopes that he will call Edwards and bring him to the other side. I have called Jorge Haynes in hopes that he will call Tejeda and Ortiz. It is tough in Texas because of the Senate Race; however Governor Richards has agreed to call some Congress people.

Oklahoma:

The State Party sent out a press release and is busy combatting the negative press from Boren and the BTU Tax. CSE is running TV, radio, and newspaper adverstising against the plan. Both offices plan on holding press confrences with the CSE information that was sent to them. The Congressional offices are grateful to the DNC for getting them the information.

Kentucky:

The State Party is putting together a press release for tomorrow.

Florida:

The Senior Citizen flyers are being distributed in Florida area condos.

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CITIZENS FOR A SOUND ECONOMY

A CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN GROUP, FUNDED BY BIG OIL

CSE CREATED AND FUNDED BY LARGEST PRIVATE OIL COMPANY:

- Koch Industries of Wichita, Kansas, is the nation's largest privately held oil company. CSE owes its existence to Koch foundation seed money. Though now well established, CSE still receives more than a half-million dollars annually from the Koch foundations. Between 1986 and 1990, the Koch foundation gave CSE **\$ 4,800,000**. David Koch was chairman of Citizens for a Sound Economy in 1992. [New York Times, 10/31/91; LA Times, 11/28/92; National Journal, 5/16/92]

OIL COMPANIES EXECUTIVE VP & TOP LOBBYIST RUN CSE FOUNDATION:

- The CSE Foundations Chairman is David Koch -- the Executive Vice President of Koch Industries. The top board member of CSE is Richard H. Fink -- Koch Industries' top lobbyist or its "Vice President of Government and Public Affairs". [CSE Annual Report]

OIL COMPANY THAT FUNDS CSE INVESTIGATED BY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT:

- The Justice Department has been investigating the company after allegations that it stole millions of dollars in oil from Indian-owned lands. [New York Times, 10/31/91]

CHAIRMAN OF CSE WAS REAGAN BUDGET DIRECTOR:

- James C. Miller, III, chairman of Citizens for a Sound Economy, served as Director of the Office of Management and Budget under President Reagan from 1985-1988. [Reuter Business Report, 4/8/91]

MANAGEMENT OF ECONOMY WASN'T VERY 'SOUND' UNDER CSE CHAIRMAN:

- During Mr. Miller's tenure at OMB, the debt held by the public grew by \$550 billion (from \$1.5 trillion to \$2.05 trillion). [CBO, 1/93]

CSE'S ANTI-TAX DIRECTOR WORKED ON QUAYLE COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL:

- David McIntosh, head of the CSE anti-tax campaign, worked as a staff member in the Office of the Assistant to the President for Economic and Domestic Affairs during the Bush Administration and was appointed to work for Dan Quayle's Competitiveness Council in June 1990. [Reuter Business Report, 4/8/91]
- Quayle's Competitiveness Council, which President Clinton eliminated, worked behind closed doors to exempt big business and big contributors from the effects of legislation. The Competitiveness Council never once intervened on the behalf of average working Americans, but worked hard to allow industry to get away with paying less than their fair share.

THIRD CSE EMPLOYEE TIED TO FORMER REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION:

- Daniel Oliver who is currently working at Citizens for a Sound Economy served as the FTC Chairman during the Bush Administration. [Reuter Business Report, 4/8/91]

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 26, 1993

CONTACT: Rosemary Addy
405/239-2700

TURPEN SUPPORTS PRESIDENT'S PLAN

Oklahoma City . . . Mike Turpen, State Chair of the Democratic Party, today announced his support for President Clinton's economic plan. Noting the assistance Oklahoma would receive under the President's plan, he questioned the rationale behind parts of the Boren-Danforth Alternative.

"President Clinton's plan will put America back to work and put Oklahoma back to work, Turpen stated. "The plan increases key investments in Oklahoma. In addition to increasing Child Care Development Block Grant funding and funding for business and industry loan guarantees, the plan will double HOME funding to \$22 million and increase aid to highways by \$34 million."

"In contrast, the Boren-Danforth Plan would shift \$50 billion in taxes from the wealthiest Americans to senior citizens and the working poor. Their plan will cut Social Security Benefits for Oklahoma Seniors and 27 million older Americans nationwide," Turpen continued.

"Their plan would also cut an additional \$114 billion in Medicare and Medicaid. This cut would reduce the Federal Medicaid payment to Oklahoma by \$790 million over five years. With our state's current budget shortfalls, this reduction would devastate an already ailing system, " Turpen said.

"I believe that it is premature to make such a drastic change in federal health care programs prior to the unveiling of the President's health care reform package. When 37 million Americans have no health insurance, our leaders must be responsible enough to offer an alternative plan before they make such radical cuts in health care for the poor and elderly. It may very well be that Medicare and Medicaid should be cut, but it should be done in the process of creating a national health care plan, not in the context of deficit reduction," Turpen concluded.

Turpen noted that the creation of a national health care plan will significantly reduce the deficit.

RESPONSE TO CRITICISMS OF BTU TAX

May 26, 1993

Background: Yesterday, the American Energy Alliance, a coalition of business groups announced a "full-court" lobbying press in the House of Representatives against the BTU tax. Today, House Republican Leader Michel and others are scheduled to hold a press conference in opposition of the BTU tax.

A CHOICE BETWEEN ENDING GRIDLOCK OR MORE OF THE SAME

- * Once again, we have special interests circling the wagons in Washington, attacking a critical piece of the President's plan for deficit reduction and not having the courage to come up with specific alternatives of their own.
- * It's easy to criticize painful choices and ignore the reality of twelve years of runaway federal deficits. President Clinton has had the courage to "step up to the plate" with a specific, fair economic plan that will achieve \$500 billion in deficit reduction through \$255 billion in spending cuts and \$241 billion in tax increases that rely overwhelmingly on those who can most afford to pay.
- * AEA and many Republicans won't specify what tough choices they would make to reduce the deficit. They simply say they are "broadly supportive" of alternatives like the Boren/Danforth plan, which would cut Social Security benefits for 27 million middle class Americans, dramatically cut benefits to 14 million working families, and make severe cuts in Medicare and Medicaid -- all to avoid a moderate, broad-based BTU tax and to cut taxes for the most well off Americans.
- * And opponents are using the worst kind of scare tactics and distortions to fight the BTU tax. Here is the truth about the tax:

THE BTU TAX WILL HAVE A MINIMAL IMPACT ON JOBS

- * The AEA claims that the BTU tax will eliminate 400,000 to 600,000 jobs. But they are choosing to ignore the beneficial effects of the entire economic plan in bringing down deficits.
- * The President's economic package has already had the effect of lowering longterm interest rates by more than the amount that would be needed to offset the effect of the BTU tax. While the interest rate on the 30-year treasury bond was 7.76% on November 6, 1992 it was 7.01% yesterday.
- * An independent economic forecasting firm, Data Resources Inc., found that it would not take much to offset the effect of the BTU. For example, it found that if interest rates fell by as little as .35% in 1997, when the tax is fully phased in, the BTU would

have no effect on GDP or jobs for that year. [Data Resources Inc. analyses conducted for EPA]

* The misleading cries about job losses is particularly ironic when you consider the cost of staying with the status quo. Since July of 1990 we've just barely recovered the jobs we lost during the recession and we have not increased the overall number of jobs -- despite adding 5 million more adults to the population. We've had no additional jobs in three years and unemployment at 7% or higher for the last 17 months.

* President Clinton's plan for deficit reduction is necessary to bring down interest rates and free up new money for longterm investments. His plan will create almost 8 million jobs by 1996. We can choose this path or we can choose gridlock and the status quo.

THE BTU TAX WILL HAVE A MODEST IMPACT ON FARMERS

* The Ways and Means Committee amended the President's BTU tax proposal to allow motor fuels used on farms to be taxed at lower rates in 1994 and 1995. Full rates for such fuels would not apply until 1996.

* Many average family farmers will actually come out ahead under the Clinton Plan. Although the BTU tax will impose some costs, those costs are more than offset by other benefits of the President's economic plan for farmers -- like increased expensing, extension of small issue agricultural bonds, expansion of the EITC and extension of the health insurance deduction.

* For example, a Kansas farm family making \$18,700 a year would **gain** an average of \$792 a year under the Clinton Plan. A Wisconsin family farmer making \$21,000 a year would **gain** an average of \$433 a year. [Treasury Department Analyses]

THE BTU TAX IS FAIR AND WILL HAVE A MODEST IMPACT ON MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES

* 75% of the tax increases proposed by the Clinton Administration fall on the top 6% of Americans according to the CBO. The BTU tax is the only tax proposed by the Clinton Administration that affects the middle class. But it is modest and phased in and does not affect families making less than \$30,000.

* Because of offsetting increases in energy assistance and the Earned Income Tax Credit, on the whole, working families with incomes under \$30,000 will be held harmless.

* The effect of the BTU tax on other families is modest. The energy tax does not even go into effect until the summer of 1994, and then it is phased in over three years. It

would cost the average family making \$40,000 yearly only \$1 a month in 1994, \$7 a month in 1995, and \$17 a month in 1997.

LOUISIANA WILL BENEFIT UNDER THE ECONOMIC PLAN

- * Several critics have asserted that the BTU tax would reduce the prosperity of energy-intensive Louisiana. But again, opponents are relying on studies that do not take account of the beneficial effects of the entire Clinton Plan.
- * The Treasury Department estimates that Louisiana will experience a **net gain** of \$528 million in 1997 under the entire Clinton Economic Plan. The costs of the BTU tax to Louisiana in 1997, when it is fully phased in, are more than offset by other benefits, like stronger economic growth due to declines in longterm interest rates, an expanded EITC, and increased investments for life-long learning programs and other business investment incentives.

BUSINESSES AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS SUPPORT THE BTU TAX AND ECONOMIC PLAN

- * Scores of businesses support President Clinton's economic plan, including his tax proposals, because they recognize that real deficit reduction is necessary and that it is good for economic growth.
- * Many CEO's, including Bob Eaton of Chrysler, Steve Wolf of United Airlines, August Busch of Anheuser-Busch and Bob Denham of Salomon Brothers, support the President's Economic Plan.
- * Just this week 50 of the top corporations in the country wrote Rep. Rostenkowski commending the tax provisions in the reconciliation bill that reported out of the House Ways and Means committee, including the BTU tax. These corporations said, "We expect better economic results and better employment prospects to follow from the reported bill. We support the tax bill as restructured and reported by the Committee." These business supporters include:

- Avon Products
- Colgate-Palmolive
- Delta Airlines
- Dow Corning
- The GAP
- General Electric
- General Motors
- Honeywell Inc.
- IBM

- 3M
- Marriott Corporation
- Philip Morris
- Proctor and Gamble
- Sara Lee Corporation
- Southwest Airlines
- Time Warner
- The Walt Disney Company
- Westinghouse Electric Corp.

* Just yesterday, 90 industry, community, labor, environmental, and education groups representing millions of Americans wrote members of Congress to tell them that they support the President's economic plan as reflected in the Budget Reconciliation.

* Numerous environmental groups have come out in support of the Economic Plan, including the Natural Resources Defense Council, Friends of the Earth, the League of Conservation Voters, the National Audubon Society and the National Wildlife Federation.

PRESIDENT CLINTON

The Leadership and Courage to Bring About Economic Change

After 12 years of inaction and talk on the deficit, Bill Clinton stepped up to the plate in his first 30 days in office and put forth a specific and detailed plan to reduce the deficit and increase investment in our people.

Significant Spending Cuts.

- There are three dollars in spending cuts for every new dollar in investment.
- There are over 200 specific spending cuts that will reduce the deficit by approximately \$250 billion over five years.
- Every tax dollar in the bill goes to deficit reduction.
- The plan tackles entitlement programs with over 30 specific cuts in Medicare and Medicaid that reduce the deficit by \$56 billion.
- The plan cuts waste in government by cutting administrative costs by \$11 billion and cutting \$10.2 billion from the federal payroll.
- The plan eliminates programs such as unnecessary commissions, special purpose HUD grants and the current and outdated student loan program.

Fair and Progressive Taxation.

- The Congressional Budget Office found that 75% of the taxes we raise fall on the 6.5% most-well off families -- those that make over 100,000.
- According to a study by Arthur Anderson, a family of three making \$25,000 would actually see their taxes fall by several hundred dollars.
- The energy tax does not even go into effect until the summer of 1994, and when it does it will be phased in three equal stages over three years. In 1994, a family making \$40,000 will pay only \$1 a month. In 1995, only \$7 and then only \$17 a month when it is fully phased in.

Lower Interest Rates Offset Tax Increase.

- Long-term interest rates are at their lowest in 20 years. They are 7.43% today, while on November 6, 1992 they were at 8.29%.
- A family who refinances their 10% \$100,000 mortgage at 7.5% saves \$175 a month or \$2,100 a year.
- According to a bipartisan poll, 74% of people in their 30s now believe that home ownership is accessible. It was only 47% one year ago.

The Deficit Trust Fund Ensures that Savings Go to Deficit Reduction.

- It locks in \$496 billion in deficit reduction and throws away the key.
- It is a needed enforcement provision because the budget law the President inherited does not have a way of locking in the deficit savings that come from taxes and entitlement cuts.

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MEMORANDUM

May 21, 1993

TO: Craig Smith

FR: Monica Aboud

RE: Southern Congressmen Head Count

Alright here is the update:

Georgia:

Darden: He sits on the Appropriations Comm. and has been very supportive of Clinton; however, he is catching a lot of heat for it in his district. Especially in light of all the social issues that have been dominating this Administration. He is going to have a tough time validating his support for the President and trying to win. He has election problems

Johnson: Has the same problem as Darden. He is still ridding the fence.

Rowland: Uncertain

Deal: Uncertain

Louisiana:

Tauzin & Hayes are extremely conservative, they will most likely not be with the President; however, Jim Nickel is going to see what he can do.

Florida:

Bacchus and Petterson have expressed that they would like to have a cap added to the reconciliation. However, Suzanne Farmer feels comfortable with the fact that both will be with the President. Hutto is a different story. He will be a problem for the President.

Oklahoma

Texas

Alabama

Tennessee

Mississippi

North Carolina

Arkansas:

Uncertain on all of the above

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Bryant backs Clinton econ pact in House

By CHARLES J. DUKES
Review Staff Writer

Fifth District Congressman John Bryant, D-Dallas, Friday

said he supports President Bill Clinton's tax and deficit re-

duction plans. Bryant said he agrees with 1st District Con-

gressman Jim Chapman, D-

Sulphur Springs, who was quoted Thursday saying not enough emphasis has been placed on Clinton's deficit re-

Bryant said he has great respect for conservative Congressman Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, (in West Texas) who has proposed caps on Medicare and Medicaid spending as a price for supporting the Clinton plan, but Bryant said he can't follow Stenholm's lead.

Bryant said Medicare and Medicaid caps should not be considered now because they would fall unfairly on hospitals and the elderly and because they would interfere with Clinton's healthcare cost reform strategy.

"The President feels he needs — and I agree — that he needs caps as an issue he can use as a tool in his health

Bryant

plan." Bryant said caps should be considered in the health plan debate, not in the tax bill debate which he said is scheduled to come to a vote next Thursday.

Bryant said he fears if caps are placed on Medicare and Medicaid today, there will be little incentive for House or Senate Republicans and other conservatives to support Clinton's healthcare package.

"If we put caps on now, hospitals and the elderly would have to pay more without any assurance the healthcare cost control package would be passed.

"They could be hit with higher costs without anything being done later to control rising healthcare costs. I agree with the president on this."

Bryant said he met with Clinton on the issue during a Democratic caucus at the House on Wednesday.

Bryant said even with Stenholm's caps, if nothing is done to control spiraling healthcare costs in the U.S., the deficit will begin to grow again by 1998.

"Ross Perot acts like he's the one that discovered this, but this is something we've known all along."

Bryant said he also supports a BTU (British Thermal Units) tax on energy in the U.S. He said the tax will conserve ener-

gy and raise revenues for the government.

Bryant estimated the cost of the tax at about \$3 to \$4 in the beginning rising to about \$17 per family in five years. He said he regrets that, but said alternatives, such as a gasoline tax hike are much worse.

"Perot has recommended a 50 cent per gallon gasoline tax," Bryant said. "That would end up costing you about \$10 more everytime you fill up your tank."

"The BTU tax, as modified by Texans on the House Ways and Means Committee, is a much fairer tax."

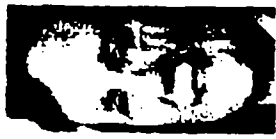
Bryant said a gasoline tax unfairly falls on Texans, residents in Western U.S. states and farmers.

"I am against a tax at the pump," Bryant said.

Bryant praised Clinton for his work style.

Referring to Clinton's several visits to the House, he said, "He's a hands-on manager. He's not sitting over in the Whitehouse dreaming up grand strategies for foreign policy; he's been over here working on this and this is where he needs to be."

Bryant said Clinton's visits to the Congress have increased Clinton's stature among policymakers. He said he's never heard of another president visiting the Congress to discuss things the way Clinton has.



Bryant

MEMO

TO: JEFF FORBES/ CRAIG SMITH
FR: ANSLEY JONES
DA: MONDAY, MAY 24, 1993
RE: PRESS CONFERENCES/RADIO ACTUALITIES IN SUPPORT OF BC TAX PLAN

** Stress: Cuts & Deficit Reduction **

Illinois:

Farmers Union: Larry Douglas -- radio
618-524-8935

UAW President: Owen Bieber -- radio
CEO Chrysler: Bob Eaton -- radio
CEO Ford: Red Polling -- radio

Indiana:

Secretary of Management & Budget: Leon Panetta
202-395-4840

Secretary of Treasury: Benson

Iowa:

Senate Majority Leader: Walley Horn -- radio - call 2pm
515-281-3901
319-366-4949
319-398-2331

President of the Senate: Leonard Boswell -- radio
515-442-3895
515-281-3811

Asst. Leader of House: Representative Phil Weiss -- radio
319-524-2542
319-524-3643

Senate Approp. Chair: Larry Murphy -- radio
319-425-5219
319-283-4255

Former Congressman: David Nagle -- radio
319-266-3194
319-234-3623
(F) 236-2228

Kansas:

National Farmers Union: Emil Mushrush -- radio, press release
Communications Director
316-241-6630
316-273-8576

Kansas State Board of Agriculture: Raymond Burns
913-296-3736
(F) 296-2247

State Treasurer: Sally Thompson
913-296-4163
(F) 296-7950

Governor: John Carlin -- radio
913-749-3613
(F) 749-0738

Michigan:

Dem. Party Chair: Gary Corbin -- radio; press release
Contact: Steve Gools
517-371-5410

Minnesota:

Attorney General: Skip Humphrey
612-297-4274
(F) 297-4193

Senate Majoriy Leader: Roger Moe
612-296-2577

Director of Econ. Development, Sibley Co.: Jim Nichols
507-368-4528

Missouri:

Governor: Mel Carnahan
314-526-3605
(F) 526-5500

State Treasurer: Bob Holden -- radio; need press release
Contact: Debbie Malali
314-751-2411
(F) 751-944

Nebraska:

Governor: Ben Nelson
402-471-2244
(F) 471-6031

State Auditor: John Breslow -- radio; need press release
402-471-2111
(F) 471-3301

National Farmers Union: John Hansen -radio; need press release
or Jeff Kirkpatrick
402-476-8815

Ohio:

Attorney General: Lee Fisher
Contact: Natalie Wymer
614-466-3376
(F) 466-5087

Mayor of Cleveland: Mike White -- radio; need press release
Contact: Cecila Huffman
216-664-4270

South Dakota:

Farmers Union: Dennis Wiese
605-352-6761

Asst. State Senate Majority Leader: Paul Symens
(Agriculture & Nat. Resources/Approp.) 605-352-6761

Asst. House Minority Leader: Craig Schaunaman
605-229-1393
605-225-6773

Wisconsin:

Farmers Union: John Bresnow
Contact: Tom Mallooly
Wisconsin Dem. Party
(Call Tom to get the update)

WI Dem. Party Exec. Dir: Jennifer McKenzie -- radio statewide
talk show for one hour

Dem. Party Chair: Martha Love -- radio; need press release
Contact: Tom Mallooly
608-255-5172

MEMORANDUM
5/25/93

TO: Craig & Minyon
FM: Marcy
RE: Congressional Support of the Reconciliation Package

Listed below is the present vote count on the President's Reconciliation Package in delegation order.

ARIZONA

Ed Pastor - Yes
Sam Coopersmith - Leaning No
Karen English - Leaning No

* Coopersmith & English are freshmen from marginal districts. They are having a tough time selling this package as deficit reduction. They are also amongst a group of freshmen who do not like the Stenholm proposal and are looking for alternatives.

DNC Efforts:

- * State Chair Owens is organizing a press conference with other Democratic leaders in the state, to support the President's package.
- * State Representative Art Hamilton will be issuing a statement to the press in support of the President.
- * Radio feeds with Owens and Hamilton for Wednesday's talk shows and drive time.
- * Distribution of flyers will begin today at Leisure World and Sun City.
- * Satellite feed with Secretary Bentsen.
- * Radio with DNC Senior Staff ?

CALIFORNIA

YES:

Dan Hamburg
Vic Fazio
Robert Matsui
Lynn Woolsey
George Miller
Nancy Pelosi
Tom Lantos
Pete Stark
Anna Eshoo - Leaning Yes
Norman Mineta
Don Edwards

NO:

Gary Condit
Richard Lehman
Clavin Dooley
Jane Harman - Leaning No
Lynn Schenk - Leaning No

UNCERTAIN:

Ron Dellums
Walter Tucker

Anthony Beilenson
Howard Berman
Henry Waxman
Xavier Becerra
Matthew Martinez
Julian Dixon
Lucille Roybal_Allard
Esteban Torres
Maxine Waters
George Brown

* Eshoo, Tucker, & Dellums are not confident that the President will not sell them out and we are working this through other means. This is a trust factor. Harman & Schenk are having a very tough time selling the Reconciliation as deficit reduction. They are in marginal districts and have many wealthy constituents who think we are taxing and spending. However, their districts are very environmentally conscience and someone like EPA's Carol Browner could help sell the plan. With respect to Condit, Lehman, & Dooley, they are from farm districts and don't like the package and have not yet joined Stenholms.

DNC Efforts:

- * State Party will release a statement in support of the President.
- * Working with the statewide democrats to come together in a press conference in support of the President's plan.
- * Radio feeds with elected officials in key areas on Wednesday's talk shows and drive time.
- * Fax trees are moving our talking points, flyers, and editorials throughout the state.
- * Satellite with Secretary Bentsen and Secretary Shalala.
- * Radio with Wilhelm into LA and SF.

HAWAII

Neil Abercrombie - Yes
Patsy Mink - Yes

DNC Efforts:

- * The Governor and the State Party will issue a statement in support of the President.

NEVADA

James Bilbray - Undecided

* He's having trouble selling the Reconciliation as deficit reduction. The trust issue is a big concern with the Congressman. He doesn't want to put himself on the line and be sold out later.

DNC Efforts:

- * The Governor will call the Congressman.
- * Satellite feed with Secretary Bentsen.

- * Radio feed with DNC Senior Staff ?

NEW MEXICO

Bill Richardson - Yes

DNC Efforts:

- * The Governor's wife will do a press conference with senior citizens, supporting the President's plan.
- * The state party will issue a statement.
- * The Native American Governors from both the Pueblo and Navajo Tribes will issue statements in support of the President's Plan.
- * Radio feeds with elected officials for Wednesday drive time.

To: Minyon
From: Sara / Jim
Date: May 26, 1993
Re: Update on Senior Citizen Grassroots Activity on Reconciliation Bill

The senior citizen community has quickly increased their activity to support the Reconciliation Bill (also referred to as the President's plan). There is across-the-board criticism of the Boren-Danforth proposal among the senior citizen groups and a "warmer embrace" of the President's plan.

It should be noted that the senior citizen groups will strongly oppose any entitlement caps. They feel the President's original budget asks them to contribute a lot, and further cuts directed at their constituency by the Administration will endanger senior support for the President.

The President was very well received Tuesday May 26 by a group of 150 senior citizens and organizational leaders when he signed a proclamation declaring May as Older Americans Month.

AARP

- scheduled to have a joint press conference on Thursday May 27 with National Governors Association, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, American Hospital Association, National Association of Public Hospitals, American College of Emergency Physicians, National Association of Private Psychiatric Systems, National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions, Association of American Medical Colleges, and American Association of Homes for the Aging

- press conference will discuss criticisms of the Boren-Danforth proposal

AFSCME Retirees

- activating grassroots networks to support the President's plan

- working to put together a joint press conference with environmental groups, children's groups, and other communities

AFT Retirees

- sent letter to 100 largest locals criticizing Boren-Danforth proposal and supporting the President's plan; the letter asks the locals to mobilize members to call Senators and Representatives

- AFT President Albert Shanker sent letter to each member of Congress to support the President's plan

- issued press release urging Congress to support President Clinton's plan

Long Term Care Campaign

- calling leadership in member organizations to see what they can do

National Association for Home Care

- sent newsletter and news alert to 6000 members urging them to call Congress and pass the President's plan

- wrote each home care buyer in Oklahoma asking them to call Boren

National Caucus and Center on Black Aged

- sent faxes to 35 lead organizers requesting them to have membership call Congress

National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare

- President Martha McSteen issued press release calling for the Senate to reject the Boren-Danforth plan

- President Martha McSteen sent letter to Congressman Conyers (D-MI), Chair of House Committee on Government Operations, urging him to reject the social security tax increase and entitlement cap proposal

- called 100-200 leading activists to activate grassroots networks to oppose Boren-Danforth

National Council of Senior Citizens

- sent 5000 Senior Grams to clubs and activist telling them to activate grassroots network to call Congress in support of the President's plan

- Executive Director Larry Smedley issued press release calling Boren-Danforth plan an "outrageous attack on elderly and disabled persons"

******NCSC says they will not support the proposed Spratt amendment which caps entitlement; NCSC strongly urges us not to compromise on this issue**

National Council on the Aging

- President Dr. Daniel Thursz issued press release criticizing the Boren-Danforth plan as a disproportionate shift of deficit reduction and an "unwelcome alternative"

- *Dr. Thursz replaces Horace Deets of AARP as chair of the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations on June 1

National Indian Council on Aging

- contacting members and community leaders in Oklahoma to activate grassroots pressure on Sen. Boren and Reps. McCurdy and English

SEIU Retirees

- sent 300 members of SEIU Advisory Committee to lobby Congress on behalf of the President's plan

- sent 1000 postcards to membership in Oregon urging them to call Congress in support of the President

- activating grassroots networks in Maine to urge Sen. Cohen to abandon Boren-Danforth plan and work with the President

To: Minyon
From: Sara / Jim
Date: May 26, 1993
Re: Update on Jewish Grassroots Activity for Reconciliation Bill

American Jewish Committee

-President Al Moses sent a letter to each Congressperson requesting his/her vote on the Reconciliation Bill

National Jewish Democratic Council

-Executive Director Steve Gutow issued a press release calling for members of Congress to vote for the Reconciliation Bill



Democratic National Committee

TO: JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS
FROM: MINYON MOORE, CONSTITUENCY DIRECTOR
SARA EHRMAN, SENIOR POLITICAL ADVISOR
DATE: MAY 24, 1993
RE: GRASSROOTS DRIVE FOR CHANGE

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Change requires the cooperative efforts and commitment of our nation. Your grassroots work will make the difference between passage of the President's plan and the Washington gridlock which only stunts our economy. Thank you for your support.

Together, we will achieve the positive change Americans voted for and need.

Jewish Fax List

Warren Eisenberg, B'nai B'rith International
202-296-1092 (fax)

Steve Gutow, National Jewish Democratic Council
202-544-7645 (fax)

Jess Hordes, Anti-Defamation League
202-296-2371 (fax)

Jason Isaacson, American Jewish Committee
202-785-4115 (fax)

Mark Levin, National Conference on Soviet Jewry
202-898-0822 (fax)

Sammie Moshenberg, National Council of Jewish Women
202-331-7792 (fax)

Mark Pelavin, American Jewish Congress
202-387-3434 (fax)

Rabbi David Saperstein, Religious Action Center
202-667-9070 (fax)

Mark Talisman, Council of Jewish Federations
202-785-4937 (fax)

Larry Rubin, NJRCAC
212-686-1353 (fax)



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Senior Citizen Fax List

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Fax</u>
AARP	Marty Corry	202-434-3758
AFL-CIO COPE	Steve Protulis	202-637-5107
AFSCME Retirees	Steve Regenstreif	202-429-1293
AFT Retirees	Frank Stella	202-879-4597
Alliance for Aging Research	Daniel Perry	202-785-8574
Alzheimers Association	Stephen McConnell	202-393-2109
American Society on Aging	Nancy Coleman	202-331-2220
Asociacion Nacional Por Personas Mayores	Carmela Lacayo	213-385-3014
Families U.S.A.	Ron Pollack	202-347-2417
Foundation for Hospice and Home Care	Kathy Gardner	202-546-8698
Gray Panthers	Jule Sugarman	202-387-2492
Long Term Care Campaign	Deborah Briceland-Betts	202-434-6477
National Association for Home Care	Dayle Berke	202-547-3570
National Association of Area Units on Aging	Jonathon Linkous	202-296-8134
National Association of State Units on Aging	Diane Justice	202-898-2583
National Caucus and Center on Black Aged	Samuel Simmons	202-347-0895
National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare	Max Richtman	202-822-9612
Nat'l Association of Retired Federal Employees	Judy Park	202-797-9697
National Council of Senior Citizens	Dan Schulder	202-624-9595
National Council on the Aging	Dr. Daniel Thursz	202-479-0735
National Hispanic Council on Aging	Marta Sotomayor	202-745-2522
National Pacific/Asian Resource Center on Aging	Don Watanabe	206-624-1023
Older Women's League	Lou Glasse	202-638-2356
Save our Security	Dr. Arthur Fleming	202-624-9595
SEIU Retirees	Rosalie Whelan	202-898-3491
Union of American Hebrew Congregations	Lynne Landsberg	202-667-9070
United Auto Workers Retired Members Dept.	Tim Foley	313-824-5750

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Please call your Senators and Representatives at (202) 224-3121 and tell them to support the President's Plan and to oppose the Boren-Danforth Plan!

Authorized by the Democratic National Committee

FROM: OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIASON

CEOs Willing To Talk To The Media
(as of 5/24/93)

Bob Eaton, CEO, Chrysler
Contact: John Giviniven
Telephone: 202/862-5409

Steve Wolf, CEO, United Airlines
Contact: Bill Singer
Telephone: 312/861-2142

Call Tuesday morning after 10:30 EDT to find out Mr.
Wolf's schedule for Tuesday.

Robert (Bob) Denham, Salomon Bros.
212/783-6535

Contact: Michael Andrews
Telephone: 202/879-4116

August Busch, CEO, Anheuser-Busch (Republican)
St. Louis, Missouri

Contact: Richard Keating
Telephone: 202/293-9494

UPDATE

MEMO TO FILE

FROM: CAREN WILCOX

RE: RECONCILIATION PACKAGE

DATE: MAY 25, 1993

The Realtors Coalition issued a statement this morning with over ninety groups on it. In addition, a group of 51 Fortune 200 companies signed a letter to Chairman Rostenkowski endorsing the tax package.

Mr. Rostenkowski will issue these letters to the press around noon today. Following that the President will refer to the letters in his appearance on the Mall with the Big Three auto makers and Mr. Bieber.

There will be a meeting with lobbyists working on the passage of the bill at 2 pm today. All results of calling will continue to be reported to Majority Whip Bonior's office.

We are working to get one or two CEOs to appear at a press conference tomorrow with environmental groups and unions to support the package.

If and when we receive a list of key members who need encouragement, we will try to receive help from the numerous senior public affairs people. They have offered, but time will be of the essence to coordinate them.

MEMO

TO: FILE

FROM: CAREN WILCOX

RE: COALITION ACTIVITY IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC PLAN

DATE: MAY 21, 1993

Work continues on coalition building with business and other constituencies via outside groups.

On May 20 The Realtors, specifically Steve Dreisler and Linda Goold, (tel. 383 1083) held a coalition meeting at their offices at which there were 86 individuals who signed an attendance sheet. They were asked to gather signatures on a letter supporting the reconciliation package as a whole, and to mobilize their associations, clients, and unions to issue press releases, hold press conferences and take the temperatures of key members of Congress. Speakers at the meeting included Majority Whip Bonior, as well as Chuck Brain of Ways and Means and Michael Levy of Treasury (who was clear about being restrained to giving information only under the anti-lobbying statute.)

Individuals were asked to return authorization for signature to the letter by Monday afternoon. Rep. Bonior indicated that he had set up a War Room in H 115 to be staffed by Sarah Dufendock (sp?), Kathy Gilly, and Jerry Hartz in the Whip's office, to which results of Hill visits should be reported.

Individuals were asked to indicate wherever possible the reasons for indecision or reluctance for voting with the package. Rep. Bonior indicated that there were an unusually high number of undecided or failures to respond coming from the caucus.

Rep. Bonior indicated that they continued to meet with Rep. Stenholm and would delay voting a rule until they were clearer on what would be necessary there.

Another meeting had been planned by a group led by AFSCME from 2-3 p.m. on Tuesday, in 2247 Rayburn, and the group agreed to reconvene there on Tuesday for an update on status.

There was a suggestion at that meeting that some might wish to run an advertisement of the letter, but due to an invoice pending from last year, nothing was worked out about an advertisement. A suggestion about obtaining buttons indicating support for the passage was also made.

The National Realty Council represented by John Raffaelli and John O'Hanlon has also been helpful in this effort, and specifically is offering staffing to the coalition.

This group also contained representatives of labor and environmental groups, and they will be worked with by Rick Bloomingdale and Heather Booth of DNC staff.

Rob Leonard of Oldaker, Ryan & Leonard (728 1010) and Mark McConaghy (sp.?) of Price Waterhouse have been putting together a coalition of large businesses which will sign a letter supporting the Ways and Means tax package. He has over 40 signatures, and has merged the group with whom he has been working with names from the endorsers of the President's plan. I have been helping him with direct calls to large companies.

In addition, this group is helping to lobby with specific members, and has a corps of lobbyists who are well versed and acquainted on the Hill, and who can obtain direct information and be persuasive with members as needed.

Once we know a targetted group of members who need friendly persuasion and hand holding, I have the offer from Anne Wexler to convene a group of lobbyists to call on targetted members of interest in both the House and Senate. She is counseling me on coalition building and effective interaction with the White House apparatus, within the anti-lobbying statute. Peter Kelly and Tom Hoog have also offered help, as has Marshall Matz and a number of other well connected public affairs advocates.

In addition, we have been working with various health care groups which oppose the Boren and Stenholm proposals which would hurt entitlement programs. They specifically fear a cost shift onto businesses or loss of revenues. Both the National Leadership Coalition on Healthcare Reform (Henry Simmons and Peggy Rhodes, Columbia Sq., 555 13th St., NW, 20004-1109, tel 637 6831, fax 637 6861) and the Hospital Association (Mark Seklecki, tel 638 1100, fax 626 2345) have expressed interest in opposing these proposals actively, and will keep in touch with me as they decide what to do.



Democratic National Committee

TO: NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
FROM: MINYON MOORE *mm*
DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR AND CONSTITUENCY DIRECTOR
DATE: MAY 24, 1993
RE: GRASSROOTS DRIVE FOR CHANGE

President Clinton was elected to office because he made a commitment to the American people to lead the country in a new direction. Change is difficult. As he now carries out this important challenge, our President needs your help.

We need you to activate your membership networks. Please generate calls to your members of Congress indicating strong support for the President's economic plan - especially as it contrasts with the Boren-Danforth proposal. Phone calls by your members, combined with press releases by your leadership, will give us the needed help to pass this critical legislation. The attached talking points should be helpful in these efforts.

Change requires the cooperative efforts and commitment of our nation. Your grassroots work will make the difference between passage of the President's plan and the Washington gridlock which only stunts our economy. Thank you for your support.

Together, we will deliver the positive change America voted for and needs.

FR: MINYON MOORE
RE: OUTREACH IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY

AFRICAN AMERICAN OUTREACH

- * TALKING POINTS AND AN ACTION ALERT WAS FAXED TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS; In addition to the above, they have been invited to attend the Realtors Coalition meeting scheduled for today.
- * NAACP
- * National Urban League
- * National Political Congress for Black Women
- * National Council of Negro Women
- * A. Phillip Randolph Institute
- * National Black Caucus of State Legislators
- * National Black Caucus of Local Elected officials
- * Operation PUSH
- * Metropolitan Rainbow Coalition
- * Joint Center for Political & Economic Studies
- * Clergy, Church, Religious leaders United to Uphold Truth
- * National African American Clergy Committee
- * Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
- * Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
- * National Baptist Convention
- * The Unemployment and Poverty Action Committee
- * National Bar Association
- * National Urban Coalition
- * Coalition of Black Trade Unionist
- * DC Teacher's Union

- * National Assoc. for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education
- * National Alliance for Black School Educators
- * National Black Women's Health Project
- * National Coalition on Black Voter Participation
- * others (15 African American opinion leaders across the country)
- * In addition to the above outreach, Tony Rodham did a 1 hour call-in radio show to the #1 African American radio station in the District on Monday evening. Last week, Senator's Dole and Thurmond were the guest of the Republican host. He did an outstanding job in communicating how important it is to support the President's plan.

From: Lisa Shochat (SHOCHAT)
To: moore
Date: Monday, May 24, 1993 7:23 pm
Subject: budget stuff

As of 7pm Monday May 24th:

Environmental groups:

Natural Resources Defense Council --

- * Have submitted a release in support of the whole package
- * They are lobbying the Finance Committee and the House

Union of Concerned Scientists -- .

- * They are a little shaky on the package as a whole. They enthusiastically support the energy tax.
- * They have issued an action alert in Minnesota urging people to put pressure on Durenberger. (I will give a copy to you) There will probably be a press conference in Minnesota this week. When I have the release I will give you a copy.
- * They are lobbying primarily on the energy tax and trying to generate off committee support on energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Friends of the Earth --

- * FOE supports the package as a whole. They have signed the Realtors letter and will work on their own release
- * The Minnesota energy efficiency group (organized by FOE) will hold a press conference, and I will get you a copy of the release when I have one.
- * They are buying a print add in Minnesota in the STAR TRIBUNE
- * They are also activating canvasses in MN
- * Brent Blackwelder believes that the following groups need calls from the White House -- Gore? (it may help): National Audubon Society, National Wildlife Federation, and Clear Water Action. They have grassroots capabilities and may help if enticed. It should be a call from someone new. (Rahm?)

National Wildlife Federation --

- * Although they say they cannot support the package as a whole and cannot issue their own release, they have signed the Realtors letter
- * They are actively lobbying House on energy tax

Public Citizen --

- * Issued a release bashing Boren only
- * Lobbying on energy tax

Citizen Action --

- * Issued two releases: one bashing Boren the other supporting the overall plan
- * Activating canvass in GA, LA, WI, MN, and AL

Environmental Energy Studies Institute --

- * Support the overall package

* Carol Werner suggested that the WH (especially Pres or VP) directly contact Chafee and Durenberger. If the energy tax fails here it will surely fail in Europe. This should have influence on those that support climate control -- like Chafee. Possible spokespeople or people that may have influence: Warren Christopher, Tim Wirth, or Jessica Matthews.

I will E-mail you with Women and "other" groups tomorrow in am.

new info in italics!

MEMO

To: ~~Mark Chupka~~ *Theresa Craig*
Fr: Lisa Shochat
Dt: May 25, 1993

UPDATE

(As of May 25 at 7:00pm)

Sierra Club

* Melanie Griffin has been making calls to Freshman (D) House members this week. She is continuing the efforts today and emphasizing the energy tax. Reid Wilson is going to call those members where he has a special relationship (those who Sierra gave PAC \$ to). His approximation is that he will contact only about 10.

* Sierra Club also has issued a their own letter supporting the energy tax to the entire Congress. Reid Wilson believes Friends of the Earth will also sign onto this letter. (I will send a copy when it is completed)

* *Using a "target" list, Dawn Erlandson (Friends of the Earth) picked out Freshman Dems that Sierra Club endorsed in their campaigns. Melanie Griffin from Sierra began that list today and will continue it tomorrow.*

Natural Resources Defense Council

* NRDC is splitting up calling the Freshman Dems with Friends of the Earth, Union of Concerned Scientists, Wildlife, and Citizen Action. They are instructed to call those on their list as well as all Freshman who they believe environmental organizations have strong influence with. Also, they have been asked to call all those Congresspeople with whom their particular organization has a special relationship with.

* NRDC has signed on to a letter that is being sent by many environmental organizations to the hill. (I will send a copy when completed)

* NRDC issued a press release supporting the entire economic package. It will be included in the package of release that will go to the hill.

* *Specific congressional response:*
Lucille Roybal Allard (CA) -- SUPPORTS
Walter Tucker (CA) -- leaning to support
Earl Hilliard (AL) -- very worried about farming issues. Undecided

Most of the other calls consisted of leaving detailed messages and undecideds.

National Wildlife Federation

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* Wildlife is signing on to the letter that is being sent by environmental organizations to the hill.

* The following are the responses Wildlife got to calls today:

Brown (OH) -- "Grave reservations about the bill" -- undecided

Fingerhut (OH) -- undecided

Mann (OH) -- Left detailed message of support

Strickland (OH) -- 60 for 40 against "will probably vote for it"

Furse (OR) -- Left detailed message of support

Holden (PA) -- " " " " "

Klink (PA) -- " " " " "

Margolies-Mezinsky -- undecided

McHale -- no in favor in current form -- sever effect on industry and manufacturing

Clyburn (SC) -- SUPPORTS bill

Friends of the Earth

* See above -- splitting list with Union of Concerned Scientist and Wildlife.

* FOE is also signing onto the environmental letter that is being sent to the hill.

* The following is Friends of the Earth's grassroots plan for the energy tax:

Target Senators: Durenberger, Chafee, Breaux, Conrad, Baucus, and if time and money permit, some counterpressure on Boren

Objectives:

1. Generate letters from 10 organizations and at least 100 individuals in each state.
2. Hold a press conference in each state
3. Place newspaper and/or radio ads in each state.

* Brent Blackwelder made the following suggestion:
There are a set of groups that need calls (calls that seem out of the ordinary, "new")

from the White House (Gore, Rahm ?). The groups are National Wildlife, National Audubon Society, and Clean Water Action.

Union of Concerned Scientist

- * See above -- splitting list with Friends of the Earth, National Wildlife Federation, and Citizen Action (for energy tax)
- * UCS is organizing in Minnesota on behalf of the energy tax. They have sent an action alert out in MN (see attached) and hope to have a press conference this week.

Citizen Action

- * See above -- splitting calls with UCS, NRDC, National Wildlife Federation, and Friends of the Earth.
- * Citizen Action has organized grassroots efforts in GA, LA, WI, MN, and AL.

League of Conservation Voters

- * *Dawn Erlandson (FOE) picked out names of Freshman Dems that LCV endorsed during their campaigns and Jim Maddy LCV's Executive Director will begin those calls tomorrow.*

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PUBLIC CITIZEN * UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS

May 25, 1993

***Support the Energy Tax:
Fight Pollution, Reduce the Deficit***

Dear Representative:

The undersigned environmental groups urge you to support the energy tax reported by the House Ways and Means Committee as part of President Clinton's comprehensive economic plan.

The time has come to get serious about both the deficit and pollution. The energy tax, passed out of the House Ways and Means Committee on May 13, will go a long way toward addressing these critical issues.

The tax is a valuable and important piece of the overall deficit reduction package. Although the current version is significantly weaker than President Clinton's first proposal, the energy tax retains much of its environmental benefit. In particular the tax will help the U.S. meet its commitment to reducing global warming emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000.

The energy tax is designed to embody the principle of shared sacrifice by being broad-based and fair to all sectors and regions of the nation. The tax is linked to provisions to protect low-income families and households.

Most importantly, the energy tax is an historic step in transferring the burden of taxation from social "goods" like work, income, investment, and production to social "bads" like pollution and inefficiency.

We respectfully request your support for the energy tax. In addition, we ask you to oppose any effort to erode the revenue potential or environmental benefits of the tax through exemptions for specific interests.

Sincerely,



Jane Perkins
President

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On Behalf of:

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DEPUTY MAJORITY WHIP

May 25, 1993

Dear Colleague:

I thought you might be interested in this editorial that appeared in my hometown paper, Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune, today.

Sincerely,

Martin

Martin Olav Sabo
Member of Congress

Stick with Btu tax

There is an oil barrel full of reasons President Clinton should stick with his proposed Btu tax against the unkind cuts of a few Senate Democrats, led by oil Sen. David Boren and natural gas Sen. David Breaux. Three are fairness, efficiency and 20 billion badly-needed bucks.

An energy tax based on heat content of fuels as measured in British thermal units (Btu's) was not our initial favorite among energy-tax options. Along with presidential candidates Tsongas and Perot, we preferred a substantially increased gasoline tax. But the special genius of Clinton's Btu approach is fairness. In addition to fossil fuels, it covers nuclear and hydroelectric power, which also have negative environmental side effects, and it produces the most regionally balanced tax effect. Such balance should mean political acceptance.

The political horse that Boren, Breaux and now interloper Perot are riding is a growing concern that Clinton's budget is short on spending cuts outside of the military. Depending upon Clinton's final health-care proposal, that concern may be legitimate, but the energy tax is the wrong battlefield. It is needed no matter what.

The Btu tax is a broad-based sin tax like no other. When consumers or businesses buy gasoline, oil or

electricity, they are also buying air pollution, radioactive waste, global warming and — in the case of oil — trade deficits. Energy taxes reduce all these nasty side effects, with the added feature — unlike any other tax — of encouraging efficiency that can offset the cost of the tax. A timely new study by the Institute for Local Self Reliance asserts that the Btu tax's 6 percent price increase can be offset through investments in efficiency that pay back in as little as three years.

So-called deficit hawks like Sen. Boren and gadfly Perot are disingenuous. Controlling entitlement and health-care costs are essential, but so are the revenue increases and efficiency investments the Btu tax provides. This is not an either-or debate. If the deficit is to be cut, some broad-based taxes must go up because that's where the serious money is: \$20 billion a year for the Btu tax. Energy price increases are also the best way for the nation to meet its environmental commitments.

The Btu tax nearly painlessly raises funds, discourages pollution and encourages efficiency, a win for the economy, trade deficits and the environment. Boren, Breaux and Perot should get off their gassed and oiled political machines and support what is good for the country. That is what the last election was all about.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Friends in the Disability Community
FROM: Bob Sevigny, DNC
RE: House of Representatives Vote on the President's Economic Package
DATE: May 24, 1993

The President has proposed a budget plan that would produce a \$496 billion reduction in the budget deficit over the next five years. This is the largest and most significant deficit reduction plan ever proposed to Congress by a President. The structure of this plan, the Budget Resolution, was previously approved by the Congress. Currently, the House of Representatives is considering the specific budgetary and tax provisions needed to bring this plan to reality in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act. A vote on the Budget Reconciliation Act is expected on Thursday of this week.

Arguing that the President's plan contains too few spending cuts and too many tax increases, several Members of the House and Senate, including Rep. Charles Stenholm and Senator David Boren, have advanced proposals that would reduce or eliminate provisions that would raise revenues by increasing taxes on wealthy Americans including the proposed tax on energy consumption. These proposals attempt to make up for the loss of revenues that would have been gained through these taxes by imposing strict spending caps on Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare. These proposals would have the effect of removing much of the burden of deficit reduction away from the wealthiest Americans and placing it squarely on the poor, the elderly, and people with disabilities who are the principal beneficiaries of these programs.

The President's plan reduces the budget deficit with a balanced combination of budget cuts and tax increases targeted principally at people in the top 5% of household income. Specifically, the plan provides for \$102 billion in cuts in discretionary spending; \$97 billion in cuts in entitlement programs; \$247 billion in new taxes; and would result in additional savings of \$50 billion in interest payments on the deficit. Approximately 59% of the tax increase proposed in the President's plan would be paid by the richest 1% of the population. The Congressional Budget Office found that 75% of the proposed increased tax burden would fall on the 6.5% most well off families.

To guard against backsliding in the struggle to reduce the deficit, the President has proposed the establishment of a Deficit Reduction Trust Fund. This would provide a legal guarantee that all of the net revenues and net entitlement and discretionary spending cuts will be targeted for deficit reduction under the President's plan could not be diverted for other spending programs.

The House of Representatives will vote on the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act this week. We urge you to contact your member of Congress and tell them that you want them to support the President's plan to reduce the budget deficit and invest in our economy!!

TALKING POINTS

CLINTON'S PLAN

- * 75% OF TAX INCREASES FALL ON THE TOP 6% OF AMERICANS ACCORDING TO THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE. THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION INCREASED THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT TO BENEFIT 10 MILLION WORKING FAMILIES.
- * THE BTU TAX DOES NOT EVEN TAKE EFFECT UNTIL THE SUMMER OF 1994. WHEN IT DOES, IT IS PHASED IN THREE YEARS.
- * IT COULD COST THE AVERAGE FAMILY MAKING \$40,000 ONLY \$1 A MONTH IN 1994, \$7 A MONTH IN 1995, AND \$17 A MONTH IN 1997.
- * ON THE WHOLE, FAMILIES MAKING UNDER \$30,000 WOULD BE HELD HARMLESS.

BOREN-DANFORTH ALTERNATIVE

- * IT WILL CREATE A MASSIVE SHIFT IN THE BURDEN OF DEFICIT REDUCTION AWAY FROM THOSE AT THE END OF THE INCOME SCALE AND TOWARD THE LOW.
- * ON TOP OF THE \$56 BILLION ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN, THEY ARE ASKING FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$114 BILLION IN MEDICARE AND MEDICAID CUTS.
- * STATES WILL LOSE AT LEAST \$31 BILLION IN MEDICAID AND AFDC MATCHING FUNDS.
- * BOREN-DANFORTH'S SPECIFIC HEALTH CARE CUTS AND AFDC CUTS ARE DESIGNED TO HIT THE POOR AND ELDERLY DISPROPORTIONATELY HARD. IT PUTS TREMENDOUS BURDENS ON STATES; THUS, INCREASES IN STATE AND LOCAL TAXES TO MAKE UP FOR THE FEDERAL CUTS ARE VERY LIKELY.

TO: Minyon Moore

FROM: Sam Rodriguez

RE: Support for the President's Budget Resolution
among Hispanic Leaders.

Date: 5/25/93

UPDATE: Please be advised that the following list of Hispanic Organizations had publicly endorsed Clinton Economic Initiative back in January and February respectively.

Yesterday, the Hispanic Affairs office faxed an urgent Memorandum and Talking Points to all Washington based Hispanic organizations to release a press statement endorsing the budget resolution and to attend today's Tax Bill Coalition meeting. (please see attached)

Throughout the day today I will be calling personally all of the Hispanic Leaders on the list to reinforce the immediate need of their support and receive their feedback.

HISPANIC LEADERS LIST

Dr. Frank Newton
Exe. Dir.
National Hispanic Leadership Agenda

Raul Yzaguirre
President
National Council of the Raza

Mickey Ibarra
V.P. Gov't Relations
NEA

Luz Hopewell
President
LAMA

Roger Rivera
Exe. Dir.
The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

Al Montoya
Exe. Dir.
LCLAA

Dr. Marta Sotomayor
Exe Dir.
National Hispanic Council on Aging

Dr, Jane Delgado
President
COSSMHO

Maria Lourdes Garcia
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InterAmerican College of Physicians

Ed Pena
President
LULAC

Janice Petrovich
Exe. Dir.
ASPIRA

Louis Nunez
President
National Puerto Rican Coalition

Elvira Valenzuela Crocker
President
MANA

Rafael Magallan
Exe, Dir.
Hispanic Assoc. of Colleges & Universities

Susan Ramos
President
Hispanic Bar Assoc.

Peso Chavez
Exe. Dir.
Hispanic Elected Officials

James Lyons
Exe. Dir.
National Assoc. for Bilingual Education

Sarah Torres
President
National Assoc. Hispanic Nurses

Mario Moreno
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American Federation of Teachers

Richard Jose Bela
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Hispanic Assoc. on Corporate Responsibility

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National Hispana Leadership Institute

David Fernandez
Exe. Dir.
Greater Ibero Chamber of Commerce

Carmen Delgado Votaw
National Hispanic Democratic Women's Network

Antonia Hernandez
Exe. Dir.
MALDEF



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MEMORANDUM

FR: SAM RODRIGUEZ
DATE: MONDAY, MAY 24, 1993
RE: SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT CLINTON'S BUDGET RESOLUTION

Please be advised that the United States House of Representatives will be voting on President Clinton's Budget Resolution on Thursday, May 27, 1993. In order to ensure the successful passage of the President's plan, the White House and Democratic National Committee is asking for active support on the grassroots level. We are asking organizations that support the President's plan and reject the Boren Alternative to issue a press release of endorsement. Enclosed please find the main talking points for the President's plan and the Boren alternative. Since time is of the essence, please fax your press releases to my attention at the DNC. My fax number is (202) 863-8196. Your immediate attention to this matter is much appreciated.

Also, for all groups, businesses, unions, and other interested parties in the Washington area, please be advised that a tax bill coalition meeting will be held for all those who support the Clinton tax package. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. at the Rayburn Building, Room 2247. This meeting is being organized by the National Association of Realtors and the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Union. If you would like to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Grace Ho at (202) 863-8085.



Democratic National Committee

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MAY 24, 1993

CONTACT: GRACE HO
(202) 863-8085

**COALITION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS
REJECT BOREN ALTERNATIVE; SUPPORT CLINTON**

The coalition of Southern California Asian Pacific Americans reiterate their support for President Clinton's Economic Reconciliation Bill, and reject the Boren Alternative. President Clinton's plan reinvigorates the economy. Examination of the Boren Alternative reveals the opposition's intent to reinvigorate "trickle-down" economics of the past Republican Administrations; thereby, reinventing the status quo.

The Boren Alternative appears to offer a more attractive economic plan compared to the President's. However, careful examination of this alternative shows that it serves to perpetuate the economic policies of the Reagan and Bush Administrations which have proven unsuccessful to the Asian Pacific American community. It proposes false budget cuts.

This coalition accepts the hard decisions that the Clinton Administration must make in regards to higher taxes and investment spending. These decisions are necessary to address our country's social and economic realities. In excerpts from the prepared statement made on February 21, 1993 endorsing President Clinton's proposed economic plan, the coalition issued the following:

* We accept President Clinton's marginal tax increases and proposed energy taxation plan. As Americans we must cooperatively shoulder the responsibility of our nation's fiscal burdens and sacrifice for the greater good during these trying economic times.

* We find great hope in the President's short and long-term initiatives to reinvigorate the economy. As residents of Southern California, an urban center adversely impacted by the recessive nature of the economy, investment in our infrastructure and human resources is necessary to our revitalization.

* We encourage the President's plan to invest significantly in human and social services programs. As Asian Pacific Americans, we represent one of several underserved inner-city communities hurt by years of neglect. There is a desperate need for the President's

-more-

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proposed investments in drug prevention and treatment, youth employment, job training, and health care programs.

President Clinton's plan is critical to the economic and social vitality of the Asian Pacific American community. David Tseng of the Asian Pacific Bar of California said, "I feel extremely optimistic that the President's new package will finally begin to address the country's economic and social problems ignored during the last two administrations."

The coalition joined together as a network of social, political, business, and fraternal organizations to endorse President Clinton's proposed economic plan.

**Coalition of Southern California Asian Pacific Americans
February 21, 1993**

As individuals from various Asian Pacific American organizations*, we enthusiastically endorse President Clinton's economic package as a new vision for the future of our country. We pledge our active support for the President Clinton's initiatives with the belief that its implementation will create positive economic and social change and significantly improve the quality of life for all Americans.

Rajen Anand, Asian Pacific Democratic Caucus
S. Bala, Hindu Tengg Society
Dr. Balasubramaniam, Hindu Temple Society
Marissa Castro, UCLA Filipino Alumni Association
John Chiang, Asian Pacific American Legislative Staff Caucus
Yusa Chang, Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment
Joy Chen, Kawes & Associates, Inc.
Lily Chan, Chinese American Democratic Club
Debbie Ching, Chinatown Service Center
Tong Soo Chung, TEC Asian Caucus
Richard Choi, Korean American Democratic Club
Mai Cong, Vietnamese Community of Orange County
Marcia Choo, Women's Organization Reaching Koreans (WORK)
Le Kim Dinh, Phoenix Club - Vietnamese American Democratic League
Sue Embrey, Mazanar Committee
Fred Fujioke, Japanese American Bar Association
Nathan Fong, Chinese American Citizens Alliance
Dolly Gee, Southern California Civil Rights Organization
Vince Gonzales, Filipino American Bar Association
Gerald Gubatan, Filipino American Democratic Club
Les Hamasaki, Amerasia Group
Sumi Haru, Asian American Journalists Association
Yvette Herrera, Asian Pacific Women's Network
Naomi Hirahara, Pacific Asian American Writers
Paul Husson, Federation of Indo-Americans

Miya Iwataki, National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRR)

Joel Jacinto, Search to Involve Filipino Americans

Maqbool Kadri, Indian Muslim Association

Jagdish Kariappa, Karnataka Cultural Association

Robert Kawahara, East/West Players

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Mitchell Maki, Asian Pacific Social Worker Council

J.C. & Sonia Mallik, Federation of Indian Associations

Craig Minami, Japanese American Committee on Recovery

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Agnes Mu, Tavel Kingdom
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George Nakano, Asian Pacific American Administrators
Howard Nakase, YN Landscape Concepts
National Association of Vietnamese American Scientists
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Ana Prasad, Indian Women In Business
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Bharati Rohil, Integrated Community Builders
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 Lani Sakoda, Asian Business Association
 Sipra Sengupta, Bengali Association of Southern California
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 Sarv Singh, Chinmaya Mission
 Jeff Su, West San Gabriel Valley Asian Pacific Democratic Club
 Art Takai, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA)
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 Toshiko S. Yoshida, Japanese American Democratic Club

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- Vietnamese American Vol. League
- Nat. Council of Vietnamese Demo.
- Indo-Chinese Resettlement Cultural Center - S. J.
- CA. Filipino Am. Dem. Club
- Asian Indian Women's Network

~~Indo-Chinese Resettlement Cultural Center~~
 Khmer Society of San Antonio (TX)
 Refugee Resource Center (Stockton)
 Southeast Asian Youth Diversity Project

MEMO

To: ~~Mark Chupka~~ *Winyon*
Fr: Lisa Shochat
Dt: May 25, 1993

UPDATE
(As of May 25 at 3:30pm)

Sierra Club

* Melanie Griffin has been making calls to Freshman (D) House members this week. She is continuing the efforts today and emphasizing the energy tax. Reid Wilson is going to call those members where he has a special relationship (those who Sierra gave PAC \$ to). His approximation is that he will contact only about 10.

* Sierra Club also has issued a their own letter supporting the energy tax to the entire Congress. Reid Wilson believes Friends of the Earth will also sign onto this letter. (I will send a copy when it is completed)

Natural Resources Defense Council

* NRDC is splitting up calling the Freshman Dems with Friends of the Earth, Union of Concerned Scientists, Wildlife, and Citizen Action. They are instructed to call those on their list as well as all Freshman who they believe environmental organizations have strong influence with. Also, they have been asked to call all those Congresspeople with whom their particular organization has a special relationship with.

* NRDC has signed on to a letter that is being sent by many environmental organizations to the hill. (I will send a copy when completed)

* NRDC issued a press release supporting the entire economic package. It will be included in the package of release that will go to the hill.

National Wildlife Federation

* National Wildlife Federation is splitting up calling the Freshman Dems with Friends of the Earth and Union of Concerned Scientists. They are instructed to call those on their list as well as all Freshman who they believe environmental organizations have strong influence with.

Also, they have been asked to call all those Congresspeople with whom their particular organization has a special relationship with.

- * Wildlife is signing on to the letter that is being sent by environmental organizations to the hill.

- * The following are the responses Wildlife got to calls today:

Brown (OH) -- "Grave reservations about the bill" -- undecided

Fingerhut (OH) -- undecided

Mann (OH) -- Left detailed message of support

Strickland (OH) -- 60 for 40 against "will probably vote for it"

Furse (OR) -- Left detailed message of support

Holden (PA) -- " " " " "

Klink (PA) -- " " " " "

Margolies-Mezinsky -- undecided

McHale -- no in favor in current form -- sever effect on industry and manufacturing

Clyburn (SC) -- SUPPORTS bill

Friends of the Earth

- * See above -- splitting list with Union of Concerned Scientist and Wildlife.

- * FOE is also signing onto the environmental letter that is being sent to the hill.

- * The following is Friends of the Earth's grassroots plan for the energy tax:

Target Senators: Durenberger, Chafee, Breaux, Conrad, Baucus, and if time and money permit, some counterpressure on Boren

Objectives:

1. Generate letters from 10 organizations and at least 100 individuals in each state.

2. Hold a press conference in each state

3. Place newspaper and/or radio ads in each state.

- * Brent Blackwelder made the following suggestion:

There are a set of groups that need calls (calls that seem out of the ordinary, "new") from the White House (Gore, Rahm ?). The groups are National Wildlife, National Audubon Society, and Clean Water Action.

Union of Concerned Scientist

- * See above -- splitting list with Friends of the Earth, National Wildlife Federation, and Citizen Action (for energy tax)

* UCS is organizing in Minnesota on behalf of the energy tax. They have sent an action alert out in MN (see attached) and hope to have a press conference this week.

Citizen Action

* See above -- splitting calls with UCS, NRDC, National Wildlife Federation, and Friends of the Earth.

* Citizen Action has organized grassroots efforts in GA, LA, WI, MN, and AL.

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DAN ROSTENKOWSKI, Chairman

For immediate release
May 25, 1993

Rostenkowski Releases List of Tax-Bill Backers

Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski today released a list of more than 140 organizations that support President Clinton's reconciliation package, which will be debated in the House later this week.

The list consists of more than 50 major businesses and more than 90 broadly-based organizations.

"This proves that there's broad support for this bill throughout the nation," Rostenkowski said, "despite criticism that's been voiced within the beltway. The American people realize that tax increases are a necessary component of any deficit-reduction package. And they realize also that we've come up with a fair plan that includes shared sacrifice."

"We seldom see taxpayers lobbying for a bill that will raise their taxes, but that is what is reflected in these letters," said Rostenkowski, predicting that "as these groups lobby to support their position, the votes we need will fall into place."

The letters are appended along with specific endorsements from six of the CEOs who signed the letter.

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WHAT CORPORATE EXECUTIVES ARE SAYING

"The Ways and Means Committee significantly improved the corporate provisions of the President's tax proposal, and we, therefore, strongly support H.R. 2141, the bill reported by the Committee. Although business will pay several billion dollars more under H.R. 2141, the tax structure is far better than the original proposal for investment and job creation."

E.L. Artzt
Chairman of the Board and Chief
Executive Officer
The Procter & Gamble Company

"By eliminating the investment tax credit and reducing the proposed corporate rate, the Ways and Means Committee substantially improved the corporate tax provisions in the reported bill. Their actions keep those provisions much closer to the bedrock principles of tax reform -- the broadest possible base with the lowest possible rates -- than did the original proposal and, therefore, we support H.R. 2141."

Bruce Atwater
Chairman of the Board and Chief
Executive Officer
General Mills, Inc.

"The tax bill, as modified by the Ways and Means Committee, improves the prospects for better economic growth and international competition."

Warren L. Batts
Chairman of the Board and Chief
Executive Officer
Premark International, Inc.

"I strongly support passage of the House budget reconciliation bill. The defeat of the package would mean chaos in the financial markets and would lead to an increase in interest rates. This, in turn, would slow economic growth and job creation."

Clark Matthews
President and Chief Executive
Officer
Southland Corp.

"The tax elements which were recently reported by the House Ways and Means Committee and supported by President Clinton represent a reasonable balance between the need to increase revenues, stimulate investment, and ensure the fairness of the tax system."

Michael Walsh
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Tenneco Inc.

"To create jobs and growth, the U.S. tax system should have the lowest possible uniform rates and no special preferences. By eliminating the investment tax credit and mitigating the increase in corporate rates, the Ways and Means Committee tax bill moves us in that direction and is worthy of support. However, we also believe that meaningful deficit reduction cannot be achieved without real spending cuts."

John F. Welch, Jr.
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
General Electric Company



National Association of Social Workers

*For Immediate Release:
May 18, 1993*

STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

Washington, D.C., May 18, 1993 -- The world's largest association of professional social workers, representing 145,000 members nationwide, reaffirms its support for President Clinton's plan to reorder the country's economic priorities.

Social workers are on the front lines of human service delivery and see first-hand the human devastation resulting from the sluggish economy and the decade-long lack of government investment in programs for people. The grim statistics are well known--one in five American children lives in poverty; during the 1980's, average hourly wages fell more than 9%; one in four African-American males is in prison, on probation or on parole at any one time.

Cynthia Woodside, NASW government relations consultant, points to two provisions in the President's plan as examples of the kinds of investments that can make a real difference in people's lives. "New funding for Family Preservation and Support programs, approved last week by the House Ways and Means Committee, focuses scarce federal resources on prevention activities, including strengthening families and improving local foster care and adoption services and expansion of the Earned Income Credit helps 'make work pay' and lays a foundation for setting thousands of low-income families on a path out of poverty."

The President's plan is a sound, sensible approach that not only addresses the country's escalating social concerns, but also takes strong measures to reduce the federal deficit. It's a plan worthy of enactment.

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the world's oldest and largest organization of professional social workers with 145,000 members. Social workers provide more than half of the nation's mental health care. Approximately 80,000 NASW members are clinical social workers. Social workers are employed in a variety of settings including family service agencies, mental health facilities, schools and colleges, hospitals and industry. NASW is a non-profit organization.

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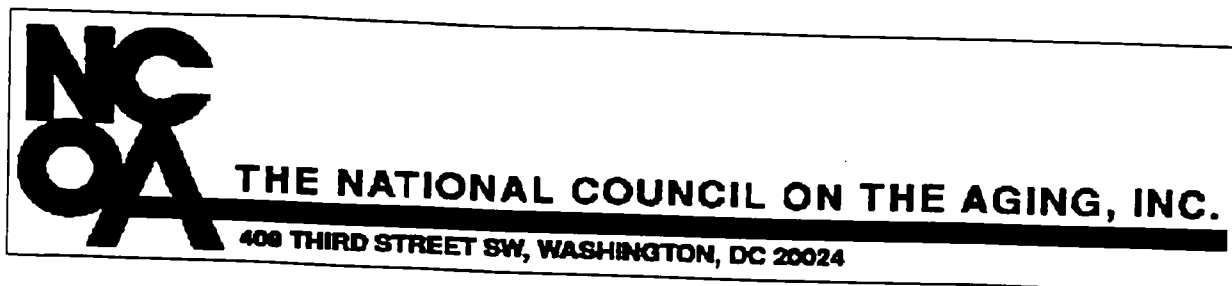
Statement of James Forman, Ph.D. on the National Debt. Forman is the President of the Unemployment and Poverty Action Committee (UPAC) and the UPAC Fund, Inc., a non-profit organization.

"As a U.S. citizen, I have often seen on the CBS evening news which is broadcast throughout the U.S. in all fifty states figures that show the U.S. debt is currently over four trillion dollars. Since 1981, the national debt has increased by three trillion dollars. Divided equally among each U.S. citizen, CBS estimates that each U.S. citizen, consequently, currently owes at least \$16,000 on the national debt. On Thursday, May 27, 1993 the U.S. House of Representatives will vote on the 1993 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act.

"Passage of this legislation will begin to pay off the enormous U.S. debt and provide more jobs for the massive number of unemployed and poverty stricken U.S. citizens and residents throughout the United States. I certainly hope all the members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate will vote to help pay off the current U.S. debt and to provide more jobs for U.S. citizens and residents by passing the 1993 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act."

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NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE AGING
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: LOUISE CLEVELAND 202/479-6975

NCOA Opposes "Caps" Aimed at Older Americans

WASHINGTON DC, May 21--Daniel Thursz, President of the National Council on the Aging, in a statement released today, emphasized the organization's steadfast opposition to any suspension of cost-of-living adjustments to Social Security benefits, and to the capping of Medicare and Medicaid spending, as recently proposed by Senators Boren and Danforth in an unwelcome alternative to the Clinton Administration's proposed budget reconciliation.

Dr. Thursz stated:

"This particular attempt to shift the cost of deficit reduction disproportionately onto older Americans is especially ill-conceived. It threatens to erode the income and the health care promised to millions. And it does so without even considering the need to contain rising medical costs in other ways, through real health reform rather than cost-shifting.

"Older people understand the dangers of the deficit and will be ready to make sacrifices provided that such sacrifices are shared in a fair and equitable way by all segments of the population. If social security benefits are to be subject to taxation as income--as already proposed in the Administration's budget--most older people will accept this so long as all forms of income, earned and non-earned, are subject to the same taxation policy.

NCOA is a nonprofit organization that serves as a national resource of information, training, technical assistance, public policy advocacy, and research on every aspect of aging.

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NEWS RELEASE



National Council of Senior Citizens

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Thursday, May 20, 1993

Contact: Daniel Schulder
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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SENIOR CITIZENS CONDEMNS "OUTRAGEOUS" ATTACK ON SOCIAL SECURITY

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The National Council of Senior Citizens (NCSC), a leading advocacy organization for older Americans, today denounced threats by conservative Senators to hold up President Clinton's tax and economic package by demanding deep new cuts in Social Security and other Federal programs and entitlements.

NCSC Executive Director Lawrence T. Smedley said that the cuts in Social Security cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) proposed at a U.S. Capitol press conference today by Senators David L. Boren (D-Okla.), William S. Cohen (R-Maine), John C. Danforth (R-Mo.) and J. Bennett Johnston (D-La.), "constitute the most outrageous attack on elderly and disabled persons that we have seen in years. Combined with their proposals to apply a cap on other essential entitlements, we view this as an out and out assault on persons who depend on Social Security not for luxuries, but for bare essentials."

The NCSC leader said that cost-of-living adjustments are not "pay increases" for elderly persons but are designed to simply keep up purchasing power in the face of inflation.

The Boren proposal would cut COLA adjustments for Social Security beneficiaries whose monthly benefit exceeds \$600. The cut would reduce Social Security payments by nearly \$23 billion over the next five years.

Smedley said that the cuts would affect millions of low- and moderate-income seniors whose benefits average only \$653 a month for single people and \$1,106 for couples. "Instead of the return to tax fairness that President Clinton is proposing, Senator Boren is attacking the underlying basis of Social Security which is income security for average Americans. Instead of reducing the deficit with fair tax increases and prudent program reductions, the Senator is undermining a program, Social Security, which does not add one dime to the deficit."

Smedley concluded his statement by saying that "Senior citizens will not stand by as irresponsible Democrats and Republicans in the Congress threaten family security, critical benefits for the poor, and sound economic policy. We are prepared to fight for the future of this nation."

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The National Council of Senior Citizens, founded in 1961 in the fight for Medicare, is an organization of more than 5,000 affiliated local clubs, Area Councils and State Councils, with a total membership of over five million senior activists. Together, NCSC members work for state and Federal legislation to benefit the elderly and their families, and advocate on behalf of senior citizens in communities across the United States.



MAY 21, 1993

TO: ALL GENERAL POLICY BOARD MEMBERS AND
NCSC CLUBS AND ACTIVISTS

FROM: DANIEL J. SCHULDER, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATION

STOP SOCIAL SECURITY CUTS PROTECT MEDICARE AND OTHER ENTITLEMENTS

IN BOTH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THERE ARE SERIOUS ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO CUT SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, MEDICARE, MEDICAID, VETERAN'S BENEFITS, FOOD STAMPS, UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION AND OTHER ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS. NCSC MEMBERS CAN HELP TO STOP THESE CUTS.

IN THE SENATE, SENATORS DAVID BOREN (D-OKLA.), J. BENNETT JOHNSTON (D-LA.), JOHN DANFORTH (R-MO.) AND BILL COHEN (R-MAINE) PROPOSED, ON MAY 20, TO RADICALLY REDUCE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. THEY ARE PROPOSING THAT ALL SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS ABOVE \$600 IN ANY MONTH WOULD HAVE THE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) CUT BY TWO PERCENTAGE POINTS. THIS WILL ADD UP TO A \$23 BILLION SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT CUT FOR SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THEY WANT TO ADD THIS PROVISION TO THE "BUDGET RECONCILIATION" BILL OF 1993 ~~WHEN~~ IT COMES UP FOR A VOTE IN THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE.

IN ADDITION, THESE AND OTHER IRRESPONSIBLE SENATORS WANT TO "CAP" OR FREEZE MANY MORE ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS (MEDICARE, MEDICAID, VETERAN'S BENEFITS, FOOD STAMPS, ETC.) FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THIS WILL MEAN A CUT IN THESE PROGRAMS OF \$114 BILLION AFFECTING MILLIONS OF ADDITIONAL AMERICANS, YOUNG AND OLD.

SENATOR BOREN AND HIS FRIENDS WANT TO STOP THE CLINTON ECONOMIC PLAN AND SHIFT TAXES FROM THE RICH AND FROM THE ENERGY INDUSTRY ON TO THE BACKS OF SENIORS AND POOR PEOPLE.

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ACTION: TODAY, CALL YOUR SENATORS' OFFICES BOTH IN THE STATE AND IN WASHINGTON (202-224-3121).

TELL THEM THAT YOU OPPOSE THE BOREN AMENDMENT TO THE RECONCILIATION BILL CUTTING THE SOCIAL SECURITY COLA AND CAPPING ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS.

TELL THEM YOU SUPPORT TAX FAIRNESS WITH THE WEALTHY PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE FOR THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT.

IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CONGRESSMAN CHARLES STENHOLM (D-TEXAS), AND A COALITION OF CONSERVATIVE DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS, INCLUDING THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER, CONGRESSMAN ROBERT MICHEL (R-ILL.), ARE PLANNING THE SAME KIND OF CUTS IN SOCIAL SECURITY AND ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS WHEN THE HOUSE VERSION OF THE 1993 BUDGET RECONCILIATION BILL IS DEBATED NEXT WEEK.

ACTION: CALL YOUR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TODAY AT HIS OR HER DISTRICT OFFICE AND AT THE WASHINGTON OFFICE (202-225-3121). TELL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE THAT YOU OPPOSE THE "STENHOLM" AND THE "MICHEL" AMENDMENTS TO THE RECONCILIATION BILL.

TELL HIM/HER YOU OPPOSE CUTS IN SOCIAL SECURITY AND OTHER ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS AND THAT YOU SUPPORT TAX FAIRNESS TO CUT THE DEFICIT AND RESTORE ECONOMIC HEALTH.

DO IT NOW!

AND GET ALL OF YOUR NCSC CLUB MEMBERS TO DO THE SAME....



National Committee to
Preserve Social Security
and Medicare

Contact: Bill Rutz
202 467-9010

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
May 20, 1993

**McSteen: Boren Tax Plan "Grossly Unfair"
Saves Energy Firms at Expense of Seniors**

WASHINGTON— The tax plan unveiled today by Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., is "grossly unfair and an ill-disguised effort to shift billions of tax dollars in tax liability from the energy industry to the backs of older Americans," the head of the nation's second-largest senior advocacy organization charged today.

Calling the Boren plan, unveiled at a Capitol Hill news conference earlier today, "a blatant attempt to relieve the tax liability of the energy industry at the expense of seniors," Mrs. McSteen said it represented a "two-pronged attack on the pocket books of seniors.

"It must be rejected by the Senate."

Not only would the Boren plan cap spending for entitlement programs, including Medicare and medicaid, it also would reduce the annual cost of living adjustments to many Social Security beneficiaries. At the same time, Boren would eliminate the Clinton Administration's proposed BTU energy tax, thereby decreasing federal anticipated tax revenues by more than \$70 billion.

Calling the Boren plan an attempt to control federal spending without first understanding the root causes of the problem, Mrs. McSteen said it represents "a band-aid on a wound hurting all Americans, the soaring cost of health care.

"No one wants to see health care costs brought under control more than seniors," she said, "but the causes must be addressed before the wound can be treated."

"Surpluses don't cause deficits," said Mrs. McSteen in urging defeat of the Boren plan to reduce COLAs for many Americans. "Social Security is the only major government program in the black. It doesn't contribute the deficit; it's running a surplus of more than \$50 billion a year."

"Our hope is that wiser heads will prevail and this plan will be defeated."



ACTION ACTION ALERT

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HOUSE BUDGET RECONCILIATION VOTE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 27TH MAY 1993

WHY YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS 'ALERT'

Next Thursday, May 27 (before the Memorial Day recess), the full House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on the budget-reconciliation bill, key legislation for families and children. While this legislation addresses other issues of interest to USCC, our focus is on the priority issues of our Catholic Campaign for Children and Families. Policy support for these issues can be found in Putting Children and Families First and other Conference documents. (See previous ALERTS on these issues)

Expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) will assist parents who work at low paying jobs to better meet the needs of their families. (\$28 billion)

Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Act will increase food assistance to families with children by permitting them to subtract their higher shelter costs when the amount of their food stamps is being determined, just like people who are elderly or disabled can already do. (\$7 billion)

The Childhood Immunization Initiative will permit states to purchase vaccines for children who are eligible for Medicaid, uninsured or underinsured (they have health insurance but it does not cover vaccines) at a price that is negotiated by the federal government with the drug companies. The federal government will pay for these purchases. State will also be able to buy vaccines for other children in their states. (\$2.1 billion)

WHAT YOU CAN DO

NOW Please call your Representatives – urge them to support the above items in Budget Reconciliation. Don't assume because of their record that they don't need to hear from you. Every member needs to hear from "people back home," their constituents, on these important provisions.

Write: Representative _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Or Call: Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121.

NEXT MONTH The Senate Finance Committee is expected to consider the Reconciliation bill in June (right after the Memorial Day recess). If your Senator is on the Finance Committee, contact him/her and urge that the programs for families and children are included in the Senate Budget Reconciliation bill.

For more information contact: Thomas Shellabarger at the USCC, 202.541.3189.

Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities

ACTION ALERT

To: CCD Members
From: Katy Beh Neas, Budget and Appropriations Co-chair *Katy*
Date: May 21, 1993
Re: President Clinton's Budget Plan

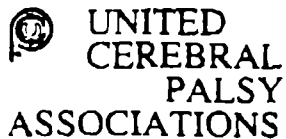
Next Thursday, May 27, 1993, the House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on its budget reconciliation bill. Your help is urgently needed to pass this important measure.

As you have seen reported, there is a significant push to modify this plan with an entitlement cap. In the past, CCD has opposed such caps on the grounds that they could cause serious problems to beneficiaries of programs such as Medicaid, Medicare and Supplemental Security Income. Moreover, these programs oftentimes already provide inadequate benefits to individuals with disabilities.

Your help is needed in three ways:

1. Sign your organization on to the attached statement.
2. Send a letter to all the members of the House that states your support for the budget reconciliation bill and your opposition to the proposed entitlement cap.
3. Notify your state affiliates and ask that they contact their members with the above mentioned message.

The vote is next Thursday. Please give me a call at 301 588-8252 or fax 301 522 2842 to sign on to the statement or if you have any questions or need any additional information. Thanks.



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TO: Affiliate Executive Directors and Interested Others

FROM: Christopher Button

DATE: May 21, 1993

RE: **URGENT** - Calls Needed **TODAY** to U.S. House of Representatives In Opposition To Capping Entitlements

Calls are needed to derail a serious threat to cap entitlement programs, which is expected to be raised on the floor of the House next week.

The major entitlement programs on which many people with disabilities rely - including programs such as Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security and Medicare, among others, are in danger of being capped by an amendment to be proposed in the House by Rep. Charles Stenholm (TX).

The anticipated amendment would impose an entitlement cap, or spending limit, for each of the next five years at the level that entitlement costs are projected to reach that year under the recently passed Congressional budget resolution. If passed, the Stenholm amendment would:

- require cuts in entitlements whenever the cap is exceeded due to factors that do not stem from action by Congress and are beyond the control of policymakers (such as higher inflation or unemployment than anticipated). If the cap is exceeded, specific entitlement cuts would have to be enacted or else all entitlements would *automatically be cut across the board*.
- eliminate a feature of the current Pay-as-you-go rules (of the Budget Enforcement Act) under which an increase in an entitlement is *permitted* if it is offset fully by an increase in revenues. Under the Stenholm proposal, this would be prohibited.
- restrict the ability of authorizing committees to decide which entitlement to cut when the committees are faced with the need to reduce entitlement costs so they fit within the cap. The Stenholm proposal would dictate to authorizing committees how much to cut in each budget area.

Although the authors of the proposed entitlement cap appear to be motivated by a sincere desire to control costs and contain the federal deficit, capping such health care entitlements as Medicaid and Medicare could also have the effect of shifting health care costs from the government to the private sector, or shifting Medicaid and Welfare costs to the states. In addition, the proposal would have serious detrimental consequences for people with disabilities and their families. It could result in sizeable across-the-board cuts in basic entitlement programs, as well as cause disruption in program operations. It also poses fundamental equity issues, as it would trigger actions that have the greatest impact on low income individuals, which includes many people with disabilities and their families.

ACTION NEEDED:

Calls to all members of the House are urgently needed expressing STRONG OPPOSITION to an entitlement program cap. We must protect vital entitlements utilized by persons with cerebral palsy and other disabilities and their families until new programs, such as national health care reform, are enacted, which are more effective in both expanding access and containing health care and other entitlement costs.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Christopher Button in the UCPA Governmental Activities Department at 1-800-USA-5UCP or 202-842-1266.

The Capitol Switchboard number is: (202) 224-3121

CALL THIS NUMBER TODAY AND ASK TO BE CONNECTED TO YOUR
REPRESENTATIVE!! THANK YOU!

Public Citizen

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday, May 24, 1993

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PUBLIC CITIZEN SUPPORTS ENERGY TAX, BLASTS BOREN-DANFORTH AS "ROBBING FROM THE POOR AND GIVING TO OIL COMPANIES"

Public Citizen today urged Congress to pass President Clinton's proposed energy tax. "The President's tax plan will help our environment and economy by shifting some of the tax burden off the backs of working people and providing an incentive for energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy technologies," said Bill Magavern, Director of Public Citizen's Critical Mass Energy Project.

"By expanding the availability of the earned-income tax credit and the funding for food stamps and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, the proposal assures that the burden of deficit reduction does not fall on those least able to bear it," Magavern explained.

Magavern also urged Congress to reject the alternative tax proposal authored by Senators Boren and Danforth. "Boren and Danforth have offered a reverse Robin Hood scheme," he asserted. "Their plan would require the average American to sacrifice in order to protect oil companies and electric utilities."

"In addition to passing the BTU tax, Congress should cut unnecessary spending," Magavern continued. "We have identified several billion dollars worth of subsidies that waste money and damage the environment. These taxpayer ripoffs include spending on dangerous nuclear reactors and tax breaks for oil companies. Rather than protecting the special interests, Congress should be cutting those subsidies."

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Tuesday 25 May 1993

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**U.S PEACE GROUP SUPPORTS RECONCILIATION BILL/OPPOSES
ENTITLEMENT CAP**

WASHINGTON D.C. - Peace Action (formerly SANE/FREEZE), the largest U.S. peace and justice organization, today announced it's support for President Clinton's economic plan as reflected in the budget reconciliation bill.

"This bill marks an important first step towards rebuilding our nation's economy," said Ira Shorr, Program Director. "It restores some fairness to the tax system by raising the rates on the most well-off Americans, and while setting aside funds to reduce the deficit, it also makes a down payment on the enormous investment needs of this country."

Peace Action also declared its opposition to an entitlement cap. "A cap on entitlement programs will only shift the economic burden to the poor and elderly," said Shorr. "If we cap anything, it should be next year's Pentagon budget that seeks tens of billions of dollars to fight an enemy that no longer exists."

Peace Action called on its activists in 40 states to lobby their representatives for passage of the reconciliation bill, against a cap on entitlement programs.

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ENTITLEMENT CAP THREATENS SEVERE COST SHIFT TO STATES

The House of Representatives is seriously considering proposals that would place a cap on all entitlements (including AFDC and Medicaid) as part of budget reconciliation legislation that will be considered during the middle of next week. Texas Representative Charles W. Stenholm's proposal would place a limit on federal entitlement expenditures only and not remove any legal obligations on states to provide services. Under the proposal, federal entitlement funds would cease immediately at the cap at any time throughout the year and states would have no advance notice or opportunity to make program changes. House leadership is currently negotiating with Representative Stenholm on a possible compromise that might address his budget enforcement concerns while protecting state budgets and ensuring a minimum safety net.

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Both of these proposals would have severe and negative consequences for state budgets and seriously threaten the provision of safety net services. Both would doom the prospects for comprehensive national health care and welfare reform. It is critical that all members of your delegation be contacted immediately by phone or fax to oppose any cap on entitlement programs, especially the Boren proposal in the Senate. Please contact Susan Wolfe, Sheri Steisel, Joy Wilson or Michael Bird at NCSL, 202/624-5400, for further information. Attached is a copy of NCSL's letter in opposition.

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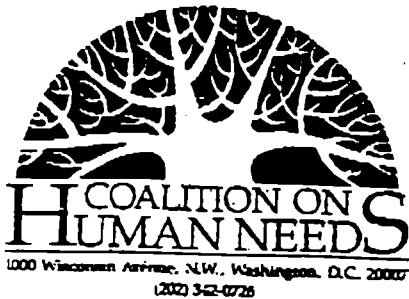
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Coalition on Human Needs Urges Support for the President's Economic Package

May 18, 1993

The Coalition on Human Needs supports President Clinton's plan for economic change as reflected in the combined action of thirteen House committees on the budget reconciliation legislation. President Clinton's \$500 billion deficit reduction package is the largest in history. At the same time, the budget reconciliation legislation addresses the need for targeted investments in the American people. It achieves greater progressivity in the tax code by raising taxes primarily on the wealthy. We urge Congress to approve the President's plan without damaging amendments.

The budget reconciliation bill reorders federal spending priorities to focus on those Americans most in need in a number of areas including:

- o Earned Income Credit (EIC): The expansion of the EIC will assist low wage workers and their families by providing for an expanded credit against their federal income tax. The current EIC would be expanded particularly for families with more than one child. For the first time a modest credit would be available to childless workers to offset the increased energy taxes on very low wage earners.

- o Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Relief Act: Food assistance to families in need would be expanded to account for the high shelter costs too many low-income Americans face. Poor families in this country should not have to choose between paying their rent and utilities or providing enough food for their children.

- o Family Preservation and Family Support: Children at risk of, or suffering from, abuse and neglect would receive additional help. Funds would be used to provide family preservation services, to encourage a stable and supportive family environment, and to enhance child development.

Some Representatives are considering offering budget process amendments - including a cap on entitlement spending - to the reconciliation bill. The Coalition on Human Needs strongly opposes any such amendment as arbitrary, extremely ill-advised, and disproportionately harmful to low-income Americans. The sweeping scope of the reconciliation bill itself is ample evidence that such budget process gimmicks are unnecessary when there is the political will to address the federal budget deficit and our nation's serious economic problems.

The Coalition on Human Needs is an alliance of over 100 national religious, civil rights, labor, human services and professional organizations and those concerned with children, women, the elderly and people with disabilities. While many of our member groups will object to individual provisions of the budget reconciliation legislation, the Coalition on Human Needs believes that - taken as a whole - the bill is worthy of enthusiastic support. It represents an important step toward economic recovery, reordering federal spending priorities and greater tax equity. We call on Congress to join with the President to change the course of the nation by approving his economic program.



Natural Resources
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News Release

May 24, 1993

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CUT THE DEFICIT, CUT POLLUTION PASS THE CLINTON ECONOMIC PLAN

After twelve years of gridlock, it is time for Congress to get behind President Clinton's economic program. Like the President, Congress must opt for a plan that puts our economy back on track in ways that improve, not degrade the environment. That includes passing a tax on wasteful energy use that will both cut the deficit and help reduce pollution.

"The BTU energy tax has two distinct advantages over 'alternative' plans currently being floated on Capitol Hill", notes NRDC scientist Daniel Lashof. "First, it represents real deficit reduction, not voodoo economics or unspecified spending cuts. Second, it creates incentives for more efficient technologies and clean, alternate resources that both reduce pollution at home and improve our competitiveness abroad."

"If taxes are needed to cut the deficit", says NRDC's Marika Tatsutani, "we should be smart about it and tax things that are bad for America -- such as wasteful energy consumption -- rather than things we'd like to encourage, such as income and investment." By contrast, opponents of the President's plan would shift the burden of deficit reduction to the elderly and the poor, by cutting, for instance, earned income tax credits for low-income workers.

The BTU tax, as originally proposed, would have been evenly imposed on energy consumption throughout the economy, thereby maximizing efficiency incentives, minimizing regional disparities, and holding the tax burden on any particular sector to relatively modest levels (energy prices would remain far lower than those of our major industrial competitors). In comparison, a gasoline tax of as much as 25 cents per gallon would be required to raise the same revenue as the BTU tax when it is fully phased in. Nevertheless, industry special interests have been clamoring for special exemptions or, preferably, to kill the energy tax outright from the day it was proposed.

"The President's plan is not only progressive and fair," says NRDC senior attorney David Hawkins, "it recognizes that economic and environmental goals can and should support each other." "Now it's up to Congress to choose real deficit reduction and pollution reduction over gimmicks," continues Lashof. "It's up to Congress to stand up to energy industry special interests who would rather cut benefits for the poor and elderly than shoulder their fair share of deficit reduction."

NRDC urges Congress to pass the Clinton budget, including a fair, broad-based energy tax, and do it now.

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PRESS STATEMENT

Church Women United Supports President Clinton's Budget Proposal

May 24, 1993

Church Women United, an organization of over half a million Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Greek Orthodox members, strongly supports President Clinton's budget package and urges Congress to enact it as quickly as possible.

We believe that President Clinton's overall budget plan is a bold departure from the policies of the recent past. His budget plan begins closing the gap between rich and poor households by increasing funding for programs that support and strengthen low income families. At the same time, his plan reduces current levels of federal spending and begins to reduce the federal deficit in a fair and responsible way.

Since its formation in 1941, Church Women United has been concerned about the plight of low income individuals and families in this country. During the 80's we were deeply concerned about the many federal economic policies which hurt low income people disproportionately. The average after tax income of the poorest fifth of U.S. households actually fell by 10% while the top fifth experienced an average gain of 34%. The Clinton plan seeks to shift the burden back to the taxpayers who benefitted in the 80's and who can now afford to pay.

Although we recognize that no one is completely satisfied with every line in Clinton's plan, we think many of the themes laid out, including reinvesting in human needs, cutting military spending, reducing the deficit in a fair and responsible way and raising revenue in a progressive manner need to be strongly supported.

Church Women United supports President Clinton's budget proposal and urges Congress to enact it as soon as possible.

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May 18, 1993

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jobs, Poor People, and the Environment Should Remain Priorities

Statement by the Rev. Thom White Wolf Fassett, General Secretary

On March 4, 1993, I issued a statement on President Clinton's economic program. We stand by this statement. On the basis of resolutions passed by the General Conference, the highest decision-making body of the United Methodist Church, we support the President's program because:

- * It is fair to poor and working people;
- * It focuses on developing jobs;
- * It shifts the emphasis of government funding from war-related investments to constructive development;
- * It begins to make constructive suggestions in the area of environmental programs; and
- * It begins to cut the deficit.

We deplore the defeat of the economic stimulus package. While it can be argued that it may or may not contain adequate stimulus for the entire economy, it would have provided jobs for those who needed them.

Our 1992 General Conference made rebuilding our cities a top priority. In addition to our own work as a denomination, we are working ecumenically through the National Council of Churches on the *Urban Strategy Mobilization*.

We call on Congress and the Administration not to allow the crisis of the cities to drop from the political map. We all must work together to solve the pressing problems confronting our cities or face the promise of economic and social crises resulting from our neglect.

Many pieces in the President's economic plan address these crucial problems. In order to work well, all the pieces of the plan that address economic redevelopment must be passed.

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Press Release

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May 21, 1993

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Citizen Action Blasts Senators Opposing President's Economic Plan

Washington: Citizen Action, the nation's largest consumer advocacy organization, today blasted the group of senators led by Senator David Boren of Oklahoma for attempting to sabotage President Clinton's progressive economic plan.

Identifying Senators Boren and Johnston as "agents of Big Oil" rather than as true representatives of their constituents, Citizen Action called on members of Congress to "reject their regressive spending cut and tax proposals as a grave threat to senior citizens and working families."

"The public should recognize who it is that these senators really represent," charged Edwin S. Rothschild, Citizen Action Energy Policy Director. "Senators Boren and Johnston are running interference for the American Petroleum Institute and the National Association of Manufacturers who are spending millions of dollars to defeat President Clinton's balanced and fair tax proposals, especially the Btu tax," said Rothschild.

"Lest anyone forget, the American Petroleum Institute is not run by oil companies committed to the best interests of the United States. Companies like Exxon, Texaco (half owned by Saudi Arabia), Mobil and Chevron are concerned more about their foreign interests than their domestic interests," said Rothschild.

"What is ironic," continued Rothschild, "is that President Clinton's plan promotes the expansion of the domestic natural gas industry at the expense of imported oil. Yet, these senators from major gas-producing states are not representing their own gas producers, but rather are fronting for the major importers of oil from places like the Persian Gulf," said Rothschild.

"While there may be provisions of the President's program we do not favor, we believe his overall approach is correct and must be supported by members of Congress," concluded Rothschild.

I N S T I T U T E F O R

LOCAL SELF-RELIANCE

Environmentally Sound Economic Development

May 21, 1993

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Dear Ms. Booth:

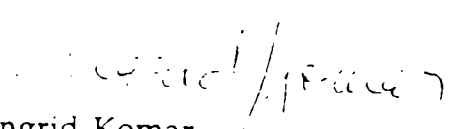
Enclosed are two monographs by the Institute for Local Self-Reliance (ILSR) in support of the President's Btu tax. Both reports analyze how key sectors of the economy can compensate for the proposed tax's costs with simple measures designed to increase the energy efficiency of their operations. *Beating the Btu Tax: The 6 Percent Solution* documents how appropriate agriculture, primary manufacturing, and residential and commercial building management techniques can enable businesses and homeowners to absorb the tax without incurring a net financial loss. *Saving Btus through Recycling: How Manufacturers Can Offset the Proposed Energy Tax* focuses specifically on the effects of the tax on the glass, steel, aluminum, and paper industries.

The ILSR is a Washington-based research organization whose mission is to progress environmentally sound economic development. Our analyses of the President's proposed tax indicate that it is a positive step in that direction.

Should you want further data or explanations on *Beating the Btu Tax*, please call David Morris at our Minneapolis office, at 612-379-3815. Michael Lewis can be contacted at our Washington office at 202-232-4108 for further information regarding *Saving Btus Through Recycling*.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing this material.

Sincerely,


Ingrid Komar
Media and Development Coordinator

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ADAAction News and Notes

Vol. 5, No. 14.

May 21, 1993

TARGETS

- Opposes Boren/Stenholm proposals
- Support the Freedom of Choice Act, H.R. 25/S. 25
- Mark the date: ADA national convention June 17-20, 1993

BOREN BUDGET PLAN/STENHOLM ENTITLEMENT CUTS THREATEN CLINTON ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN AT EXPENSE OF MIDDLE CLASS AND POOR

Two proposals introduced at the end of this week would, if adopted, wreak havoc with the Clinton economic recovery plan and seriously cut the entitlement programs that represent the safety network for the working poor, the poverty population, and senior citizens. The beneficiaries will be the top 2% of family income people and the oil companies.

The Stenholm entitlement cap proposal will be voted on in the House of Representatives on Thursday, May 27th. This proposal originally put forward by Richard Darman in the Bush Administration has the potential for serious cuts in Social Security, medicaid, Medicare, food stamps, and poverty programs. The cuts could be triggered by increases in need beyond present forecasts.

Under these proposals the most vulnerable population groups will suffer, the richest gain.

ADA ACTION: Phone, write, visit your Representative and express strong opposition to the Stenholm proposals. Do it now!

The Boren proposals in the Senate would cut substantially the tax burden on the wealthy, and open new tax shelters for the most wealthy. The Boren plan will hurt the poor and be hard on the middle-class elderly and disabled. Much of the working middle class will be hurt.

The plan will: drop the Clinton proposal to extend medicare payroll tax to earners over \$135,000 a year, delay for six months tax increases on upper income people and the largest corporations and provide a large capital gains tax cut; it removes \$38 billion in tax increases proposed by Clinton on two (2) percent of the taxpayers and the largest one-tenth of one percent of the corporations. In addition it eliminates Clinton's food stamp benefits increases, and cuts in half the proposed increase in the earned income tax credit for the working poor, cuts cost of living increases for social security recipients, and cuts the federal share of AFDC and Medicaid. Finally it removes the energy tax, the cornerstone of the Clinton plan.

The gainers under the Boren plan are the Oil Industry and the wealthiest in the nation.

ADA ACTION: PHONE, VISIT, WRITE YOUR SENATORS. EXPRESS YOUR STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE BOREN PLAN

The Boren and Stenholm plans represent a serious danger to progress for America. They are right out of the Reagan/Bush tradition. **LET YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATORS HEAR FROM YOU!**

CLINTON SIGNS MOTOR VOTER BILL INTO LAW

After five years and eight filibusters, the motor voter bill easing voter registration procedures has been signed into law. While the commitment of President Clinton was vitally significant to Congressional passage of the bill, this was also a victory for the grass roots and Capital Hill lobbying by ADA members and friends. We are all big winners under this new system of inclusion which will make our democratic form of government more reflective of the will of all of the people.

The Motor Voter Act takes effect in 1995 and provides that citizens will be able to register to vote when renewing a driver's license or enlisting in the armed services.

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE PASSES FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT

In a move destined to bring women and their families a step closer to maintaining full control over their reproductive health care choices, the House Judiciary Committee Wednesday marked up H.R. 25 -- the Freedom of Choice Act. Amendments allowing the states to continue with laws governing parental consent for minors seeking abortions and to exempt private institutions from performing abortions were passed in order to facilitate passage of the bill by the full Congress.

ADAction: Contact your Representative and Senators to urge support of the Freedom of Choice Act without further debilitating amendments. Please call Valerie Dulk in the national office for further information.

OPPOSITION SURFACING TO GUINIER NOMINATION

A potentially divisive, nasty fight is developing over President Clinton's nomination of Lani Guinier to become head of the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice.

Guinier, a Radcliffe and Yale Law School graduate, played a major role in extending and improving the Voting Rights Act. The improvement, opposed by the Reagan Administration, established a result-oriented test, i.e. whether the law or regulation resulted in discrimination, rather than whether those who had enacted it had intended to discriminate.

She is now being criticized for her advocacy as a lawyer for successfully convincing judges that her interpretation and not that of the Reagan Justice Department are correct.

ADAction: Contact Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and urge them to support the Guinier nomination. For further information, contact ADA counsel Winn Newman at the ADA office or (202) 857-5650.

STATEMENT OF MAUDINE R. COOPER
PRESIDENT AND CEO
WASHINGTON URBAN LEAGUE

PRESS CONFERENCE OF VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE
CAPITOL - SENATE SIDE

MAY 18, 1993

9:30 A.M.

TWELVE YEARS AGO, WHEN FORMER PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN CAME INTO OFFICE, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRAT OR WHATEVER PARTY AFFILIATION, HEARD HIM SAY THAT IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE PAIN. WE PREPARED OURSELVES FOR THAT PAIN AND WE WAITED HIS PRONOUNCEMENTS. SUBSEQUENTLY, WE FELT THE PAIN OF WATCHING THE RICH GET RICHER AND THE POOR GET POORER.

NOW WE HAVE A NEW PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, HE TOO TALKS ABOUT SHARED PAIN. WE, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, ARE SKEPTICAL. CONGRESS IS SKEPTICAL. BUT CONGRESS IS ALSO BIPARTISAN. REPUBLICANS SAY THAT IF BILL CLINTON WALKS ON WATER, THAT'S A SIGN THAT HE CANNOT SWIM. DEMOCRATS SAY, THE POLLS ARE SHIFTING, LETS BE CAUTIOUS. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SAY WE VOTED FOR CHANGE, NOW LETS GET BUSY. WE HAVE TO SPEND, CUT AND YES THERE HAS TO BE SOME TAXATION. IF WE DON'T SPEND NOW, WE WILL PAY LATER.

THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND RECENTLY EXAMINED THE PLIGHT OF CHILDREN IN THIS COMMUNITY. THE REPORT INDICATED THAT IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WE KNOW THAT \$1 SPENT ON CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS TODAY, PREVENTS \$10 IN LATER MEDICAL COSTS. WE KNOW THAT \$3,000 SPENT ON FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES THAT HELPS KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER TODAY, PREVENTS THE EXPENDITURE OF \$10,000 FOR ONE YEAR OF FOSTER CARE. WE KNOW THAT \$6,700 SPENT ON INTENSIVE COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES TODAY, PREVENTS \$40,000 IN SUPPORT AT A JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THE CAPITAL OF THE FREE WORLD, CANNOT AFFORD TO WATCH SENATORIAL FILIBUSTERS. WE CANNOT AFFORD THE PARTISAN DEBATES. WE NEED ACTION NOW TO STOP THE GRIDLOCK. WE NEED CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE ON THE ISSUES. WE NEED TO ALLOW THE EXPERTS, THOSE WHO KNOW THE ISSUES, THOSE WHO WORK WITH THE AFFECTED CLIENT COMMUNITIES, AND THOSE WHO CARE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITIES TO SPEAK.

WE NEED INVESTMENTS IN THIS NATION'S MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE, ITS PEOPLE. WE NEED CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION, FAMILY PRESERVATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCTION OF HUNGER, ASSISTANCE TO THE POOR THROUGH THE EXPANDED EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT PROPOSAL. WE NEED JOBS FOR OUR PEOPLE -- AND MOST OF ALL WE NEED HOPE.

THE PLAN IS NOT A PERFECT PLAN BUT IT TAKES A GIANT STEP FORWARD IN BRINGING THIS NATION BACK TO WHERE IT OUGHT TO BE -- OUT OF ITS 4 TRILLION DOLLAR DEBT.



Democratic National Committee

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**COALITION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS
REJECT BOREN ALTERNATIVE; SUPPORT CLINTON**

The coalition of Southern California Asian Pacific Americans reiterate their support for President Clinton's Economic Reconciliation Bill, and reject the Boren Alternative. President Clinton's plan reinvigorates the economy. Examination of the Boren Alternative reveals the opposition's intent to reinvigorate "trickle-down" economics of the past Republican Administrations; thereby, reinventing the status quo.

The Boren Alternative appears to offer a more attractive economic plan compared to the President's. However, careful examination of this alternative shows that it serves to perpetuate the economic policies of the Reagan and Bush Administrations which have proven unsuccessful to the Asian Pacific American community. It proposes false budget cuts.

This coalition accepts the hard decisions that the Clinton Administration must make in regards to higher taxes and investment spending. These decisions are necessary to address our country's social and economic realities. In excerpts from the prepared statement made on February 21, 1993 endorsing President Clinton's proposed economic plan, the coalition issued the following:

* We accept President Clinton's marginal tax increases and proposed energy taxation plan. As Americans we must cooperatively shoulder the responsibility of our nation's fiscal burdens and sacrifice for the greater good during these trying economic times.

* We find great hope in the President's short and long-term initiatives to reinvigorate the economy. As residents of Southern California, an urban center adversely impacted by the recessive nature of the economy, investment in our infrastructure and human resources is necessary to our revitalization.

* We encourage the President's plan to invest significantly in human and social services programs. As Asian Pacific Americans, we represent one of several underserved inner-city communities hurt by years of neglect. There is a desperate need for the President's

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proposed investments in drug prevention and treatment, youth employment, job training, and health care programs.

President Clinton's plan is critical to the economic and social vitality of the Asian Pacific American community. David Tseng of the Asian Pacific Bar of California said, "I feel extremely optimistic that the President's new package will finally begin to address the country's economic and social problems ignored during the last two administrations."

The coalition joined together as a network of social, political, business, and fraternal organizations to endorse President Clinton's proposed economic plan.

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RESEARCH COMMUNITY APPLAUDS WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ROSTENKOWSKI AND ADMINISTRATION FOR SUPPORTING PERMANENT R&D POLICIES

Washington, D.C. -- Today, members of America's research and development community commended Chairman Dan Rostenkowski (D-IL) and the Clinton-Gore Administration for their efforts to create a stable U.S. R&D environment. In particular, the Council on Research and Technology (CORETECH) praised the Chairman for including a permanent R&D tax credit and a permanent solution to the 861-8 research allocation rules in his proposed tax package. CORETECH also praised the Chairman for eliminating the foreign royalty proposal that would have provided a serious disincentive to R&D in the U.S.

"If these changes are enacted this year it will fundamentally improve the basic climate in which R&D is conducted in this country," said Dr. Roland W. Schmitt, president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and chairman of CORETECH. "This kind of support from the Congress and the Administration demonstrates a strong commitment to creating a stable environment for long-term R&D projects and to bolstering domestic investment in R&D."

"We are pleased by the actions of the Ways & Means Committee," said Schmitt. "As the process moves forward we hope the Congress will consider changes to the R&D credit which will increase the number of companies that can take advantage of the credit." Key changes which will increase the incentive effect of the credit include

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strengthening of the current base period and altering the credit so that it can be used to a limited extent by companies in an AMT position. These changes are embodied in legislation recently introduced by Senators Danforth and Baucus. "As the Senate Finance Committee begins its consideration of the R&D credit legislation, we hope these changes will be seriously considered," said Schmitt.

Rostenkowski's proposed tax package would make the R&D credit and 861-8 research allocation rules permanent through legislation. "Together, these permanent policies make great strides towards providing the kind of incentives the research and development community needs," said Schmitt.

CORETECH, a coalition of companies, universities, research institutes, and trade associations, was established in 1987 to develop and advocate public policies that promote U.S. research and development. Kenneth R. Kay, a partner in the law firm of Preston Gates Ellis & Rouvelas Meeds, is executive director.

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S LAW CENTER



NATIONAL WOMEN'S LAW CENTER URGES SUPPORT FOR RECONCILIATION BILL OPPOSES PROPOSED ENTITLEMENT CAP

Passage of the House Reconciliation Bill is a critical first step in improving the economic well-being of women and their families -- by addressing the human needs deficit, the investment deficit and the budget deficit facing our nation.

Women and their families have suffered disproportionately from the failure to address the nation's three deficits. The human needs deficit has contributed significantly to the widespread poverty of women and children. The investment deficit has restricted education, training and job opportunities, hampering the ability of women to support themselves and their families. The budget deficit has swallowed up private savings, leaving few resources to devote to human needs and human capital investments that will promote economic growth and help women and their families thrive and prosper.

The Reconciliation Bill recognizes that the three deficits must be addressed, and must be addressed simultaneously, to assure the nation's well-being and competitiveness in a global economy. Most importantly, it achieves the right balance between tax increases, investments and spending reductions.

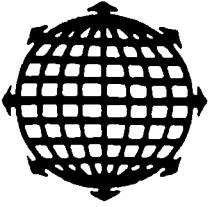
- The tax provisions of the Bill raise significant revenues for investment and deficit reduction, provide substantial assistance to low- and moderate-income individuals and families through an expanded Earned Income Credit, affect middle-income taxpayers only slightly, and help make the tax code more progressive.

- The investment provisions include important increases in the Food Stamp program -- most of whose beneficiaries are women and their families --, a child immunization initiative to help states purchase vaccines for poor, uninsured and underinsured children, and the Family Preservation Act to help keep troubled families together and obviate the need for foster care.

- The spending cuts will for the most part affect providers of services rather than program beneficiaries, especially low- and moderate-income beneficiaries. The way in which they are carried out and the balance they achieve is far preferable to the proposed cap on entitlements, which is more likely to hurt both the poor and the middle class than the affluent.

For all these reasons, the National Women's Law Center urges House members to support the Reconciliation Bill and reject any proposed cap on entitlements.

May 25, 1993



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PRESS STATEMENT

The American Solar Energy Society strongly supports the BTU tax and the exemptions for wind and solar energy sources. The BTU tax proposal will raise revenue and reduce the budget deficit, encourage energy efficiency, cut oil imports, create a cleaner environment, improve our national security. Money invested in energy efficiency and renewable energy sources will create more jobs per dollar invested than spending money on traditional energy sources.

The American Solar Energy Society is a non-profit membership organization with 6,000 members that conducts educational programs on solar energy technologies.

For more information contact the American Solar Energy Society, 303-443-3130.

March '93

The Greening of the White House



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President Clinton's new economic package includes proposals designed to protect the environment while strengthening the economy.

by Alden Meyer

On February 18, Americans across the country were talking about the boldness and scope of the economic package unveiled by President Clinton the night before. Some groups, like UCS, were delighted at the concern for the environment demonstrated in the plan. Others, including the oil, coal, and automobile industries, were gearing for battle over specific tax proposals.

Whatever their perspective, everyone could agree on one thing: the package represents a major shift in the way the federal government approaches environmental policy. Rather than being viewed as costly add-ons to fiscal policy, cleaning up the environment and development of new environmental and energy technologies are viewed by the president as essential elements in promoting economic growth and putting millions of Americans back to work.

Alden Meyer is UCS's legislative director.

Each part of the Clinton package—the short-term “stimulus” proposal, the long-term investment strategy, the spending cuts, and the tax increase—reflects a new set of energy and environmental priorities. Taken as a whole, the package will move America closer to realizing a sustainable energy future based on efficient energy use and clean, renewable energy resources. It will produce significant improvements in environmental quality, from reduced greenhouse-gas emissions to cleaner drinking water to long-term protection of our natural resources. And it will allow the United States to reclaim a leadership role in the fight to protect our global environment. But first, it has to pass Congress.

Although the Clinton-Gore policies are light-years away from the often anti-environment strategies of the Bush and Reagan administrations, there has been no such dramatic change in the makeup and look of the US Congress. Many of the key committee chairmen continue to look out for the interests of the polluting industries—the oil and coal companies, the auto companies, many major electric utilities, and others—that would be most heavily affected by the Clinton-Gore policies. And these industries are out in force—issuing distorted analyses of the impacts of the proposed energy tax while scrambling to retain their long-time government subsidies and favorite spending programs. UCS's own smaller but very effective force has joined the fight and will be countering the misinformation with fact.

Now for the plan itself. One cornerstone is a modest tax on the heat content (measured in “British thermal units,” or Btus) of most sources of energy; solar, wind, geothermal, and biomass fuels would be exempted. Oil would be taxed at a rate more than twice that of coal

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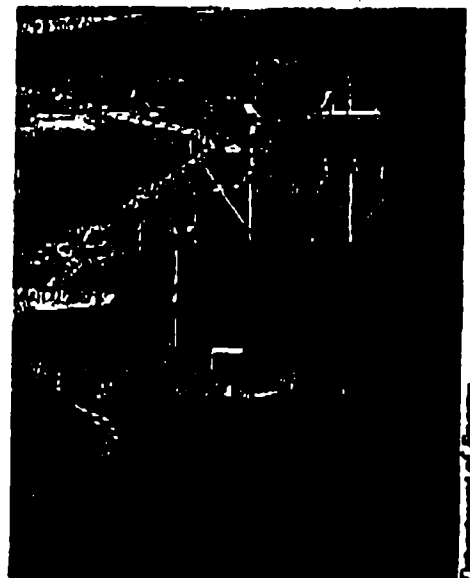
and natural gas, to reflect the national security and trade deficit impacts of continued high dependence on imported oil. Nevertheless, a case can be made on environmental-damage grounds for taxing coal at a rate even higher than oil. The reason the proposed tax rate on coal is lower has less to do with environmental merit than it does with the clout of coal-producing states on Capitol Hill, particularly in the Senate (West Virginia's senior Senator Robert Byrd chairs the powerful Appropriations Committee, and is key to the prospects of the entire Clinton economic package).

The administration estimates that, when fully phased in in 1996, the tax would raise annual energy bills for a family of four earning \$40,000 a year by about \$120; the indirect cost of higher energy prices on goods and services would add another \$200 a year. The tax would raise gasoline prices about 5 percent, natural gas prices about 4 percent, and home heating oil prices about 8 percent; electricity prices will rise about 0.25 cents per kilowatt-hour. The tax is expected to eventually net \$22 billion a year.

At such a low level, the tax is expected to reduce energy consumption only modestly (the administration predicts a reduction of less than 2 percent in energy consumption by the year 2000). But it will help the Clinton administration meet its campaign commitment to stabilize US carbon dioxide emissions at 1990 levels by 2000, and strengthens the hand of those within the European Community who have been pushing for higher energy taxes to help meet Europe's CO₂ stabilization commitment.

The most important feature of the new tax proposal is that it explicitly recognizes the environmental and public health costs to society of our current patterns of energy consumption, and establishes a framework within which tax rates can be adjusted upwards in the future to be more commensurate with those costs. There is already a trend among some state utility commissions to find ways to account for environmental factors when choosing between energy sources; the Btu tax will reinforce this trend.

To offset the impact of the energy tax on lower-income Americans, the Clinton package includes increases

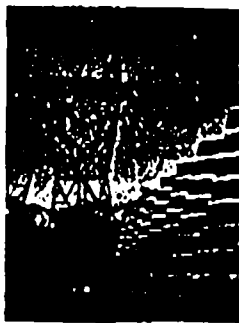


Even though it is modest, the proposed Btu tax would encourage people to reduce their consumption of fossil fuels.

in the earned income tax credit and in funding for food stamps and the low-income energy assistance program. UCS is working to make sure these offsets stay in the package as it goes through Congress.

The short-term stimulus package, designed to create new jobs over the next year, includes several environmental, energy, and transportation initiatives. Among them are an additional \$752 million for mass transit capital improvements; \$188 million for AMTRAK equipment purchase and overhaul; over \$1.1 billion in grants for sewage-treatment and drinking-water-purification facilities; \$349 million for natural resource protection projects in the National Park system and elsewhere; \$47 million in additional grants for state low-income home-weatherization programs; and \$23 million for EPA's "green" programs to encourage voluntary energy-efficiency improvements by the nation's businesses and industry.

The package's long-term investment proposals are even more



Under the Clinton proposal, most renewable energy sources will be exempt from the Btu tax.

ambitious. Over the four-year period starting October 1, 1993, the Clinton administration is seeking increased spending of \$1.2 billion for mass transit; \$646 million for high-speed rail systems; \$108 million for purchase of alternative-fueled vehicles by the federal government pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992; \$4 billion for the state clean-water and drinking-water revolving funds; \$1.5 billion for natural resource protection projects

on public lands; \$271 million for environmental technology development; \$1.3 billion for energy-efficiency and renewable energy research and development; \$1 billion for federal building energy-efficiency investments; and \$360 million in low-income weatherization assistance to the states.

Although much of the president's proposed \$493 billion in deficit reduction over the next four years will come from his tax proposals, defense spending cuts, and trims in Medicare and other entitlement programs, several other proposed cuts would save the federal government billions of dollars while also protecting our environment and natural resources. Nuclear reactor research and development would be cut \$820 million over the four-year period, water project construction funding would be trimmed by nearly \$400 million, and spending on uranium enrichment would be cut by \$1.3 billion. President Clinton would reverse the past 12 years of natural resource giveaway policies by increasing fees for livestock grazing on federal lands, raising the price of water from federal irrigation projects closer to its actual cost, charging royalties for hardrock mining on federal lands, and phasing out "below-cost" sales of timber on federal lands (where the government spends more on forest road construction and other expenses than it gets back from sale of the timber). These proposed resource subsidy cuts are already generating political heat out of all proportion to their fiscal impact.

Notably absent from the list of cuts are the billions of dollars in annual tax breaks and other subsidies for fossil fuel production. Although this may be understandable from a purely political standpoint, it makes little sense to exempt these subsidies from the chopping block, while at the same time seeking an energy tax at least



Increased funding for mass transit is an important part of Clinton's short-term stimulus package.

partially intended to reduce polluting fossil fuel consumption. UCS will press Congress to trim back these outmoded taxpayer giveaways to the oil and coal industries.

The Clinton economic package, with its broad-based energy tax and substantial proposed spending increases for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and international climate-related activities, will be the first battleground in the fight to transform US climate and energy policy. The success or failure of this economic package will largely determine the prospects for the Clinton presidency. What is at stake for environmentalists is thus not only the new set of budget priorities embodied in the Clinton package, but the ability of the Clinton administration to deliver on its campaign pledges on issues like automobile fuel efficiency and international environmental leadership.

In his book *The Nature of Scientific Revolutions*, Thomas Kuhn speaks of "paradigm shifts"—when the old way of viewing things gives way to an entirely new perspective. In their effort to marry environmental protection to economic goals (not to mention sweeping deficit reduction with targeted spending increases), President Clinton and Vice President Gore are attempting to force such a paradigm shift. Although some changes will (and should) be made in parts of their package, it is important to all of us that they succeed in this broader objective. ◀

ITALIAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FOR CLINTON/GORE

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percent of Americans pay 75 percent of all new taxes. That is eminently fair."

Rosapepe continued "Italian Americans are especially alarmed by any attempt to cut Social Security benefits now or in the future. Close to 10 percent of our senior citizens live at or below the poverty level. For many of them, Social Security is their only source of income. If you reduce benefits, especially the desperately needed annual cost of living increase, millions more seniors will be driven into poverty. This is eminently unfair."

"The American people including the Italian American community voted for change in 1992. President Clinton has responded to this challenge by producing his economic plan. That same message for change applies to the Congress. The test of whether they get the message or not comes this week."



ACORN

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ACORN ENDORSES PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC PLAN Low-Income Group Urges Congress to Adopt Budget Reconciliation Package

May 25 (Washington, D.C.) . . . ACORN, the country's largest grassroots organization of low- and moderate-income families, urged the House of Representatives to pass the President's economic plan without weakening amendments.

"The President's budget takes important steps to restore fairness in the tax code, and makes needed investments in families and communities," said ACORN National President Maude Hurd.

Ms. Hurd cited the expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit, increased funding for Head Start and childhood immunizations, and measures to combat hunger as key investments in the nation's future.

"The American people clearly seek change in the nation's spending priorities. This is a battle we cannot afford to lose," she continued. Ms. Hurd urged Congress to resist attempts to "cap" entitlement spending -- measures that would devastate low - and moderate-income families.

Ms. Hurd announced that leaders of ACORN's 400 neighborhood groups in 26 states are contacting their members of Congress to urge support for the President's plan.

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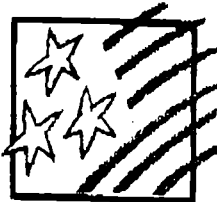
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COLLEGE DEMOCRATS ENDORSE PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ECONOMIC PACKAGE

Washington, D.C. -- Jaime Harmon, President of the College Democrats of America, the oldest student Democratic organization, announced support for the President's economic package.

"Students across the country are angry. Last November we not only voted for Clinton, we voted for change, and we voted for the President's economic package -- It's time for Congress to listen to the people," Harmon said.

Young people are excited about the President's package because it represents investment in the future -- drastically changing the irresponsible spending policies of the last twelve years that increased the deficit over 400 percent. The package cuts \$496 billion from the deficit -- the largest deficit reduction package ever offered by a president.

"This is the first time that a president has offered an economic package that is truly focused on tomorrow. During the campaign, President Clinton promised to save our future -- his economic package demonstrates that he intends to keep his promise"

The College Democrats of America was founded in 1932. CDA has more than 750 chartered chapters throughout the country.

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Governor Mario M. Cuomo today rejected the Boren-Danforth Bipartisan Deficit Reduction Plan as an extension of failed "New Federalism" policies of the prior Republican administrations. While the Plan purports to reduce the federal deficit, it does so in part by massive cost shifting to selected states such as New York and California.

The Governor stated, "despite the apparent best intentions of its authors, the Boren-Danforth Plan is an unwitting invitation to continue and to exacerbate the effects of the failed, oppressive 'New Federalism' and supply side economic policies of past Republican administrations. The two states most burdened by these policies, New York and California, will again be the most burdened by the Boren-Danforth Plan. As Senator Moynihan indicated this morning on 'Meet the Press', the cuts to Medicaid and Aid to Families with Dependent Children programs proposed by Senator Boren fall 44 percent on the State of New York alone, and 60 percent on New York and California combined."

The 1994 cost of the entitlement cap proposals of the Boren-Danforth Plan -- costs that will be borne by New Yorkers -- is at least \$2 billion. This cost figure will grow with the implementation of the entitlement caps. As Senator Moynihan has often pointed out, over the last 15 years, because of the wealth of New York State, New Yorkers paid hundreds of billions of dollars more in federal taxes -- \$15 billion in 1991 alone, and \$136 billion from 1976 to 1991 -- than they have received in federal benefits. The Boren-Danforth Plan will once again deprive New York of critical funding because it maintains the same federal mandates on these programs but will not pay for them.

Just one element of the Boren-Danforth Plan -- reducing the 50 percent floor on the federal share of Medicaid and Aid to Families with Dependent Children payments to 45 percent -- would reduce the federal share of Medicaid and AFDC payments to New York State by approximately \$1.4 billion in 1994. Another

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element of the Plan would cut the federal share of funding to hospitals that treat a disproportionate share of New York State's uninsured.

In addition, the Plan would shift certain Medicare home health and skilled nursing costs to the Medicaid program; Medicare is fully funded by the federal government, whereas New York bears 50 percent of the burden of Medicaid costs. The Plan would also cease federal funding of emergency hospital care for undocumented aliens.

The Medicaid and Medicare caps proposed by Senators Boren and Danforth will not stop the huge yearly increases in these programs. Although their Plan decreases the federal share of certain entitlements, such as Medicaid, it maintains the same federal mandates on those programs. Unless the federal government is willing either to stop or pay for these increases, a large part of the increases will be borne by the State, which will be obliged to find ways to recapture them.

The Governor believes that the Clinton deficit reduction package is fairer to the American people, and he believes that it should prevail.

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AFT'S SHANKER URGES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT CLINTON ECONOMIC PACKAGE

WASHINGTON -- American Federation of Teachers president Albert Shanker today urged Congress to pass President Clinton's Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993.

"President Clinton's budget package is the kind of change people voted for last November," said Shanker. "After twelve years of inaction on the deficit, we finally have a detailed, specific plan to reduce it and to revitalize the economy.

"The President's plan balances budget cuts dollar-for-dollar with spending, and it shifts more of the tax burden from the middle class to the wealthy.

"Congress should reject the Boren-Danforth proposals, which amount to robbing the poor and elderly to give to the rich -- again. Their alternative only works if you're more worried about special interests than fairness. The President's approach is fair, and it deserves a chance to work."

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Shanker also urged the union's 820,000 members to contact their elected representatives to voice support for the President's plan. The American Federation of Teachers represents 820,000 teachers, school support staff, higher education faculty, healthcare professionals, and public employees.

Press Release

National Jewish Democratic Council

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NJDC Backs Clinton In Tax Fight

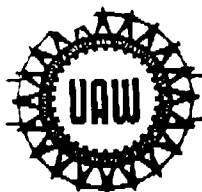
Washington, D.C.--The National Jewish Democratic Council today came out in favor of President Clinton's economic program and against alternative proposals being discussed in Congress.

According to NJDC Executive Director Steve Gutow, "The Clinton-Gore plan provides real deficit reduction without reducing millions of families to ruin. It strikes a proper balance between spending cuts and tax increases, while asking all Americans to pay their fair share to help solve a debt problem which has been festering for over a decade. Combined with its proposals to improve the competitiveness of the U.S. work force and provide every American with health care coverage, the Clinton Administration is on the right track for improving this nation's economy."

"On the other hand, the NJDC opposes congressional attempts to lower the deficit by lowering the boom on millions of average Americans. The interests of this nation's poor, elderly, and middle class should come before those of special interest groups. It is time for all Democrats to put parochial interests aside and do what the American people asked them to do last November--work with the President to break gridlock in Washington. "

The National Jewish Democratic Council is an independent organization dedicated to strengthening the Democratic Party through the political participation of its members.

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Dear Representative:

This week the House is scheduled to take up the budget reconciliation legislation implementing President Clinton's economic growth and deficit reduction program. The UAW strongly supports this critically important legislation; we urge you to vote for this measure.

The budget reconciliation legislation would reduce the federal deficit by \$343.9 billion over the next five years through a combination of spending cuts and revenue increases. In our judgment, this package incorporates a responsible, balanced approach to reducing the federal deficit and providing the basis for renewed economic growth.

Most of the burden of the tax increases would be shouldered by wealthy individuals and corporations. At the same time, the expansion of the earned income tax credit would provide significant relief to low-income working families.

The UAW strongly opposes any attempt to substitute deeper cuts in entitlement programs for the revenue provisions in this legislation. This would be highly regressive, since it would require recipients of Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, food stamps, and veterans benefits to accept cuts in their benefits in order to provide tax relief for wealthy individuals and corporations.

Accordingly, the UAW urges you to support President Clinton's economic growth and deficit reduction program by voting for the budget reconciliation legislation. Your consideration of our views on this measure will be appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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ANCA SUPPORTS CLINTON/GORE ECONOMIC PLAN

Washington, D.C. - The Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA), yesterday announced its support for the Clinton/Gore economic plan. The Administration's economic initiative is designed to make a significant impact toward cutting the budget deficit, while maintaining America's commitments assisting in the development of the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union.

The Administration's package will cut \$496 billion from the federal budget deficit through spending cuts of \$255 billion and \$241 billion in tax increases. At the same time, for every three dollars of spending cuts, there will be one dollar spent on new investments. Although half of the budget deficit cuts will come from tax increases, 75% of these increases will fall on the top 6% of American income earners.

While Clinton's efforts to reduce the deficit and spur the economy through new investments is commendable, his commitment to the CIS is just as important for the United States. "I am confident that the Clinton/Gore plan will not only reduce the deficit but will also stimulate the economy which, in time, will increase potential American support for the development of the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union," stated ANCA Executive Director, Vicken Sonentz-Papazian. "We call on all Armenian Americans to contact their Representatives and urge them to vote in favor of the Administration's plan. It is a sound plan which is good for America's future."

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