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Organizational Statement

9to5's Endorsement of President Clinton's Economic Plan
February 18, 1993

9to5, National Association of Working Women endorses President Clinton's Economic Plan. We believe the emphasis of the plan is where it belongs, focused on working families. We support the plan's expressed interest in expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit, health care reform and investment in education. We are also in favor of shifting the tax burden to the wealthiest Americans, creating a new sense of economic equity and fairness.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

(see Education)

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February 18, 1993

The Hon. Senator Daniel Moynihan
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Dear Senator Moynihan:

As you know, the Hollywood Women's Political Committee worked incredibly hard in the 1992 election cycle to help elect President Clinton as well as a Democratic Congress.

Before the elections, we knew that the road to recovery after twelve years of Republican rule would not be swift or easy. We knew there would be many tough choices and sacrifices to be made.

Last night, in his economic address, President Clinton took the first step to real recovery by telling the American people the truth. We applaud his call to invest in the economy, lower the deficit and increase taxes on those who have benefited most from the last twelve years under Bush and Reagan. Moreover, we commend Clinton's veracity and his willingness to tackle the difficult issues in the name of real and practical long term solutions. President Clinton has not chosen a comfortable or popular path, but a courageous plan that he believes will bring positive change and prosperity to our nation.

As his plan moves through Congress, we hope that the divisiveness fomented by lobbyists, special interest groups and Political Action Committees does not prevail over a unified nation. We urge you to show your support for the President's economic agenda and hope that you will work with him to make it a reality.

As President Clinton has so often acknowledged, we all have a responsibility in fostering a stronger, healthier and more prosperous nation by working and sacrificing together. We can no longer afford to have infighting undermine progress.

Please lend the President your support on this vital first step of the Clinton Administration.

We look forward to further conversations as the specifics of the plan unfold.

Sincerely,

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LWV NEWS RELEASE

FOR RELEASE AFTER PRESIDENT CLINTON'S 9 P.M.
STATE OF THE UNION SPEECH
February 17, 1993

STATEMENT BY BECKY CAIN, PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES, ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S PROPOSED ECONOMIC PACKAGE

The President's program is a solid program. It is fair. It will be effective in getting our country going again.

This plan provides concrete ways to reduce the federal budget deficit, and insists that all of us pay our fair share toward deficit reduction.

We are especially pleased that 70 percent of all new revenue brought in by the package will come from Americans earning $100,000 and up. Such Americans make up the upper five to six percent of all taxpayers. The tax burden in this plan is fairly placed.

Equally heartening are the President's proposals for programs that improve and enhance the quality of life. We strongly support the initiatives for education and training, particularly increased federal funding for Head Start; preventive health care; and children's vaccination and immunization programs.

Defense spending will be cut significantly, and this is appropriate and necessary. The League has long believed that our political leaders should assess the impact of U.S. military spending on the nation's economy and on the government's ability to meet social and environmental needs. We commend the President for strong action in this area.

Under President Clinton's economic plan, middle-class Americans will get more bang for their tax bucks. They, and indeed all Americans, will benefit from the increased number of jobs, lower interest rates, and investments in areas that will vastly improve their lives, and their children's lives. Deficit reduction will be achieved, with the accompanying benefits to our economy.

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February 19, 1993

President Bill Clinton
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Dear President Clinton:

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) enthusiastically supports your call for full funding for Head Start, WIC, and an increase in the Earned Income Tax Credit for low income, working families. We also applaud your support for universal child immunization and your strong emphasis on improving education and job training programs. These are issues which our 100,000 volunteers have been advocating for many years. We agree that expanding these programs will be a significant investment in our nation's future.

We also support your efforts to decrease the Federal deficit which has become such an enormous burden to economic recovery and growth. NCJW supports tax policies which provide an equitable distribution of the tax burden based upon ability to pay. We were pleased to hear that your tax plan has a similar goal. Furthermore, we are heartened that your tax reforms recognize the importance of charitable gifts to the non-profit organizations serving this country.

Thank you for championing these important programs that have long been priorities for the National Council of Jewish Women. We look forward to working with you and your administration to help realize your goal of securing our nation's future for all Americans.

Sincerely,

Joan Bronk

Joan A. Bronk
National President

Cc: Members of Congress

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN

(see Minorities)

NATIONAL POLITICAL CONGRESS OF BLACK WOMEN

(see Minorities)

Statement by The Women's Information Network
February 18, 1993

WIN, the Women's Information Network, applauds the President's efforts to move forward in addressing the overall state of our nation's economy. As young Americans facing a challenging and increasingly uncertain future -- a shrinkable job market, diminished educational opportunities, rising health care costs -- we appreciate his bold steps. The Women's Information Network accepts President Clinton's challenge to make the hard decisions today to insure a better tomorrow.

We are the generation he spoke of last night, the one that will not necessarily do better than our parents, the ones who will inherit the consequences of the decisions made today. We are proud to be part of the generation which will make the necessary sacrifices to preserve this great nation and its legacy for the generations to come.

WIN is an organization of young working women interested in politics & policy in Washington, DC. Many believe their membership represents the next generation of women leaders.

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WOMEN'S LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

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The Woman's National Democratic Club endorses the President's Economic Plan enthusiastically. We support his core philosophies of shifting the emphasis in spending from consumption to investment; of honoring families in reality, not just rhetorically; of deficit reduction; and fairness overall. The President has defined the problems we face forthrightly. He has outlined his vision of what the future can hold for this nation if we come together and make some tough choices now. We support his vision and so the members of WNDC are willing to pay higher taxes now to reduce the deficit - but also to pay for better healthcare, investment in new productivity enhancing technology, environmental clean-up, energy efficiency, and programs to provide preventive care and early support to poor women and children. While noone likes to pay higher taxes, we feel the potential returns far outweigh the small sacrifice the President is asking us to make now.

Sacha Millstone
President

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and Related Institutions

National Association of Developmental Disabilities Councils

National Association of School Psychologists

National Association of Social Workers

National Medical Association

National Minority Aids Council

United States Conference of Local Health Officers

AIDS Action Council

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February 18, 1993

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President Bill Clinton's Requests for Additional AIDS Funding

Statement by Daniel T. Bross
Executive Director, AIDS Action Council

For the first time in the history of the AIDS epidemic, the President of the United States demonstrated his recognition of the depth of the problem our nation faces by requesting supplemental AIDS funding as a mid-course correction. President Clinton's request for $320 million in additional funding for fighting AIDS through the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources (CARE) Act in FY 1993 and FY 1994, along with additional funds through other programs, is a critical step in bringing sufficient resources to bear on this terrible crisis.

We welcome President Clinton's leadership. We will work in support of this proposal and work with Congress to make sure that every aspect of the fight against AIDS–prevention, care and research–get all the resources that are needed to finally launch a real fight against this problem.

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February 18, 1993

Doris Matsui
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Dear Doris:

We haven't had a chance to meet, but I wanted to share hospitals' statement on the President's address to Congress last evening and what we are saying to our hospital members.

We are encouraged by the President's commitment to health care reform and to treat all parties fairly. As Yoshi Honkawa mentioned, hospitals stand for change and are ready to assist the Administration with comprehensive reform that control costs, ensures universal coverage, and organizes care to improve health.

Our vision of health care reform is consistent with yours in many ways. During the campaign, the President called for the establishment of local health care networks. Our vision of community care networks -- local networks of providers, caring for an enrolled population and paid on a capitated basis -- is consistent with your view. We believe that networks would put in place the kinds of incentives that control costs and keep people healthy.

We would like to initiate a cooperative working relationship with you and the new Administration. An opportunity for a brief meeting with you to exchange views and explore ways we can work together would be appreciated. I know these are hectic times for you and your staff. But given the importance of health care reform, we would like to begin a working relationship with you as soon as possible.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Christine W. McEntee

Christine W. McEntee
Vice President, Political Affairs
and Management

A Message to AHA Members from Dick Davidson

With his February 17 speech, President Clinton gave the movement toward health care reform new energy and momentum.

In the context of repairing the national economy, the President placed an important and difficult challenge before us. He has asked for shared sacrifice by all Americans, including hospitals. His goals are goals we share: deficit reduction, more jobs and economic growth. Hospitals know firsthand the effect the economy has had on the communities they serve.

President Clinton has challenged us because he has proposed to the Congress a set of short-term Medicare actions that will cause real pain, particularly to many small rural and urban institutions already in financial peril. Two-thirds of the nation's hospitals must subsidize the cost of treating Medicare patients. We will be strong and clear in articulating that the effect on some communities may be additional sacrifice in the form of less access to care and lost jobs. We are analyzing the President's proposals to see if they stand the test of fairness in relation to the overall economic plan.

But by the same token, the President has also challenged us by directly linking these actions to health care reform. By terming his Medicare actions "stop-gap," he seems to be signaling that reform has to mean real change -- more than continuing to try to make today's badly broken payment system work. What's more important, he made a public pledge that his reform plan will be -- and these are the President's words -- "fair to providers and consumers of health care."

We are at the beginning of a long process of working for change in the way health services in America are paid for and delivered. At the same time we are vigilant about today's needs and pressures, we have to keep our eye on the target. We have the best opportunity ever to make our vision of a reinvented health care system -- community care networks providing access to affordable high quality care for everyone -- a reality.

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AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION STATEMENT
PRESIDENT CLINTON: THE ECONOMIC PLAN
Attribute: Dick Davidson, AHA President
February 18, 1993

With President Clinton's speech, the move toward health care reform took on new energy and momentum. In the context of repairing the national economy, the President asked for a shared sacrifice by all Americans, including hospitals. His goals of deficit reduction, more jobs, and economic growth are the right ones -- ones hospitals share. We know first hand the effect the economy has had on the communities we serve.

In the short-term, the interim measures the President has proposed to cap increases in Medicare payments to providers will create genuine hardship, particularly to many rural and urban hospitals already in financial peril. Today, two thirds of the nation's hospitals must subsidize the cost of treating Medicare patients. That proposal will have to stand the test of fairness.

But in the long-term, the most important point is that Mr. Clinton linked these stop-gap actions directly to the need for health care reform. The critical message he delivered to the American people was his steadfast commitment, indeed passion, to real and fair health care reform.

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February 16, 1993

Dear Chief Executive Officer:

I wanted to share with you in advance what we're hearing and our best reading of how health care providers will be affected when President Clinton unveils his economic package in his Wednesday, February 17 address to Congress.

Few details were out over the long weekend and the President's Monday night speech made only a brief reference to health care. Press reports have been sketchy and no official documents have surfaced. But here's what we've been able to learn: President Clinton's economic plan will include substantial Medicare budget savings over the next four years. It is possible that a freeze on the Medicare prospective payment system update factor will be included for between one and two years.

We also understand that the President is likely to "signal" that there will be a second stage of his economic plan -- in the context of either his budget, to be released in March, or the announcement of his health reform plan, probably in May or June. It will contain two parts. First, increased taxes, presumably emphasizing "sin" taxes -- to pay for expanded access. And second, private sector health care cost containment that could be in the form of insurance premium increase limits.

How should hospitals respond? First, it is in the best interest of the communities which hospitals serve that the nation's economy gets back on track. A strong economy generates job growth and health coverage in the private sector. To achieve deficit reduction and economic growth, the President has asked for shared sacrifice from the American people. His Medicare actions are certain to be part of a wide-ranging set of spending cuts and tax hikes with no one sector being singled out. We expect him to frame the Medicare constraints as a first step in cost containment while Mrs. Clinton's task force puts together the comprehensive reform plan.

It is essential that we not overreact. Hospitals must not be isolated from their communities, appearing to want more when everyone else is being asked to accept less in a national effort to repair the economy. We must remain focused on the most important goal: real health care reform.

By the same token, the Administration and the public must understand how the actions will affect hospitals and communities. We will analyze the new proposals in the context of other federal cutbacks and the current, serious shortfall in Medicare payments.

With 20 percent of the nation's hospitals in financial peril and nearly two-thirds of all hospitals subsidizing the cost of treating Medicare patients, the action could have a serious, harmful impact in some communities, including hospital closures, job losses and further erosion of already vulnerable rural and urban institutions.

And we will analyze the details of the President's proposal thoroughly to determine if we are being treated fairly in the context of the President's overall plan.

It will be critical to know how the Medicare action deals with wages and salaries, whether or not it penalizes hospitals for changes in the general economy, volume shifts or case mix, and if there is a limited exceptions process to address special situations. These and other issues will be thoroughly debated in the Congress, and hospitals will participate vigorously.

Finally, I must emphasize again the need to look at these proposals in relationship to achieving our vision of health care reform. We must not look at this action too narrowly. We must assess the extent to which we are moving toward universal access and the restructuring of the delivery system around community care networks.

Hospitals are for reform. We will be skeptical of any actions that continue the arbitrary ratcheting-down of today's badly-broken Medicare payment system. They would be in no one's best interest.

We will be communicating with you again directly when more is known and we've had an opportunity to analyze the President's actions. Please read AHA News for coverage of the Administration's actions on the economy, the budget and health reform and for specific news on AHA's course in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Davidson
President
American Hospital Association

MENTAL HEALTH LAW PROJECT

NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL AIDS DIRECTORS

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**PRESS STATEMENT OF LAWRENCE A. McANDREWS
PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS
ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S EMPHASIS ON CHILDREN
IN TONIGHT'S ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE**

February 17, 1993

Children's hospitals applaud President Clinton's emphasis on investing in children as part of his economic stimulus package to be previewed this evening. We are encouraged by his clear understanding of the special needs of America's 64 million children.

Many details of the President's budget remain to be seen. But we know from our participation in a briefing for children's advocates at the White House yesterday that this package will expand programs like Head Start and WIC that have proven to work for children and will invest in both preventive health and economic security for children. We understand that the President expects to make $150 billion in new investments in children and families over the next three years.

This is a good beginning for children. Clearly, this Administration understands that we must pay a little now for children or we will surely pay more later. In a study of measles cases admitted to children's hospitals in recent years, charges averaged $3,761 per child. Total charges for children with whooping cough admitted to our hospitals exceeded $2.5 million. These astronomical figures could have been prevented. And now they will be.

Two years ago our hospitals took to Capitol Hill with buttons that read, "Don't balance the budget on the backs of children." Children were nowhere in past public policy debates. Now we are heartened to see women and children first in reboarding the ship of state.

We view this package as a harbinger of the future of children's health. We encourage President Clinton to make this theme of investing in our children a hallmark of his entire Administration. And when the criticism begins, the American people will find out once and for all who's really for kids and who's just kidding.

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COUNCIL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

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AFGE RESPONDS TO CLINTON'S PROPOSED FEDERAL EMPLOYEE PAY FREEZE

John N. Sturdivant, national president of the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, today issued the following statement concerning President Clinton's announcement to freeze federal pay:

"Last night President Clinton sent an unnecessarily negative and demoralizing signal to the same federal employees he will need to succeed.

"The proposed pay freeze asks these dedicated employees to pay more than their fair share. In fact, President Clinton has asked them to pay twice--once as citizens paying higher taxes and again as employees who will have their standard of living reduced by a pay freeze.

"AFGE has always stood firmly in opposition to such proposals. They are short sighted and counter productive, whether proposed by Republican or Democratic administrations. We will oppose these as well with the same vigor and determination we used to defeat the misguided proposals of the past. We will be making our presence known in Congress as we search for ideas or alternatives.

"While President Clinton's goals of reducing the deficit and increasing investment are admirable, he must understand that they will come to pass only if he can count on the support and creativity of the career workforce, which even today keeps the government operating as he struggles to fill key political and policy-making positions.

"Tragically these pay proposals undermine this needed support in that they only serve to expand by some 2.3 million the number of workers who are working longer hours for less pay.

"During the transition AFGE repeatedly met with Clinton officials in response to requests for ideas to send positive signals to the federal workforce and forge a new partnership between the President and career employees. We deeply regret that the Clinton administration has decided to scuttle that approach in favor of business as usual."

The American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, is the largest union for federal workers, representing some 700,000 government employees in the United States and overseas, as well as employees of the District of Columbia.

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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

AFL-CIO

TEAMSTERS' POSITION ON THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Over one hundred years ago the Interstate Commerce Commission ("ICC") was created to regulate transportation services provided by railroads. In the 1930s the ICC's regulatory authority was extended to the motor carrier industry. In both instances, the purposes and intent was the same: the public interest required that transportation services, which are critical to the growth and stabilization of our nation's economy, be subject to governmental oversight. Absent some economic regulation, cutthroat competition among carriers had led to numerous bankruptcies and discriminatory and inadequate service. The ICC, pursuant to the Interstate Commerce Act and the Motor Carrier Act, was established to put an end to or at least curtail these problems for the betterment of all Americans.

Economic regulation by the ICC worked. Insofar as motor carrier transportation was concerned, by exerting some restriction on entry supply was controlled so that there were an adequate number of companies to provide efficient and stable service at rates which allowed them to earn a small but reasonable profit. Equally important, by requiring all motor carriers to file their rates with the ICC and adhere to those rates, all industry participants -- both carriers and shippers -- were insured of having knowledge of all market prices. This knowledge helped to create competition. By prohibiting rate discrimination, however, governmental regulation enabled small business to obtain transportation rates which allowed them to compete against the larger more powerful companies.

Transportation is critical to the operation of all businesses. Indeed, that is why government insists upon modern highways that are open to all users. Through taxes all individuals and businesses contribute towards the creation and maintenance of an infrastructure which allows prompt and safe transportation to be provided. Clearly, government would never allow our roads to be privatized; they must remain public for the benefit of all users on an equal basis.

Similarly, the role of government, i.e., the ICC, has been to make sure that favorable and secret rate arrangements and/or discriminatory rates are not permitted as a device to drive smaller companies out of business. History has demonstrated that without economic regulation of transportation larger shippers will coerce carriers into sweetheart rate agreements. By insisting that carriers provide them with preferential rates, large and powerful shippers have destroyed their smaller competitors. In addition, it has been shown that without regulatory oversight these economically powerful shippers force carriers to provided below cost rates which

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inevitably result in bankruptcy.

Public filing and enforcement of transportation rates by the ICC did away with the secret, under the table, rebates which permitted large shippers to destroy small businesses. Controlling entry and mandating that reasonable rates be charged, which were not unduly high or below cost, insured fair prices to shippers and adequate profits to carriers. Shippers cold enter new markets and carriers were able to operate safely, replace their equipment and provide service to all areas of the country.

In the 1980s, the deregulatory fervor advocated by the Reagan-Bush Republican Administrations effectively did away with government oversight of motor carrier transportation. As a result, hundreds of efficient motor carriers have gone bankrupt and hundreds of thousands of workers have lost their jobs. Rather than increasing competition among motor carriers, deregulation has greatly increased the market share of the largest carriers. While thousands of small one and two truck companies enter and exit the market yearly, the number of less than truckload carriers who need terminals and other facilities has dramatically fallen. While big shippers have fared well, smaller shippers have not experienced improved rates and now face decreased service options.

Regulation of the motor carrier industry by the ICC is as necessary today as it was 50 years ago. Public filing and adherence to non-discriminatory rates is a policy which furthers the public interest and the growth of small businesses. The ICC should be strengthened, not eliminated.

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American Legislative Exchange Council
American Meat Institute
American Pulpwood Association
American Rental Association
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Americans for Tax Reform
Amway Corporation
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STATEMENT OF HORACE B. DEETS
AARP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
February 17, 1993

President Clinton promised that he would call for bold action to repair the nation's economy and reduce the deficit, and that he has done. We applaud his commitment to comprehensive health care reform and we share his conviction that all our efforts on the economy will fail in the absence of system-wide health care cost containment. The package outlined by the President is a genuine attempt at shared sacrifice. Closer analysis makes it obvious that the package can be made more equitable.

AARP and its members agree that there needs to be effective deficit reduction. Older Americans have sacrificed many times in past years, and are willing to pay their fair share for the sake of their country. But to meet this goal the program outlined in the speech needs improvement:

* The President's plan calls for increased taxation on Social Security benefits, even though Social Security is not adding a penny to the deficit. Those hardest hit will be seven million middle income older Americans, who already are feeling the effects of skyrocketing medical costs and declining interest rates. A retired couple with only

$40,000 income would face increased federal taxes of just over $600.

* The increase in the Medicare Part B premium will affect all but the lowest income elderly, adding another $10.00 per month (for a total Part B premium of over $720.00 annually) in 1998.

* A 5-year, $53 billion reduction in Medicare payments to hospitals, doctors and other providers coming on top of cuts totalling over $100 billion over the last decade potentially threatens access and quality of health care for millions of older Americans. Further, the magnitude of the Medicare reductions could lead to further cost-shifting to businesses and workers.

As important as our concern about shared sacrifice is the concern that the proposed savings from Medicare and increased payroll taxes are not dedicated to financing health care reform, but instead are used to offset the deficit. Regrettably, some of the measures proposed this evening do not address the root cause of increasing health care costs and may preclude options which later will be needed to make good on the President's health care reform goal.

A deficit reduction package targeted at Medicare and Medicaid without comprehensive health care reform and system-wide cost containment fails to address the single largest contributor to our rising deficit. We eagerly await the Administration's health reform proposal, which will enable us to evaluate the combined impact of these measures.

We share the President's goals of a strong and growing economy, comprehensive health reform, and long-term deficit reduction. In pursuing these goals, we must be concerned about the cumulative effect of these proposals on moderate-income seniors. AARP pledges to work with both the Administration and Congress to find the means to improve the economic plan to ensure that it meets the President's goals of equitably shared sacrifice.

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The President
The White House
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Mr. President:

The undersigned members of the Coalition for Fiscal Restraint (COFIRE) strongly support your recognition of the need to reduce federal deficit spending.

We share your concern that continued deficit spending is a serious threat to long-term economic growth and to the living standard of current and future generations, and we are writing to offer assistance in your efforts to address this problem.

As background, COFIRE was organized in late 1988 for the primary purpose of urging deficit reduction through restraints on the growth of federal spending. We have also taken various other stands, including support for budget process reform.

Our membership consists of trade associations, corporations, and citizens' groups which represent in aggregate more than 15 million businesses, employees, and private citizens.

We were encouraged by your comments during the Little Rock economic summit in December that "a new and different kind of (budget) enforcement mechanism" may be needed. This new process should enforce the elimination or reduction of low priority spending measures.

We have supported reform of the Congressional budget process in the past, and we believe that, as a part of such reform, the president should be given a stronger voice in budget matters.

On this latter point, we are encouraged by your support for a line-item veto and would, as in the past, be pleased to assist in any efforts to obtain this authority for the president.

We have long supported a balanced budget amendment that provides for a sufficient anchor on total spending and taxes.

It is our conviction that tax increases are more apt to stifle the very economic growth which provides federal tax revenues and our concern that, based on historical precedent, revenue from tax increases has seldom, if ever, gone toward deficit reduction.

We are encouraged by your views on the need to curb the growth of federal entitlements. Clearly, there can be little progress on deficit reduction if those portions of the federal budget most responsible for creating the deficits remain untouchable.

We would be pleased to work with your Administration for some formula which would slow the growth of these entitlements programs, specifically in the area of health care.

Finally, we are optimistic that you will exercise leadership to restore the discipline required both to promote economic growth today and to assure fiscal soundness for future generations.

Such discipline will require hard choices on the part of the Congress and of your Administration. To the extent that we can help, however, we hope you will call on us.

Respectfully,

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Executive Director
American Association of Boomers

Samuel L. Brunelli
Executive Director
American Legislative Exchange Council

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President and Chief Executive Officer
American Meat Institute

Richard Lewis
President
American Pulpwood Association

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Chairman
Americans for a Balanced Budget

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Americans for Tax Reform

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United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association

Paul Cardamone
President
United States Federation of Small Businesses

Other COFIRE member-organizations endorsing this letter are as follows:

American Amusement Machine Association
American Cyanamid Company
American Furniture Manufacturers Association
American Iron and Steel Institute
American Rental Association
American Wholesale Marketers Association
Amway Corporation
Armstrong World Industries
Associated Builders and Contractors
Association for Suppliers of Printing and Publishing Technologies
Association of Wall and Ceiling Industries
Automotive Service Association
Baroid Corporation
Commercial Weather Services Association

Committee for Private Offshore Rescue and Towing
Composite Can and Tube Institute
Coors Brewing Company
FMC Corporation
W. R. Grace and Company
International Ice Cream Association
Mead Corporation
Medford Corporation
Milk Industry Foundation
National Association of Brick Distributors
National Association of Charterboat Operators
National Association of Convenience Stores
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Beer Wholesalers Association
National Cattlemen's Association
National Cheese Institute
National Coal Association
National Federation of Independent Business
National Food Brokers Association
National Independent Dairy-Foods Association
National Limousine Association
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Recreation Vehicle Industry Association
Reynolds Metals Company
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Sybra Corporation
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BUSINESS LEADER URGES ASSOCIATION AND BUSINESS SUPPORT OF CLINTON PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON, DC, March 10, 1993 -- Neil H. Offen, a Washington, DC-based trade association community leader, is calling for the business community to put aside partisan disputes and work to enact President Clinton's economic plan. Offen stated that small, medium and large size businesses should rally behind President Clinton's efforts to break the gridlock in Washington. "All trade and professional associations should serve as role models for their constituencies and work for the long-term good of the nation. We must look ten and 20 years down the road and take action today that will safeguard the well-being of our country tomorrow. Such actions may entail sacrifice on our parts, but such sacrifices in reality are necessary investments for the future prosperity of the American business community and the American entrepreneur."

Offen, who each year addresses and meets with tens of thousands of people across the nation, went on to state that he consistently sees a willingness on the part of Americans of all stripes and economic strata to make sacrifices for the good of the country as long as they believe the system is fair. "No one wants to be made a fool of or see others abuse the system and get away with it. Bill Clinton's honest approach to economic realities and shared sacrifices gives us a chance to restore the

American dream to our children and grandchildren. However," Offen continued, "further, substantial spending cuts must be put forward by the Administration to maintain credibility with the public and I know that the White House is exploring such cuts."

"I believe," Offen concluded, "that all so-called 'special interests' must show flexibility, as well as greater vision, for the common good and I urge both Democrats and Republicans to work together with President Clinton to restore fiscal responsibility to our nation and protect our future."

Offen is president of a national trade association that represents approximately 4.5 million small business men and women and 140 corporations. Offen also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Council of Better Business Bureaus and is a member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Association Committee of 100. He is a former Vice-Chairman of the Board of the American Society of Association Executives, the professional organization for trade and professional association leaders, and is a former board member of the American Retail Federation. Offen served on the board of the Ethics Resource Center, a non-profit group which promotes ethical behavior in business and government and co-chaired the board of the Democratic Business Council from 1988 to 1992.

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STATEMENT

General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church

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March 4, 1993 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Clinton Economic Plan Supports United Methodist Principles, But Could Go Further
A Statement by Reverend Thom White Wolf Fassett, General Secretary

After a review by the staff of the General Board of Church and Society of President Clinton's economic plan, I have concluded that it supports many of the statements in the Social Principles and resolutions adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. However, I am calling on President Clinton to make further cuts in defense programs and to make further efforts to assist poor people and protect the environment.

The Clinton plan intends to provide an economic stimulus to help the United States economy out of recession, to provide long-term investments in economic growth and jobs, and to reduce the deficit. The plan moves toward these goals while accomplishing much that would move the country toward the long stated public policy goals of The United Methodist Church.

The President's proposal is fair to poor and working people.

The Clinton plan pays for needed reductions in the federal deficit while addressing both the long-term and the short-term needs of poorer people through expansion of some of the most cost-effective anti-poverty programs, such as Head Start, the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, the Earned Income Tax Credit, Food Stamps, and the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program. The United Methodist Church has called for systemic changes affecting children and their families.* Expansion of these programs is needed both because of the increasing numbers of poor persons in the United States and to offset the regressive effects of the energy tax in the plan.

The President's proposal focuses on developing new jobs for both the short term and the long term.

In communities across the United States, the decline in the number and kinds of jobs has been and continues to be a key component of an on-going social and economic crisis. Communities thrive when they have a diverse job base, not just a few wealthy individuals. The United Methodist Social Principles states that the government has the responsibility to implement policies that ensure "full employment and adequate incomes."*

The Clinton plan strongly targets its job creation opportunities on young persons in cities and rural areas, community development, veteran retraining, environmental improvement, and the development of infrastructures and technologies for the future. This approach will be of immediate assistance to the many unemployed youth in our country and will help assure that there are real jobs in their, and our, future.

The plan needs to go further. The youth employment program needs to be permanent, not temporary. The lowest paid federal workers should not receive pay freezes as proposed. Reducing corporate tax write-offs still further could easily pay for a modest pay raise for the lowest paid workers and an expansion of job programs. I am also deeply concerned that the plan does not provide funds for construction of public housing for low-income, elderly, and disabled persons.

The President's proposal shifts the emphasis of government funding from war related investments to constructive development.

The Clinton plan makes significant cuts in the weapons program of the United States, while providing funds for the retraining of persons employed by the defense industry. In so doing,

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Clinton Economic Plan Is a Bold First Step, But Must Be Fair To All, House Panel Told

WASHINGTON - The nation's second-largest senior advocacy organization today praised the basic tenets of President Bill Clinton's economic plan, but raised questions about whether the tax burden will be shared equitably.

Martha McSteen, president of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, told the House Ways and Means Committee that the organization, with 6 million members and supporters nationwide, "clearly supports the serious deficit reduction proposal the president has made."

"National Committee members understand that deficit reduction is not painless: it requires shared sacrifice," said Mrs. McSteen, who headed the Social Security Administration from 1983-86.

"But when we look at the whole package," Mrs. McSteen said, "we wonder whether the economic plan is fair to all seniors."

Seniors are being asked to pay "a disproportionate share of the deficit reduction" through proposals to increase taxes on Social Security benefits and cut Medicare funding as well as the proposed energy tax, Mrs. McSteen said.

Although the White House plan would raise income taxes only on the top 1 percent of American workers (those earning more than $100,000), it would boost taxes for most seniors with incomes down to $25,000 -- about 23 percent of seniors, Mrs. McSteen said. In addition, because Social Security benefits are not indexed for inflation, more and more seniors will wind up paying greater income taxes because of "bracket creep," Mrs. McSteen said.

Mrs. McSteen said the President's plan to help low-income families hurt by parts of his plan "will probably not do enough for senior Americans." Increased funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and food stamps will help some low-income seniors hurt by the energy tax, but low-income seniors will benefit little from the expansion of the earned-income tax credit.

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February 18, 1993

President Bill Clinton
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Dear Mr. President:

I listened to your talk last night with great interest. Congratulations on taking a bold approach and showing leadership as we address the nation's problems.

Of course I haven't yet seen the details of your plan, but I support your goals of true deficit reduction and long-term growth.

We look forward to working with you and the Congress.

Sincerely,

Sam Ginn

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As a reaction to the President's economic program, it seems to me the operative words here are to be "critically constructive - - -" as opposed to "negatively partisan". The country didn't get in this financial deficit mess in a day. It's taken a number of years with plenty of blame for both parties. That's history. Something has to be done - the sooner the better. This program is not perfect but it's a promising beginning. Let the momentum continue.

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Chairman and CEO
Ralston Purina Company

Executive who's been there hails President Clinton's call for worker training, youth apprenticeship initiative

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--A leading U.S. chief executive officer who was trained in the German apprenticeship system in the 1950s hailed President Clinton's call for a renewed national initiative in the area of worker training and youth apprenticeship.

Albert Hoser, president and CEO of the $5 billion Siemens Corp., told a national audience of journalists and industry analysts during a press briefing this morning that the plan should pay dividends to both young people and companies throughout the country. He pointed to Siemens U.S. pilot apprenticeship programs in Florida and Kentucky as a case in point.

"The president's plan for a new national strategy on apprenticeships reveals a vision that creates choices for America's young people," he said. "Without this kind of choice, we run the risk of excluding a large pool of talented individuals from positions for which they may be well qualified.

"Let's face it. If America is to be competitive as a nation, it has to happen in the classroom and on the factory floor."

He said that it is "especially gratifying to see the clear relationship between the proposed new apprenticeship system and the educational system. By working together, business and educators can ensure that Americans have the skills to successfully compete in the global marketplace."

Hoser's educational background includes a year of high school in Ponca City, Okla., as well as a three-year apprenticeship with Siemens' parent company in Germany in the Fifties. He said that company-supported vocational training programs provide a strong alternative career path for capable high school graduates in the United States.

Siemens has already established pilot apprenticeship programs in Florida and Kentucky. Today, these locations are testing models for future replication in partnership with schools, students and young adults. In response to the president's initiative, Siemens will explore expansion of its earlier commitment to testing apprenticeship models at its 40 U.S. manufacturing facilities.

"Siemens has seen the value of apprenticeships over the 100 years we've had such a program in Germany and in the past two decades in 15 other countries," Hoser said. "Apprenticeships pay dividends to young people, to the educational system, as well as to Siemens itself.

"In short, I believe, as does President Clinton, that establishing apprenticeship programs is a win/win -- for students, industry and the community at large."

Siemens has more than 35,000 employees in the U.S. and continues to expand its training and apprenticeship investments based on such results.

Siemens Corp., the U.S. shareholding company for Siemens AG of Germany, develops, manufactures and markets electrical and electronics products and systems for a broad range of industries including medical, factory automation, electrical distribution, power generation, automotive, telecommunications and transportation markets. Operating on a Oct. 1 - Sept. 30 business year, the company had sales of $4.9 billion and orders of $5.4 billion for fiscal 1992.

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MEMORANDUM FOR Christine Varney
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THE WHITE HOUSE

FROM: Philip Diehl
Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Business Endorsements of the President's Economic Program Obtained by Treasury

Attached is an updated list of business endorsements of the President's program obtained through the combined efforts of Treasury Offices of Public Liaison, Legislative Affairs, Tax Policy and the Chief of Staff. Give me a call at 622-0041 if you have any questions.

Business Supporters of the President's Economic Plan Won by Treasury Department Efforts

April 21, 1993

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Apache Corporation of Houston, Texas
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CITGO
Consolidated Natural Gas
Dasco Energy Company
Julander Energy Company
Oryx Energy
Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition
Pennzoil (API member)
Sanchez, O'Brien Oil & Gas Corporation
Shell (API member)
Tenneco
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Valero Energy

Coal

Colowyo Coal Company
NACO
The Pittston Company
Peabody Holding Company
Ziegler Coal Holding Company

Other energy

American Biofuels Association
ARK Energy Incorporated (Ethanol)
Arkenol Inc. (Ethanol)
Beacon Energy Company
Earth Energy Association
Entergy
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
Renewable Fuels Association
W.T. Rush Company (Ethanol)

Agriculture

American Agricultural Movement
American Corn Growers Association
Corn Refiners Association
National Farmers Union
Reichert Grain Company

Other

Champion International Corp.
Jim Walter Corporation
NRG Barriers, Inc.
Savings & Community Bankers of America