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Scheduling Proposal

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 ACCEPT REJECT PENDING

TO: Anne Hawley and Stephanie Street
Co-Directors of Scheduling for the President

FROM: Kitty Higgins
Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Cabinet

REQUEST: **OPTION 1:** To have the President participate in a town hall/ or roundtable meeting with minimum wage workers, their families and a large number of social service, union and religious groups that serve low-income families. The meeting could be held at a community center, YMCA/YWCA or other local venue to highlight the impact the increase will have on working Americans and their families. This would be held on October 1, 1996, the effective date of the minimum wage increase.

OPTION 2: To have the President attend a child care center where there are both children of and workers who are earning the minimum wage. The President could read to the children of minimum wage earners and talk about how today "mommy and daddy" were getting a raise and what that would mean for their families. In addition, he could meet with minimum wage child care workers and talk about the impact the raise will have on the predominantly female workers who are taking care of our children.

PURPOSE: To highlight the important impact the increase in the minimum wage will have on working Americans and their families.

BACKGROUND: The initial increase in the minimum wage will be effective on October 1, 1996. This was an enormous accomplishment of the Administration, providing raises to 10 million workers in this country. As we heard from workers at the signing ceremony in August, this increase over the next year will have a significant impact on poor working families in this country and their ability to provide for their families. Conducting an event with minimum wage earners, on the effective date of the increase, will spotlight this accomplishment and highlight its importance as a key component of the Administration's efforts to help working families.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: N/A

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, October 1, 1996

DURATION: 1 Hour, depending on format

LOCATION: TBD

PARTICIPANTS: Minimum wage workers, worker advocates including religious leaders, union leaders, and other community activists.

EVENT OUTLINE: Opening remarks from the President, followed by a town hall format, with discussions with minimum wage workers and their children.

REMARKS NEEDED: Yes.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Yes. National/Regional/Local Broadcast and Print

RECOMMENDED BY: Robert B. Reich, Secretary of Labor

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