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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
STATEMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
TRAIN TRIP
AUGUST 28, 1996

Today, we stand at the dawn of a new century. A time of great challenge and change, but especially, a time of remarkable possibility for all our people. My fellow Americans, I am as confident as I have ever been that the future ahead is bright, brighter than all the days of our magnificent past.

They have had a great few days in Chicago. I can hardly wait to get there. And I can think of no better way to make the journey than to travel through our heartland and make stops along the way in places like TK. I want all Americans to see what is happening all across our country. America is on the right track to the 21st century.

In every city and town in our great land, we are meeting the challenges of our time. We are doing it in a way that protects our time-tested values but that also looks toward the future by embracing new ideas. Ours is not a Democratic approach or a Republican approach. It is the American way: to provide opportunity...to demand responsibility...to come together as a national community.

On this train trip I have seen citizens taking responsibility to make their streets safer by working with the community police officers we're putting on the beat. Small business owners and world-class corporations creating more opportunity through new jobs and open markets. Teachers, parents, and principals joining us as partners to set the highest standards in our schools. And everywhere we've been, we've seen living proof that when America is united, nothing can stop us.

Just think of the enormous progress we have made together over the last 4 years. The economy is stronger, the deficit is lower, and the government is smaller. Americans believe once again that if we work hard every one of us can live up to our God-given promise. We believe once again that we are the indispensable nation -- the strongest force in the world for peace and freedom. And we believe, once again, that we can come together around our basic values.

We have also been reminded just how much we can do when we put aside the rancor of partisan politics and use the common-sense approach of the American people. Last week, I signed bipartisan legislation to reform health care, so workers who move to a better job won't lose their coverage...to reform welfare as we know it, so we can finally break the vicious cycle of dependency...and to raise the minimum wage, so work is truly rewarded.

Let us extend this season of progress to finally balancing the budget. And let us also extend it to protecting our environment.

Water Act I signed into law earlier this month. There is no reason on Earth why Americans should have to settle for anything less than the very best to keep our water clean and safe.

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