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ALABAMA:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Alabama, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Alabama, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$285.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Alabama Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Alabama, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$285.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 88 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,050,000 People -- Including 1,040,000 Women -- in Alabama.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,050,000 people -- including 1,040,000 women -- in Alabama are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Alabama has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Alabama -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 17,000 Young People in Alabama from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Alabama, this legislation would have stopped 50,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 17,000 young people in Alabama from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 252,000 Workers in Alabama.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Alabama, this increase would have raised the wages of 252,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Alabama.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Alabama. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Alabama making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Alabama would have received \$17.2 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Alaska, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Alaska, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$36.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Alaska Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Alaska, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$36.9 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 11 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 210,000 People -- Including 100,000 Women -- in Alaska.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 210,000 people -- including 100,000 women -- in Alaska are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Alaska has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Alaska -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 3,000 Young People in Alaska from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Alaska, this legislation would have stopped 9,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 3,000 young people in Alaska from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 7,000 Workers in Alaska.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Alaska, this increase would have raised the wages of 7,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Alaska.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Alaska. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Alaska making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Alaska would have received \$3.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

ARIZONA:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Arizona, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Arizona, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$258.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Arizona Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Arizona, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$258.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 80 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,720,000 People -- Including 830,000 Women -- in Arizona.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,720,000 people -- including 830,000 women -- in Arizona are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Arizona has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Arizona -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 16,000 Young People in Arizona from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Arizona, this legislation would have stopped 49,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 16,000 young people in Arizona from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 214,000 Workers in Arizona.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Arizona, this increase would have raised the wages of 214,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Arizona.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Arizona. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Arizona making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Arizona would have received \$19.1 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

ARKANSAS:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Arkansas, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Arkansas, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$145.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Arkansas Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Arkansas, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$145.9 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 45 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,000,000 People -- Including 500,000 Women -- in Arkansas.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,000,000 people -- including 500,000 women -- in Arkansas are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Arkansas has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Arkansas -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 9,000 Young People in Arkansas from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Arkansas, this legislation would have stopped 28,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 9,000 young people in Arkansas from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 145,000 Workers in Arkansas.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Arkansas, this increase would have raised the wages of 145,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Arkansas.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Arkansas. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Arkansas making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Arkansas would have received \$10.5 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

CALIFORNIA:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in California, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of California, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$2,281.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize California Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In California, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$2,281.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 705 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 13,090,000 People -- Including 6,230,000 Women -- in California.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 13,090,000 people -- including 6,230,000 women -- in California are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if California has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in California -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 83,000 Young People in California from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in California, this legislation would have stopped 248,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 83,000 young people in California from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 1,612,000 Workers in California.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In California, this increase would have raised the wages of 1,612,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in California.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in California. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in California making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And California would have received \$150.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

COLORADO:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Colorado, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Colorado, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$165.8 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Colorado Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Colorado, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$165.8 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 51 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,810,000 People -- Including 890,000 Women -- in Colorado.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,810,000 people -- including 890,000 women -- in Colorado are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Colorado has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Colorado -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 17,000 Young People in Colorado from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Colorado, this legislation would have stopped 51,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 17,000 young people in Colorado from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 121,000 Workers in Colorado.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Colorado, this increase would have raised the wages of 121,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Colorado.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Colorado. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Colorado making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Colorado would have received \$16.2 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

CONNECTICUT:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Connecticut, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Connecticut, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$205.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Connecticut Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Connecticut, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$205.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 63 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,740,000 People -- Including 910,000 Women -- in Connecticut.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,740,000 people -- including 910,000 women -- in Connecticut are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Connecticut has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Connecticut -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 10,000 Young People in Connecticut from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Connecticut, this legislation would have stopped 29,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 10,000 young people in Connecticut from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 94,000 Workers in Connecticut.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Connecticut, this increase would have raised the wages of 94,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Connecticut.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Connecticut. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Connecticut making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Connecticut would have received \$13.3 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

DELAWARE:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Delaware, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Delaware, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$36.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Delaware Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Delaware, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$36.9 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 11 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 370,000 People -- Including 190,000 Women -- in Delaware.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 370,000 people -- including 190,000 women -- in Delaware are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Delaware has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Delaware -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 3,000 Young People in Delaware from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Delaware, this legislation would have stopped 10,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 3,000 young people in Delaware from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 26,000 Workers in Delaware.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Delaware, this increase would have raised the wages of 26,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Delaware.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Delaware. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Delaware making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Delaware would have received \$2.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

FLORIDA:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Florida, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Florida, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$1,047.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Florida Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Florida, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$1,047.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 324 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,440,000 People -- Including 1,700,000 Women -- in Florida.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,440,000 people -- including 1,700,000 women -- in Florida are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Florida has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Florida -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 56,000 Young People in Florida from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Florida, this legislation would have stopped 168,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 56,000 young people in Florida from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 586,000 Workers in Florida.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Florida, this increase would have raised the wages of 586,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Florida.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Florida. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Florida making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Florida would have received \$56.6 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Georgia, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Georgia, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$476.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Georgia Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Georgia, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$476.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 147 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,440,000 People -- Including 1,700,000 Women -- in Georgia.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,440,000 people -- including 1,700,000 women -- in Georgia are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Georgia has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Georgia -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 27,000 Young People in Georgia from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Georgia, this legislation would have stopped 81,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 27,000 young people in Georgia from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 309,000 Workers in Georgia.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Georgia, this increase would have raised the wages of 309,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Georgia.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Georgia. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Georgia making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Georgia would have received \$31.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

HAWAII:

PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Hawaii, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Hawaii, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$41.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Hawaii Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Hawaii, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$41.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 13 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 500,000 People -- Including 250,000 Women -- in Hawaii.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 500,000 people -- including 250,000 women -- in Hawaii are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Hawaii has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Hawaii -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 3,000 Young People in Hawaii from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Hawaii, this legislation would have stopped 10,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 3,000 young people in Hawaii from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 71,000 Workers in Hawaii.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Hawaii, this increase would have raised the wages of 71,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Hawaii.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Hawaii. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Hawaii making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Hawaii would have received \$5.1 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

IDAHO:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Idaho, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Idaho, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$43.5 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Idaho Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Idaho, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$43.5 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 13 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 500,000 People -- Including 240,000 Women -- in Idaho.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 500,000 people -- including 240,000 women -- in Idaho are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Idaho has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Idaho -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 5,000 Young People in Idaho from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Idaho, this legislation would have stopped 14,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 5,000 young people in Idaho from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 68,000 Workers in Idaho.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Idaho, this increase would have raised the wages of 68,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Idaho.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Idaho. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Idaho making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Idaho would have received \$5.4 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

ILLINOIS:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Illinois, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Illinois, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$911.5 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Illinois Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Illinois, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$911.5 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 282 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 6,220,000 People -- Including 3,120,000 Women -- in Illinois.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 6,220,000 people -- including 3,120,000 women -- in Illinois are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Illinois has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Illinois -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 49,000 Young People in Illinois from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Illinois, this legislation would have stopped 139,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 49,000 young people in Illinois from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 489,000 Workers in Illinois.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Illinois, this increase would have raised the wages of 489,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Illinois.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Illinois. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Illinois making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Illinois would have received \$51.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

INDIANA:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Indiana, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Indiana, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$276.4 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Indiana Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Indiana, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$276.4 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 85 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,330,000 People -- Including 1,600,000 Women -- in Indiana.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,330,000 people -- including 1,600,000 women -- in Indiana are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Indiana has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Indiana -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 30,000 Young People in Indiana from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Indiana, this legislation would have stopped 90,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 30,000 young people in Indiana from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 171,000 Workers in Indiana.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Indiana, this increase would have raised the wages of 171,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Indiana.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Indiana. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Indiana making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Indiana would have received \$24.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

IOWA:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Iowa, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Iowa, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$103.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Iowa Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Iowa, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$103.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 32 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,420,000 People -- Including 700,000 Women -- in Iowa.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,420,000 people -- including 700,000 women -- in Iowa are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Iowa has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Iowa -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 10,000 Young People in Iowa from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Iowa, this legislation would have stopped 30,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 10,000 young people in Iowa from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 119,000 Workers in Iowa.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Iowa, this increase would have raised the wages of 119,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Iowa.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Iowa. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Iowa making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Iowa would have received \$11.2 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

KANSAS:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Kansas, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Kansas, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$126.8 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Kansas Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Kansas, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$126.8 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 39 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,250,000 People -- Including 600,000 Women -- in Kansas.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,250,000 people -- including 600,000 women -- in Kansas are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Kansas has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Kansas -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 10,000 Young People in Kansas from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Kansas, this legislation would have stopped 29,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 10,000 young people in Kansas from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 93,000 Workers in Kansas.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Kansas, this increase would have raised the wages of 93,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Kansas.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Kansas. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Kansas making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Kansas would have received \$11.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

KENTUCKY:

PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Kentucky, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Kentucky, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$277.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Kentucky Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Kentucky, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$277.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 86 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,730,000 People -- Including 860,000 Women -- in Kentucky.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,730,000 people -- including 860,000 women -- in Kentucky are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Kentucky has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Kentucky -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 19,000 Young People in Kentucky from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Kentucky, this legislation would have stopped 58,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 19,000 young people in Kentucky from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 211,000 Workers in Kentucky.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Kentucky, this increase would have raised the wages of 211,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Kentucky.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Kentucky. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Kentucky making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Kentucky would have received \$15.3 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

LOUISIANA:
PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Louisiana, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Louisiana, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$463.2 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Louisiana Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Louisiana, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$463.2 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 143 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,700,000 People -- Including 830,000 Women -- in Louisiana.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,700,000 people -- including 830,000 women -- in Louisiana are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Louisiana has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Louisiana -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 21,000 Young People in Louisiana from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Louisiana, this legislation would have stopped 64,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 21,000 young people in Louisiana from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 244,000 Workers in Louisiana.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Louisiana, this increase would have raised the wages of 244,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Louisiana.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Louisiana. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Louisiana making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Louisiana would have received \$19.6 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MAINE:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Maine, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Maine, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$61.6 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Maine Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Maine, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$61.6 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 19 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 630,000 People -- Including 310,000 Women -- in Maine.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 630,000 people -- including 310,000 women -- in Maine are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Maine has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Maine -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 6,000 Young People in Maine from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Maine, this legislation would have stopped 17,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 6,000 young people in Maine from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 44,000 Workers in Maine.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Maine, this increase would have raised the wages of 44,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Maine.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Maine. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Maine making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Maine would have received \$4.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MARYLAND:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Maryland, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Maryland, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$306.5 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Maryland Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Maryland, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$306.5 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 95 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,230,000 People -- Including 1,130,000 Women -- in Maryland.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,230,000 people -- including 1,130,000 women -- in Maryland are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Maryland has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Maryland -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 16,000 Young People in Maryland from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Maryland, this legislation would have stopped 47,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 16,000 young people in Maryland from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 155,000 Workers in Maryland.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Maryland, this increase would have raised the wages of 155,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Maryland.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Maryland. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Maryland making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Maryland would have received \$21.4 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MASSACHUSETTS:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Massachusetts, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Massachusetts, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$355.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Massachusetts Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Massachusetts, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$355.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 110 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,300,000 People -- Including 1,600,000 Women -- in Massachusetts.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,300,000 people -- including 1,600,000 women -- in Massachusetts are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Massachusetts has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Massachusetts -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 16,000 Young People in Massachusetts from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Massachusetts, this legislation would have stopped 49,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 16,000 young people in Massachusetts from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 135,000 Workers in Massachusetts.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Massachusetts, this increase would have raised the wages of 135,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Massachusetts.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Massachusetts. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Massachusetts making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Massachusetts would have received \$23.6 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MICHIGAN:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Michigan, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Michigan, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$857.3 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Michigan Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Michigan, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$857.3 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 265 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 5,320,000 People -- Including 2,560,000 Women -- in Michigan.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 5,320,000 people -- including 2,560,000 women -- in Michigan are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Michigan has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Michigan -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 37,000 Young People in Michigan from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Michigan, this legislation would have stopped 111,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 37,000 young people in Michigan from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 383,000 Workers in Michigan.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Michigan, this increase would have raised the wages of 383,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Michigan.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Michigan. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Michigan making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Michigan would have received \$41.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MINNESOTA:
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FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Minnesota, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Minnesota, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$220.8 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Minnesota Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Minnesota, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$220.8 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 68 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,390,000 People -- Including 1,120,000 Women -- in Minnesota.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,390,000 people -- including 1,120,000 women -- in Minnesota are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Minnesota has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Minnesota -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 16,000 Young People in Minnesota from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Minnesota, this legislation would have stopped 49,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 16,000 young people in Minnesota from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 187,000 Workers in Minnesota.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Minnesota, this increase would have raised the wages of 187,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Minnesota.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Minnesota. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Minnesota making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Minnesota would have received \$19.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MISSISSIPPI:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Mississippi, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Mississippi, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$253.5 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Mississippi Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Mississippi, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$253.5 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 78 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,130,000 People -- Including 570,000 Women -- in Mississippi.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,130,000 people -- including 570,000 women -- in Mississippi are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Mississippi has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Mississippi -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 10,000 Young People in Mississippi from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Mississippi, this legislation would have stopped 29,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 10,000 young people in Mississippi from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 187,000 Workers in Mississippi.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Mississippi, this increase would have raised the wages of 187,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Mississippi.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Mississippi. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Mississippi making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Mississippi would have received \$12.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MISSOURI:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Missouri, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Missouri, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$314.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Missouri Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Missouri, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$314.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 97 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,360,000 People -- Including 1,160,000 Women -- in Missouri.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,360,000 people -- including 1,160,000 women -- in Missouri are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Missouri has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Missouri -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 24,000 Young People in Missouri from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Missouri, this legislation would have stopped 73,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 24,000 young people in Missouri from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 273,000 Workers in Missouri.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Missouri, this increase would have raised the wages of 273,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Missouri.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Missouri. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Missouri making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Missouri would have received \$22.3 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MONTANA:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Montana, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Montana, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$52.3 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Montana Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Montana, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$52.3 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 16 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 340,000 People -- Including 170,000 Women -- in Montana.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 340,000 people -- including 170,000 women -- in Montana are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Montana has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Montana -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 3,000 Young People in Montana from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Montana, this legislation would have stopped 9,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 3,000 young people in Montana from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 60,000 Workers in Montana.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Montana, this increase would have raised the wages of 60,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Montana.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Montana. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Montana making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Montana would have received \$3.6 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

NEBRASKA:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Nebraska, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Nebraska, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$79.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Nebraska Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Nebraska, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$79.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 24 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 740,000 People -- Including 340,000 Women -- in Nebraska.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 740,000 people -- including 340,000 women -- in Nebraska are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Nebraska has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Nebraska -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 7,000 Young People in Nebraska from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Nebraska, this legislation would have stopped 20,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 7,000 young people in Nebraska from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 81,000 Workers in Nebraska.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Nebraska, this increase would have raised the wages of 81,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Nebraska.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Nebraska. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Nebraska making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Nebraska would have received \$7.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

NEVADA:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Nevada, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Nevada, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$71.8 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Nevada Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Nevada, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$71.8 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 22 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 860,000 People -- Including 400,000 Women -- in Nevada.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 860,000 people -- including 400,000 women -- in Nevada are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Nevada has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Nevada -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 6,000 Young People in Nevada from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Nevada, this legislation would have stopped 17,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 6,000 young people in Nevada from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 61,000 Workers in Nevada.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Nevada, this increase would have raised the wages of 61,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Nevada.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Nevada. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Nevada making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Nevada would have received \$7.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

NEW HAMPSHIRE:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in New Hampshire, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of New Hampshire, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$36.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize New Hampshire Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In New Hampshire, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$36.9 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 11 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 610,000 People -- Including 290,000 Women -- in New Hampshire.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 610,000 people -- including 290,000 women -- in New Hampshire are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if New Hampshire has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in New Hampshire -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 5,000 Young People in New Hampshire from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in New Hampshire, this legislation would have stopped 14,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 5,000 young people in New Hampshire from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 48,000 Workers in New Hampshire.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In New Hampshire, this increase would have raised the wages of 48,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in New Hampshire.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in New Hampshire. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in New Hampshire making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And New Hampshire would have received \$4.8 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

NEW JERSEY:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in New Jersey, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of New Jersey, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$414.3 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize New Jersey Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In New Jersey, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$414.3 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 128 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,820,000 People -- Including 1,920,000 Women -- in New Jersey.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,820,000 people -- including 1,920,000 women -- in New Jersey are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if New Jersey has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in New Jersey -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 25,000 Young People in New Jersey from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in New Jersey, this legislation would have stopped 74,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 25,000 young people in New Jersey from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 253,000 Workers in New Jersey.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In New Jersey, this increase would have raised the wages of 253,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in New Jersey.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in New Jersey. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in New Jersey making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And New Jersey would have received \$33.1 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

NEW MEXICO:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in New Mexico, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of New Mexico, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$145.6 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize New Mexico Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In New Mexico, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$145.6 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 45 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 540,000 People -- Including 260,000 Women -- in New Mexico.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 540,000 people -- including 260,000 women -- in New Mexico are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if New Mexico has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in New Mexico -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 6,000 Young People in New Mexico from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in New Mexico, this legislation would have stopped 19,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 6,000 young people in New Mexico from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 111,000 Workers in New Mexico.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In New Mexico, this increase would have raised the wages of 111,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in New Mexico.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in New Mexico. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in New Mexico making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And New Mexico would have received \$8.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

NEW YORK:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in New York, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of New York, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$2,166.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize New York Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In New York, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$2,166.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 670 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 7,570,000 People -- Including 3,800,000 Women -- in New York.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 7,570,000 people -- including 3,800,000 women -- in New York are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if New York has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in New York -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 63,000 Young People in New York from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in New York, this legislation would have stopped 188,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 63,000 young people in New York from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 646,000 Workers in New York.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In New York, this increase would have raised the wages of 646,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in New York.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in New York. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in New York making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And New York would have received \$75.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

NORTH CAROLINA:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in North Carolina, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of North Carolina, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$297.4 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize North Carolina Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In North Carolina, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$297.4 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 92 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,470,000 People -- Including 1,730,000 Women -- in North Carolina.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,470,000 people -- including 1,730,000 women -- in North Carolina are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if North Carolina has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in North Carolina -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 35,000 Young People in North Carolina from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in North Carolina, this legislation would have stopped 106,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 35,000 young people in North Carolina from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 342,000 Workers in North Carolina.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In North Carolina, this increase would have raised the wages of 342,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in North Carolina.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in North Carolina. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in North Carolina making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And North Carolina would have received \$30.1 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

NORTH DAKOTA:
PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in North Dakota, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of North Dakota, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$36.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize North Dakota Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In North Dakota, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$36.9 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 11 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 280,000 People -- Including 130,000 Women -- in North Dakota.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 280,000 people -- including 130,000 women -- in North Dakota are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if North Dakota has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in North Dakota -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 2,000 Young People in North Dakota from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in North Dakota, this legislation would have stopped 7,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 2,000 young people in North Dakota from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 37,000 Workers in North Dakota.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In North Dakota, this increase would have raised the wages of 37,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in North Dakota.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in North Dakota. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in North Dakota making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And North Dakota would have received \$2.6 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

OHIO:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Ohio, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Ohio, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$783.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Ohio Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Ohio, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$783.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 242 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 5,960,000 People -- Including 2,940,000 Women -- in Ohio.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 5,960,000 people -- including 2,940,000 women -- in Ohio are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Ohio has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Ohio -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 57,000 Young People in Ohio from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Ohio, this legislation would have stopped 172,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 57,000 young people in Ohio from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 550,000 Workers in Ohio.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Ohio, this increase would have raised the wages of 550,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Ohio.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Ohio. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Ohio making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Ohio would have received \$45.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

OKLAHOMA:
PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Oklahoma, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Oklahoma, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$203.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Oklahoma Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Oklahoma, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$203.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 63 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,240,000 People -- Including 630,000 Women -- in Oklahoma.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,240,000 people -- including 630,000 women -- in Oklahoma are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Oklahoma has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Oklahoma -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 13,000 Young People in Oklahoma from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Oklahoma, this legislation would have stopped 38,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 13,000 young people in Oklahoma from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 209,000 Workers in Oklahoma.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Oklahoma, this increase would have raised the wages of 209,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Oklahoma.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Oklahoma. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Oklahoma making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Oklahoma would have received \$13.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

OREGON:
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FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Oregon, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Oregon, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$155.4 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Oregon Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Oregon, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$155.4 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 48 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,520,000 People -- Including 750,000 Women -- in Oregon.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,520,000 people -- including 750,000 women -- in Oregon are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Oregon has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Oregon -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 11,000 Young People in Oregon from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Oregon, this legislation would have stopped 33,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 11,000 young people in Oregon from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 119,000 Workers in Oregon.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Oregon, this increase would have raised the wages of 119,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Oregon.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Oregon. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Oregon making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Oregon would have received \$12.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

PENNSYLVANIA:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Pennsylvania, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Pennsylvania, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$852.2 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Pennsylvania Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Pennsylvania, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$852.2 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 264 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 6,160,000 People -- Including 3,120,000 Women -- in Pennsylvania.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 6,160,000 people -- including 3,120,000 women -- in Pennsylvania are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Pennsylvania has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Pennsylvania -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 53,000 Young People in Pennsylvania from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Pennsylvania, this legislation would have stopped 159,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 53,000 young people in Pennsylvania from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 547,000 Workers in Pennsylvania.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Pennsylvania, this increase would have raised the wages of 547,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Pennsylvania.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Pennsylvania. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Pennsylvania making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Pennsylvania would have received \$46.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

RHODE ISLAND:

PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Rhode Island, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Rhode Island, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$72.2 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Rhode Island Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Rhode Island, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$72.2 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 153 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 460,000 People -- Including 230,000 Women -- in Rhode Island.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 460,000 people -- including 230,000 women -- in Rhode Island are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Rhode Island has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Rhode Island -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 4,000 Young People in Rhode Island from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Rhode Island, this legislation would have stopped 12,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 4,000 young people in Rhode Island from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 53,000 Workers in Rhode Island.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Rhode Island, this increase would have raised the wages of 53,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Rhode Island.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Rhode Island. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Rhode Island making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Rhode Island would have received \$3.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

SOUTH CAROLINA:

PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in South Carolina, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of South Carolina, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$198.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize South Carolina Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In South Carolina, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$198.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 61 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,690,000 People -- Including 840,000 Women -- in South Carolina.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,690,000 people -- including 840,000 women -- in South Carolina are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if South Carolina has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in South Carolina -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 14,000 Young People in South Carolina from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in South Carolina, this legislation would have stopped 42,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 14,000 young people in South Carolina from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 169,000 Workers in South Carolina.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In South Carolina, this increase would have raised the wages of 169,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in South Carolina.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in South Carolina. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in South Carolina making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And South Carolina would have received \$15.1 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

SOUTH DAKOTA:
PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in South Dakota, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of South Dakota, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$38.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize South Dakota Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In South Dakota, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$38.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 12 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 300,000 People -- Including 150,000 Women -- in South Dakota.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 300,000 people -- including 150,000 women -- in South Dakota are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if South Dakota has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in South Dakota -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 3,000 Young People in South Dakota from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in South Dakota, this legislation would have stopped 8,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 3,000 young people in South Dakota from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 40,000 Workers in South Dakota.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In South Dakota, this increase would have raised the wages of 40,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in South Dakota.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in South Dakota. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in South Dakota making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And South Dakota would have received \$3.2 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

TENNESSEE:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Tennessee, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Tennessee, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$331.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Tennessee Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Tennessee, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$331.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 102 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,300,000 People -- Including 1,180,000 Women -- in Tennessee.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,300,000 people -- including 1,180,000 women -- in Tennessee are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Tennessee has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Tennessee -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 22,000 Young People in Tennessee from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Tennessee, this legislation would have stopped 65,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 22,000 young people in Tennessee from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 197,000 Workers in Tennessee.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Tennessee, this increase would have raised the wages of 197,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Tennessee.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Tennessee. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Tennessee making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Tennessee would have received \$21.3 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

TEXAS:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Texas, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Texas, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$1,614.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Texas Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Texas, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$1,614.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 499 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 8,060,000 People -- Including 3,900,000 Women -- in Texas.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 8,060,000 people -- including 3,900,000 women -- in Texas are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Texas has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Texas -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 68,000 Young People in Texas from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Texas, this legislation would have stopped 205,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 68,000 young people in Texas from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 965,000 Workers in Texas.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Texas, this increase would have raised the wages of 965,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Texas.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Texas. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Texas making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Texas would have received \$89.4 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

UTAH:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Utah, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Utah, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$66.8 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Utah Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Utah, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$66.8 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 21 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 950,000 People -- Including 470,000 Women -- in Utah.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 950,000 people -- including 470,000 women -- in Utah are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Utah has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Utah -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 6,000 Young People in Utah from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Utah, this legislation would have stopped 19,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 6,000 young people in Utah from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 79,000 Workers in Utah.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Utah, this increase would have raised the wages of 79,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Utah.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Utah. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Utah making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Utah would have received \$10.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

VERMONT:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
 DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
 FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Vermont, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Vermont, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$36.2 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Vermont Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Vermont, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$36.2 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 11 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 290,000 People -- Including 140,000 Women -- in Vermont.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 290,000 people -- including 140,000 women -- in Vermont are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Vermont has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Vermont -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 2,000 Young People in Vermont from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Vermont, this legislation would have stopped 7,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 2,000 young people in Vermont from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 24,000 Workers in Vermont.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Vermont, this increase would have raised the wages of 24,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Vermont.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Vermont. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Vermont making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Vermont would have received \$2.3 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

VIRGINIA:

PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Virginia, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Virginia, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$258.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Virginia Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Virginia, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$258.9 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 80 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,060,000 People -- Including 1,540,000 Women -- in Virginia.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,060,000 people -- including 1,540,000 women -- in Virginia are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Virginia has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Virginia -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 28,000 Young People in Virginia from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Virginia, this legislation would have stopped 84,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 28,000 young people in Virginia from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 311,000 Workers in Virginia.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Virginia, this increase would have raised the wages of 311,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Virginia.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Virginia. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Virginia making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Virginia would have received \$26.8 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

WASHINGTON:
PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Washington, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Washington, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$236.6 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Washington Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Washington, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$236.6 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 73 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,550,000 People -- Including 1,240,000 Women -- in Washington.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,550,000 people -- including 1,240,000 women -- in Washington are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Washington has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Washington -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 16,000 Young People in Washington from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Washington, this legislation would have stopped 48,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 16,000 young people in Washington from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 270,000 Workers in Washington.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Washington, this increase would have raised the wages of 270,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Washington.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Washington. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Washington making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Washington would have received \$23.2 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

WEST VIRGINIA:
PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in West Virginia, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of West Virginia, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$142.6 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize West Virginia Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In West Virginia, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$142.6 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 44 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 670,000 People -- Including 350,000 Women -- in West Virginia.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 670,000 people -- including 350,000 women -- in West Virginia are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if West Virginia has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in West Virginia -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 8,000 Young People in West Virginia from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in West Virginia, this legislation would have stopped 24,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 8,000 young people in West Virginia from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 103,000 Workers in West Virginia.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In West Virginia, this increase would have raised the wages of 103,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in West Virginia.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in West Virginia. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in West Virginia making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And West Virginia would have received \$6.5 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

WISCONSIN:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Wisconsin, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Wisconsin, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$332.4 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Wisconsin Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Wisconsin, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$332.4 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 103 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,900,000 People -- Including 1,440,000 Women -- in Wisconsin.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,900,000 people -- including 1,440,000 women -- in Wisconsin are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Wisconsin has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Wisconsin -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 21,000 Young People in Wisconsin from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Wisconsin, this legislation would have stopped 62,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 21,000 young people in Wisconsin from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 225,000 Workers in Wisconsin.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Wisconsin, this increase would have raised the wages of 225,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Wisconsin.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Wisconsin. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Wisconsin making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Wisconsin would have received \$21.3 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

WYOMING:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Wyoming, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Wyoming, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$33.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Wyoming Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Wyoming, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$33.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 10 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 190,000 People -- Including 100,000 Women -- in Wyoming.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 190,000 people -- including 100,000 women -- in Wyoming are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Wyoming has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Wyoming -- that is why every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 2,000 Young People in Wyoming from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Wyoming, this legislation would have stopped 6,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 2,000 young people in Wyoming from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 26 Workers in Wyoming.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Wyoming, this increase would have raised the wages of 26 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Wyoming.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Wyoming. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Wyoming making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Wyoming would have received \$2.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]