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Subject: Real Person for Unity Event

Here's the real person for tomorrow's event:

Debbie Boudouvas is a senior psychology major at George Washington University, and currently lives with her parents in Arlington, VA. She is the daughter of Greek immigrants (both citizens, father served in US Army), and is one of five children. Her parents have worked hard running their own business (a flower shop in downtown DC) to support their family and send all of their children to college. Right now, they are still trying to make ends meet -- paying off the education costs of their 3 oldest children who attended college at the same time, paying for Debbie's tuition, saving for her 14 year old brother's education, paying the mortgage, their health insurance, etc. With all of these expenses, they have not been able to save anything for their own retirement. Debbie talks about how hard it is to see her 65 year old father still working so hard when he should be retiring now. Debbie's parents would qualify for the full amount of the President's College Opportunity Tax Cut and would benefit from marriage penalty reduction.

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President Clinton Challenges Congress To Act On America's Priorities

July 27, 2000

President Clinton, joined by Democratic Leaders Daschle and Gephardt and members of the House and Senate Democratic caucuses, today will call on the Congressional majority end the legislative logjam on America's top priorities. He will release a new state-by-state analysis that compares the number of Americans that would benefit from the recently passed estate tax with the number of Medicare beneficiaries who are still waiting for the Congress to pass an affordable, meaningful prescription drug benefit. The President will emphasize that the tax cuts – including the estate tax cut -- passed by the 106th Congress take America off the path of fiscal discipline, and could plunge the nation back into on-budget deficit (according to OMB's estimates) or use the entire \$1.8 trillion on-budget surplus (based on CBO's more optimistic projections). In addition, the approach of the Republican leadership will leave no money for a Medicare prescription drug benefit, strengthening Social Security and Medicare, paying down the debt by 2012, or investing in key priorities like reducing class size and repairing crumbling schools. President Clinton will also urge Congress to pass his targeted tax cuts, which provide substantially more tax relief for middle class families at less than half the total cost of the Congressional proposals.

PRESIDENT CLINTON WILL TODAY RELEASE A NEW STATE-BY-STATE ANALYSIS COMPARING BENEFICIARIES OF ESTATE TAX REPEAL W/MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES WAITING FOR AN AFFORDABLE, MEANINGFUL PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT.

This analysis documents that, nationwide, the estate tax repeal that the Republican leadership passed as one of their first priorities costs as much as the President's entire prescription drug plan when phased in but helps millions of fewer Americans. In fact, only about two percent of American families benefit from the estate tax repeal – the wealthiest of all Americans – for an average tax break of \$800,000 each. Moreover, more than half of the benefits of estate tax repeal go to the top one-tenth of one percent of families. In contrast, a new Medicare prescription drug benefit would provide a new, affordable coverage option for 39 million beneficiaries whose annual incomes average \$20,000. The President's Medicare proposal also proposes to invest \$40 billion in needed payment increases to health care providers, an investment that is complemented by major new investments in health insurance coverage for children, parents, people 55 to 65 years old, workers in between jobs, and legal immigrants.

PRESIDENT CLINTON WILL ALSO CALL ON CONGRESS TO PASS HIS PROPOSED TARGETED TAX CUTS THAT PROVIDE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE TAX RELIEF AT LESS THAN HALF THE TOTAL COST OF THE CONGRESSIONAL PROPOSALS: President Clinton has proposed significant new tax relief for America's working families as part of a budget framework that maintains our fiscal discipline, makes investments in key priorities, strengthens the solvency of Social Security and Medicare, and pays down the debt by 2012. The President proposes \$359 billion of gross tax cuts over 10 years – of which \$263 billion are paid for out of the surplus and \$96 billion are paid for with corporate loophole closers and other measures. **Highlights include:**

- **Retirement Savings Accounts (RSAs).** The President proposes a tax cut to provide generous and progressive incentives to encourage families to save and invest together with tax incentives to encourage small businesses to offer high-quality pensions. (Cost: \$70 billion over 10 years.)
- **Long-term Care.** A \$3,000 long-term care tax credit to compensate people with long-term care needs or their caregivers for costs associated with their care. (Cost: \$26 billion.)
- **College Opportunity Tax Cut.** A College Opportunity Tax Cut to provide a choice between a tax deduction or a 28 percent tax credit on up to \$10,000 in tuition in order to make college, graduate school, and courses taken for a job more affordable. (Cost: \$36 billion.)
- **School Construction.** Tax credits for \$25 billion of bonds for the construction and modernization of up to 6,000 schools. (Cost: \$8 billion.)
- **Earned Income Tax Credit.** The President's budget would increase and expand the Earned Income Tax Credit to better reward work and family for 6.8 million hard-pressed working families [including larger families and married couples]. (Cost: \$23 billion.)
- **Marriage Penalty and Broad Tax Relief.** The President's proposal would reduce the marriage penalty by increasing the standard deduction by more than \$2,000 for married, two-earner couples. (Cost: \$45 billion.)
- **Tax Credits for Medicare 55-65 and Americans In Between Jobs.** The President's budget would provide tax credits to help make his Medicare buy-in proposal affordable and to for people in between jobs. (Cost: \$14 billion.)

- **Child Care.** The President's proposal would expand the child care tax credit to defray up to 50 percent of expenses and make it refundable in order to help working families afford child care. (Cost: \$31 billion.)
- **Energy Efficiency.** In order to improve energy efficiency and help the environment, the President proposes \$9 billion in tax credits for energy-efficient cars, homes, and appliances. (Cost: \$9 billion.)
- **Philanthropy.** Encouraging philanthropy by allowing non-itemizers to take a tax deduction for charitable giving, improving the tax treatment of foundations, and allowing larger donations of stock and assets by individuals. (Cost: \$14 billion.)

President Clinton's tax cut proposals build on a successful strategy that has resulted in the lowest total Federal tax rates on typical families in over two decades. The tax cuts signed into law by the President in 1993 and 1997 – for example, the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit, the \$500 child tax credit, the \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship Tax Credit, and expanded IRAs – have reduced taxes for American families. The total Federal tax rate for the median-income family of four has dropped from 24.5 percent in 1992 to 22.8 percent in 1999 – that's the lowest tax rate since 1978. For families at one-half the median income, the effective Federal tax rate has been slashed from 19.8 percent in 1992 to 14.1 percent in 1999 – that's the lowest tax rate since 1968.

PRESIDENT CLINTON WILL ALSO CALL ON CONGRESS TO COMPLETE WORK ON AMERICA'S KEY PRIORITIES:

- **Provide an Affordable, Accessible Prescription Drug Benefit Option For All Medicare Beneficiaries:** Medicare beneficiaries face prescription drug costs that are increasing at double the rate of inflation, and a growing number of seniors are finding themselves with inadequate prescription drug coverage or none at all. The President has proposed a voluntary, affordable Medicare prescription drug benefit for all beneficiaries. Beginning in 2002, it would provide prescription drug coverage that would have a zero deductible and cover half of all prescription drug costs up to \$5,000 when fully phased in. An increase will also limit all out-of-pocket medication costs to \$4,000. This optional benefit would also provide negotiated discounts that would ensure that Medicare beneficiaries no longer pay the highest prices in the marketplace.
- **Raise The Minimum Wage:** Congress has delayed increasing the minimum wage for over a year by attaching costly and unnecessary tax cuts to this long-overdue measure. Each day Congress delays, it takes money out of the paychecks of 10 million minimum wage workers, many who are moving from welfare to work. A full-time minimum wage worker has already lost over \$900 as a result of this delay. The minimum wage has not been increased in nearly four years. It now enjoys broad bipartisan support and should not be held hostage to an irresponsible tax cut aimed at helping special interests.
- **Enact A Meaningful Patient's Bill Of Rights:** The Senate is only one vote away from passing a strong, enforceable, Patients' Bill of Rights, similar to the bipartisan Norwood-Dingell Patients' Bill of Rights. This legislation, endorsed by over 200 health care provider and consumer advocacy groups, is the only bipartisan proposal currently being considered that protects state-based accountability provisions already available under current law and includes: protections for all Americans in all health plans; protections for patients accessing emergency room care from financial sanctions; guarantees that assure access to necessary and accessible health care specialists; and meaningful enforcement mechanisms that ensure recourse for patients who have been harmed as a result of a health plan's actions.
- **Approve Common Sense Gun Safety Legislation:** Sensible gun safety legislation has languished in Congress for over a year, while an estimated 30,000 Americans have lost their lives to gun violence. In May 1999 the Senate passed common sense gun safety measures, with Vice President Gore casting the tie-breaking vote. Since then, Republican Congressional leaders have delayed and bottled up this legislation at the behest of the gun lobby. The President will call on the Republican Leadership to put the public safety interests of America's families first and pass a bill that closes the gun show loophole, requires child safety locks to be sold with handguns, bans the importation of large capacity ammunition clips and prevents violent juvenile offenders from buying guns as adults.
- **Pass A Fiscally Responsible Budget That Invests In Education, School Modernization & Key Priorities:** The President proposed a balanced and fiscally responsible budget that makes investments in key priorities for the American people. The President's budget includes important investments in education – including modernizing 6,000 schools and repairing 25,000 more, meeting our commitment to hire 100,000 quality

teachers to reduce class size, identifying and turning around failing schools, increasing after school opportunities, improving teacher quality, mentoring at-risk youth to increase college success, and increasing accountability. To pay for fiscally irresponsible tax cuts, Congressional Republicans have cut key priorities resulting in fewer quality teachers for schools, fewer law enforcement officers and prosecutors to fight crime, reduced environmental protection, and less funding for National Science Foundation research. This year, as he has for the past seven, President Clinton will insist that Congress produce a responsible budget that honors our values and invests in the American people.

- **Pass Of Expanded Federal Hate Crimes Law.** The President today will also make the case for expanded federal hate crimes legislation. In particular, he will urge Congress to pass the bipartisan hate crimes legislation pending in Congress this year. The Senate has already passed this legislation, and the President will urge the House to act expeditiously to pass this critical legislation. This legislation would punish hate crimes based on a victim's sexual orientation, gender, or disability. Current federal law does not cover such cases. In addition, this legislation also recognizes that state and local law enforcement still have primary responsibility for investigating and prosecuting hate crimes.

July 26, 2000

DEMOCRATIC UNITY EVENT

Date: July 27, 2000
Location: Rose Garden
Time: 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm
From: Chuck Brain
Bruce Reed
Gene Sperling

I. PURPOSE

To highlight, at the outset of the five week recess, that the Republican Congress (1) has blocked progress on a number of initiatives important to the Democratic agenda in favor of their own special interests, and (2) has instead passed irresponsible tax cuts which, unlike the targeted Democratic tax cuts, would drain the surplus and leave no resources for investment in Democratic priorities.

II. BACKGROUND

Prescription Drugs

Before the July 4th recess, the House Republicans passed their prescription drug plan by a partisan vote of 217 to 214. Only five Democrats supported the bill. The House Republican plan would provide subsidies for private insurance companies rather than providing for a benefit in Medicare.

In the Senate Finance Committee Chairman Roth outlined a proposal to create a Medicare prescription drug benefit that repudiated the private insurance model advocated by the House Republicans. While this benefit is flawed and under-financed, it can be built on in a way that has the potential to be eventually acceptable to the Administration. Senator Roth's proposal has been immune from sharp attack because most Republicans do not want to undermine his reelection chances, and most Democrats want to use it as validation against the House Republican plan. Over time, however, it is expected that opposition from both the aging advocacy and health care provider communities will build. In the aftermath of the expected CBO midsession review update, it will become much harder for the Republicans to argue against enhanced investment in this area as well as for provider payment increases.

Patients' Bill of Rights

The Conference is completely stalled. However, Speaker Hastert is desperate to get a bill before Congress adjourns. Senator Kennedy (D-MA) and Rep. Dingell (D-MI) are giving Rep. Norwood (R-GA) some leeway to negotiate a compromise agreement. Rep.

Norwood continues to try to explore tax options, such as expanding current law for MSAs, to see if he can come up with a package that the House Republican Leadership could back with Democratic support. It is possible that the Speaker will try to pursue a bill that gives us something we can accept on liability and enforcement, if we agree to something on "access" like expanding MSAs (threshold and extend beyond the current expiration date) with a cap on liability damages. It is unlikely that the Senate Democrats would ever agree to a damages cap. At this point, the House Democrats, while working with Rep. Norwood, are not likely to agree to a compromise that will never get through the Senate. Rep. Norwood has said he will get agreement from Senator Kennedy, Rep. Dingell, and the AMA before signing off on a final deal. The Republican Leadership has expressed an interest in engaging in negotiations in the Labor HHS Appropriations bill, as they are currently carrying the Nickles' patient protections amendment as a rider to this bill. The AMA informs us that your event in Missouri had a noticeable impact on Senator Ashcroft's (R-MO) openness to compromise, and they are reporting that they believe there are a number of Republicans in the Senate who are extremely likely to be open to a compromise.

Targeted Tax Cuts

Taken together, the tax cuts passed last year and this year by the Republican Congress would completely erase the entire projected surplus over the next ten years. These tax breaks spend hundreds of billions of dollars and give one percent of Americans \$17,000 a piece, while most Americans get less than \$200 each. Tax cuts this large will stop us from paying down the debt; thereby, raising interest rates, which take away the tax cuts most Americans get in higher mortgage and interest payments. Two-thirds of the relief of your proposal will go to the middle 60 percent of Americans, including your targeted marriage penalty relief. Your tax cuts would also help send children to college, care for sick family members, pay for childcare and ease the burden on working families with three or more children. Democrats desperately want to be seen as supporting targeted tax cuts like the ones you have proposed. Republican Leaders, particularly House Republicans, have pursued a much smarter tax cut strategy this year, forcing piecemeal votes on popular issues like marriage penalty, pension law changes, and the so-called death tax. That strategy has brought more Democratic support for Republican tax cuts, although Democrats continue to produce sustaining votes on the marriage penalty and estate tax measures. On Thursday, House Democrats will face another tough vote on the Social Security earnings tax issue. A vote signaling support for your threatened veto will be very close.

Minimum Wage

Republicans continue to want an increase in the minimum wage this year and are working on a proposal to combine the Treasury Postal and Legislative Appropriations bills with an increase in the minimum wage (possibly \$1 over two years) and a repeal of the telephone excise tax. The Democrats and the Administration are not part of these negotiations, and there are a number of objectionable provisions in the current Treasury Postal bill that are not acceptable to the Administration.

Earlier this year, the House passed a bill increasing the minimum wage by \$1 over two years but with unacceptable tax provisions, e.g. Estate Tax Repeal. Their bill, as well as the Senate minimum wage provision (\$1 over three years) that was in the bankruptcy bill, would repeal overtime protections, and could reduce pension coverage for many families. It also includes big, unfunded tax cuts for the wealthy and big business. Currently, in the Senate, there is no stand-alone minimum wage bill.

Education

The Elementary and Secondary Education bill is stalled on the Senate floor, and it now appears certain that for the first time in thirty-five years, the ESEA will not be re-authorized. Senator Kennedy (D-MA) has been calling attention to the fact that it is languishing, half-completed, on the floor. Senator Lott has stated his intention to go back to the bill several times, but has failed to do so. House Republicans are showing no willingness to complete action. Attention has now turned to the Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations bill. While they appear willing to match, or even exceed, your overall budget request, they will not fully fund many of the Administration's key initiatives, including class size and school construction. Instead, these things are included as eligible uses of a block grant.

Gun Safety

Last session the Senate passed a number of White House-backed, common-sense gun safety measures to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals and children as part of its Juvenile Justice bill. Chief among these provisions was the very controversial closing of the "gun show loophole." In addition, the Senate passed three other important gun measures: (1) mandating child safety locks for handguns; (2) banning the importation of large capacity ammunition clips; and (3) banning violent juveniles from owning guns for life. Unfortunately, the House did not pass similar gun safety measures as part of its companion bill. Although it is quite likely that the Conference Committee on this bill could resolve most of the discrepancies on the substantive juvenile justice measures, they have reached a stark impasse on the gun control provisions. Negotiations between Chairman Hyde (R-IL) and Ranking Member Conyers (D-MI) have yielded no compromise.

Nonetheless, the Senate Democrats will likely attempt to offer the gun safety provisions contained in the Juvenile Justice bill, your \$280 million firearm enforcement initiative, and other gun safety measures to the Commerce-Justice-State and Treasury-Postal Appropriations bills when they are able.

Hate Crime Legislation

On June 20th the Senate passed, 57 to 42, Senator Kennedy's Hate Crimes bill as an amendment to the Department of Defense Reauthorization bill (Senator Byrd (D-WV) was the only Democrat to oppose). The amendment would expand the federal Hate Crimes law to include crimes committed because of the victim's gender, sexual orientation, or disability. In addition, the amendment would create a federal grant and technical assistance program under which states and municipalities could receive aid in their investigation and prosecution of hate crimes.

Despite our victory in the Senate, the ultimate prospects for the Hate Crimes bill are uncertain. The Hate Crimes language is not part of the House Defense Reauthorization bill, and given the likely conferees on this measure, it is unlikely that the Kennedy amendment will be included in the Conference Report. The House Democrats, led by Reps. Gephardt and Conyers, are, therefore, attempting to get a floor vote on a bill that mirrors the Kennedy amendment. It remains unclear, however, whether they will be successful. Regardless of whether there is a successful House floor vote, it is unlikely that the Republican Leadership will allow for another Senate vote on the Kennedy language as a stand-alone bill. In the end, therefore, Hate Crimes may (like so many other issues) be resolved in an end-of-the-Congress budget negotiation.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Pre-Brief

The President

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Chris Jennings

Meet and Greet

The President

Senator Tom Daschle

Minority Leader Gephardt

Debbie Boudouvas, Senior at George Washington University who's family will benefit from your college opportunity tax cut.

Event

The President

Debbie Boudouvas

Members of Congress (see attachment)

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

--**YOU** are announced into the Rose Garden, accompanied by Senator Tom Daschle, Representative Dick Gephardt, and Debbie Boudouvas.

--**YOU** will make remarks and introduce Debbie Boudouvas.

-- Debbie Boudouvas will make remarks and introduce Senator Tom Daschle.

--Senator Tom Daschle will make remarks and introduce Representative Dick Gephardt.

--Representative Dick Gephardt will make remarks.

--**YOU** will make closing remarks and depart.

VI. REMARKS

To be provided by Speechwriting

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Members attending

MEMBERS ATTENDING UNITY EVENT

Members of Congress Attending (59):

Senator Tom Daschle (D-SD)

Rep. Dick Gephardt (D-MO)

Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI)

Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D-DE)

Senator John B. Breaux (D-LA)

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD)

Senator Jack Reed (D-RI)

Rep. Robert E. Andrews (D-NJ)

Rep. Joe Baca (D-CA)

Rep. James A. Barcia (D-MI)

Rep. Ken Bentsen (D-TX)

Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (D-GA)

Rep. David E. Bonior (D-MI)

Rep. Corrine Brown (D-FL)

Rep. Michael E. Capuano (D-MA)

Rep. Benjamin L. Cardin (D-MD)

Rep. Donna M. Christian-Christensen (D-VI)

Rep. Bob Clement (D-TN)

Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI)

Rep. Jerry F. Costello (D-IL)

Rep. Robert E. (Bud) Cramer, Jr. (D-AL)

Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-NY)

Rep. Elijah E. Cummings (D-MD)

Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-IL)

Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT)

Rep. Norman D. Dicks (D-WA)

Rep. John D. Dingell (D-MI)

Rep. Calvin M. Dooley (D-CA)

Rep. Eliot L. Engel (D-NY)

Rep. Anna G. Eshoo (D-CA)

Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA)

Rep. Bob Filner (D-CA)

Rep. Michael P. Forbes (D-NY)

Rep. Charles A. Gonzalez (D-TX)

Rep. Earl F. Hilliard (D-AL)

Rep. Maurice D. Hinchey (D-NY)

Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD)

Rep. William J. Jefferson (D-LA)

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)

Rep. Paul E. Kanjorski (D-PA)

Rep. Dale E. Kildee (D-MI)

Rep. Carolyn C. Kilpatrick (D-MI)
Rep. John J. LaFalce (D-NY)
Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA)
Rep. Sander M. Levin (D-MI)
Rep. John Lewis (D-GA)
Rep. Nita M. Lowey (D-NY)
Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY)
Rep. Frank Mascara (D-PA)
Rep. Gregory W. Meeks (D-NY)
Rep. Patsy T. Mink (D-HI)
Rep. James P. Moran (D-VA)
Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ)
Rep. Donald M. Payne (D-NJ)
Rep. David D. Phelps (D-IL)
Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-TX)
Rep. John M. Spratt, Jr. (D-SC)
Rep. Jim Turner (D-TX)
Rep. Melvin L. Watt (D-NC)
Rep. Lynn C. Woolsey (D-CA)

Members of Congress Pending (125):

Senator Evan Bayh (D-IN)
Senator Richard J. Durbin (D-IL)
Senator Russell D. Feingold (D-WI)
Senator Bob Graham (D-FL)
Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Senator Ernest F. Hollings (D-SC)
Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD)
Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA)
Senator John F. Kerry (D-MA)
Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI)
Senator Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ)
Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
Senator Joseph I. Lieberman (D-CT)
Senator Blanche Lambert Lincoln (D-AR)
Senator Zell Miller (D-GA)
Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY)
Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)
Senator Harry Reid (D-NV)
Senator Charles S. Robb (D-VA)
Senator John D. Rockefeller, IV (D-WV)
Senator Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD)
Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY)
Senator Paul Wellstone (D-MN)
Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)

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Rep. Thomas Barrett (D-WI)
Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-CA)
Rep. Rick Boucher (D-VA)
Rep. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
Rep. Julia M. Carson (D-IN)
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Rep. Jim Davis (D-FL)
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Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)
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EVENT: DEMOCRATIC UNITY EVENT
DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2000
TIME: 2:00 PM-2:45 PM
Location: Rose Garden (rain site: room 450, OEOB)
PRESS: Open
Participants: The President
 Debbie Boudoulvas
 Sen. Daschle
 Rep. Gephardt

*We are inviting the entire Democratic Caucus to the White House for a Unity rally on the full Democratic Agenda before the August recess; Members will be on stage behind the President.

*Members will be arriving shortly before 2PM.

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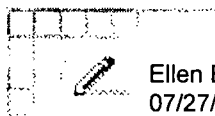
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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT,
SENATOR TOM DASCHLE AND
CONGRESSMAN DICK GEPHARDT
AT DEMOCRATIC AGENDA EVENT

The Rose Garden

3:10 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Well, ladies and gentlemen, first of all, on behalf of all of us, I want to apologize -- please be seated -- for keeping you waiting. But these are the closing hours of the congressional session, before the August recess. And Senator Daschle and Leader Gephardt and the other members of Congress have come here today to speak with one voice about our position. But Congress is packing up and preparing to adjourn for the summer recess and the two conventions. And I only wish we were late because they'd been out there passing our bills. (Laughter and applause.)

Let me say, we're here because we believe the congressional Republican leadership is leaving town with a trunk full of unfinished business vital to the health of our economy and the well being of our people. We spent the last seven years charting a course of fiscal discipline and investment in our people, and it has paid off, with the longest economic expansion in history, over 22 million new jobs, the lowest minority unemployment rate in our history, the lowest unemployment rate in 30 years.

Instead of continuing on that path, in the last few weeks -- indeed, for the last year, the Republican majority has risked squandering our progress. They have passed reckless tax cut after reckless tax cut after reckless tax cut, to drain away our hard-earned surplus and put us back in the red. When you add them all up, this Congress has passed tax bills that would cost nearly \$2 trillion over 10 years. Even by the most optimistic estimates, this wouldn't leave a dime for lengthening the life of Social Security or Medicare -- not one dime; not a dime for voluntary and affordable Medicare prescription drug benefits or for education and school construction. And it would make it impossible for us to get America out of debt by 2012.

There is a better way. We can do all the things I just mentioned and still give the American people needed, targeted tax relief. Let me be clear: we do support the right kind of tax cuts for working Americans. I have proposed a program of cuts that will give a middle-class American family substantially more benefits than the Republican plan at less than half the cost; two-thirds of the relief going to the middle 60 percent of our people, including our carefully-targeted marriage penalty relief.

The tax cuts will also help families save up to \$2,800 a year on the cost of college by making tuition tax deductible; a \$3,000 long-term care tax credit to help millions of Americans shoulder the enormous financial burden of caring for chronically ill family members. And a tax cut that will help millions of families pay up to \$2,400 a year for child care; to expand the EITC, providing up to \$1,100 of tax relief for millions of hard-working families.

Today, we have more evidence that our plan will help more of the people who really need it. We're releasing a state-by-state analysis, showing that the estate tax repeal, recently passed by the Republican majority, would benefit only about 2 percent of America's families -- the wealthiest 2 percent, of course -- providing them of an average tax cut of \$800,000. And fully half those benefits would go to just one-tenth of 1 percent of all Americans.

Let me hasten to say the Democrats offered an alternative which would have taken two-thirds of the people subject to the estate tax out from under it, but would have left its progressive character, not repealed it entirely, and not cost the budget \$100 billion over the first 10 years and \$750 billion thereafter.

In contrast to these proposals, our Medicare prescription drug benefit would provide affordable coverage for 39 million seniors and people with disabilities, with average incomes of about \$20,000 a year. This report clearly shows that our approach put the interest of American families first, and ensures that the nation's unprecedented prosperity benefits everyone.

Let me just mention one other thing -- I never want to talk about this without mentioning. We also have a report from the Council of Economic Advisors estimating that if our economic proposals are followed, as opposed to theirs, giving all this money away with the tax cuts, interest rates will be 1 percent lower over the next decade. That is the equivalent of a \$250 billion tax cut for home mortgages. It's the equivalent of a \$30 billion tax cut for lower car payments and college loan payments.

There is a huge difference here that the American people have to understand. I think the Republican majority ought to go to work in the time we have left this year on the people's business.

So when they go off on vacation, the congressional majority should take a long list of required summer reading, a list of what we need to get done when they come back to Washington: to strengthen and modernize Social Security and Medicare and add that prescription drug benefit; to stand up to special interest and pass a strong and enforceable patients' bill of rights; to pass common-sense gun legislation to close the gun show loophole, require child safety locks for all handguns, ban the importation of large-capacity ammunition clips; to raise the minimum wage by \$1 over two years. (Applause.)

To continue hiring those hundred thousand teachers; to reduce class sizes in the early grades; to improve teacher quality; to modernize 6,000 of our schools that are literally falling apart, and repair another 5,000 a year; and to provide after-school programs and summer school programs for all the kids in this country who need it so that we can turn around those failing schools. And we need to stop the delay and pass strong hate crimes legislation.

This is not a list to be read; it's a list to be acted upon. (Applause.) Thank you. I hope when Congress comes back, they'll do it. Again, I want to thank all the members that are here, and another 40 or 50 or so that wanted to come, but because of the way the time table and the voting is unfolding, they can't.

I'm going to modify the program just a little bit and ask Senator Daschle to come forward, because he's got to get back to make sure we don't lose any more votes. Senator Daschle. (Applause.)

SENATOR DASCHLE: Thank you very much, Mr. President, for having us back. And thank you for your extraordinary efforts these past few weeks to advance the causes of peace and prosperity here at home and throughout the world. From the Oval Office to Camp David, to Okinawa, we thank you, Mr. President, for the extraordinary leadership that you have given us time and time again. (Applause.) We are inspired by you and indebted to you for your tireless efforts to make the future better than the past.

Not everyone in government thinks that way. In Congress, instead of making the future better than our past, our Republican colleagues seem determined to recreate the past. We've finally gotten rid of the deficit, and they're hell-bent on bringing it back. (Applause.)

In the last two weeks, they passed two tax cuts that, together, would cost the American taxpayers more than \$1 trillion in the decade after this one -- the same decade that the baby boomers start to retire. And if that's not bad enough, the Republican tax cuts give as much money to the wealthiest 1 percent as they do to the bottom 80 percent of Americans combined.

If you're among the richest 1 percent of Americans, under the Republican tax cut plan you get \$16,000. But if you're like most Americans, you get about \$200. The Republican tax cuts are also so irresponsible and so clearly tilted to favor the wealthy, that they're afraid to even send them to the President before the convention. They don't want anyone to look beyond the labels and see what the tax cuts really do; but the American people aren't going to be fooled.

America's families deserve better than what Republicans are offering them, and we can do better. We should cut taxes this year. Our economy is strong enough and the surplus is big enough. But there's a right way and a wrong way to cut taxes. The Republican tax cuts reward the few; our tax cuts invest in the future. Their tax cut plan benefits the wealthiest 1 or 2 percent; our plan helps the other 98 percent.

Listen to what we can do for less than what the Republican tax cuts would cost: we can eliminate the marriage penalty for working families who pay it. We can eliminate the estate tax for nearly all family-owned farms and businesses faster than the Republicans do under their plan. They do not remove even one farm from the estate tax rolls for 10 years. That's just the beginning.

We can also make up to \$12,000 a year of college tuition tax-deductible. And we can help families put their children through college, or go back to school themselves and learn new skills so they can move ahead in today's rapidly-changing economy. We can help families care for the elderly or disabled family members by providing them with a \$3,000 long-term care tax credit. We can make child care more affordable by more than doubling the tax credit for dependent children and providing additional tax relief for families with stay-at-home parents.

On top of that, we can help middle-class families save for retirement and increase the earned income tax credit, which Ronald Reagan called "the best job-creating, most pro-family tax plan ever passed in the Congress." We can also make the research

and development tax credit permanent to spur innovation, and we can eliminate the phone tax and provide New Market initiatives that the President has so strongly provided leadership for, to help bring jobs and opportunities to America's poorest cities and rural communities.

We can do all of those things, every single one of those things that I've mentioned for less than the cost of the Republican tax cuts. So the question isn't: should we cut taxes? The question is: how should we cut taxes? Who should we help first? The 80 percent of America's families who are stretched to the limit trying to make a decent life for themselves, or the people at the top who have already got it made?

We think the answer is obvious. A year ago, Republicans passed a similar tax cut, then spent the month of August trying to sell their plan to the American people. Everywhere they went, people told them the same thing: read our lips. No new tax cuts for the rich. We need to pay down the debt, cut taxes for working families and invest in America's future.

Mr. President, we're here to tell you: we will support your veto of every single Republican tax bill. We make that pledge this afternoon. (Applause.)

But just as importantly, we will work with you and we will work with our Republican colleagues to pass tax cuts that will help America's families meet the challenges of the future, not repeat the mistakes of the past.

And now, it is my pleasure to introduce someone who fights every day for working families, my partner in the House, Dick Gephardt. (Applause.)

CONGRESSMAN GEPHARDT: Thank you very much. First, let me add a comment to what Tom Daschle said about the President's work in the last weeks to try to bring about peace in the Middle East.

He didn't succeed in the end, but he tried very hard. And a lot of progress was made. And I believe with all my heart that before this President leaves office, he will achieve the peace in the Middle East that we all seek. (Applause.)

For these last years, President Clinton, with our support, has kept this great nation on the path of fiscal discipline, invested wisely in our people and helped produce the longest economic expansion in the history of the United States. As a nation, we have made a commitment to paying down the debt. And that, combined with the entrepreneurial energy of the American people, has led to the lowest unemployment rate in 30 years in this country.

More new jobs have been created in this administration than

in any administration in our history. Homeownership is at its highest rate in history. Our poverty rate is at a 20-year low. And average families in this country squarely in the middle of the income scale are enjoying the lowest tax rate since 1978. (Applause.)

So the economic ground on which we stand has never been stronger. We have before us the opportunity now to do great things for the American people, to lift the tide for those who may not be riding so high on the wave of prosperity in our country. But this Republican led Congress has strived for mediocrity, not greatness. The mediocrity has brought them the praise of special interests, whose industries benefit from our failure, and the disappointment of a nation of people who've rightly become cynical about whose interests are being attended to in their Congress.

Accomplishment in Washington has become an acronym for blocking progress. Republican chest beating and self-congratulation aside, a legislative accomplishment is not an accomplishment, by definition, until President Clinton signs it into law. The Republicans today who claim great achievement have sent President Clinton only 78 bills this year. One out of four of those bills named post offices and buildings -- not exactly the most important matters that are before us. Most involve little debate, most pass by a voice vote.

The few true accomplishments, bills the President actually signed -- repealing the Social Security earnings test, which was greatly needed; the E-signatures bill, and requiring disclosure by so-called 527s, secret campaign organizations were done because of a genuine bipartisan effort to pass those bills.

Progress and accomplishment doesn't come easily in a Congress that's as closely divided as ours. Real progress, real, meaningful change can only come through truly bipartisan consensual efforts. There is no way around it. That has not happened this year, and it hasn't happened for a reason. Protecting the interest of the insurance industry, the pharmaceutical companies and the National Rifle Association has been a full-time job for the Republican leadership. (Applause.)

Now, we've come agonizingly close to real achievement on a patients' bill of rights. And I hope we can get one this year. On providing a prescription drug benefit for our senior citizens. And I still hope we can get one this year. On passing effective gun safety legislation, and I hope we can get that done this year. And campaign finance reform -- finally, let us be able to get campaign finance reform this year.

But all of it has been frustrated by powerful, special interests who haven't wanted these bills to go through -- and the Republican leaders' sworn allegiance to their efforts.

The American people have a bottom line that's measured in their own reality: are they safer? Are their families healthier? Are their families more secure by result of what we do here in Washington? By that measure, this Congress has failed miserably to live up to our expectations. A review of what we've been doing is instructive. As Tom said, while Republicans have put forward a series of tax cuts that total nearly \$2 trillion, Democrats join with the President to push for targeted tax relief for middle-income families, coupled with an agenda that pays down the debt, strengthens Social Security and Medicare and provides a real prescription drug benefit for our seniors.

Democrats proposed an affordable, reliable prescription drug benefit for our senior citizens. We said that if you're elderly and having trouble paying for your medicine, you need a benefit now -- not next year, not the year after that -- you need it this year and we need to get it done. (Applause.)

We need to modernize our schools. We need more teachers. We need better qualified teachers. We need teachers who are ready to walk in the classroom and excite and motivate our children, and make sure that every child in this society is a productive, law abiding citizen of this country. That's not too much to ask of this Congress. We have not been able to get them off the dime to do the things this President has asked them to do for buildings and teachers and computers and pre-school and after-school and summer school and what we need to do to save the children of this country. We need it now. (Applause.)

We fought for sensible gun safety legislation. How many more children do we need to lose in our streets before we put safety locks on the guns and before we do something to stop this gun show loophole once and for all? (Applause.) But the NRA didn't want it, so we don't have it.

And then there is the matter of the minimum wage. How cruel is it to have some family out there trying to live on the minimum wage at \$5.15 an hour -- and there are millions of people stuck on that minimum wage. But the Chamber of Commerce didn't want it, and so the Republican leaders won't go forward with it. And the HMOs didn't want the patients' bill of rights and the insurance companies don't want it. And so we have patients out there today -- and let me tell you something, if you're a patient and you're not getting the care that you paid for, you don't need to wait until next year, you need it now if somebody in your family is sick. (Applause.)

Well, Mr. President, when we come back in September, we're going to have three weeks left. Three weeks is not a lot of time, but it's enough time if the Republican leadership will finally come to the table with you, stop sending you bills that you're just vetoing because they're too big and too wrong, and sit down with you and work out a compromise and get a consensus to move this country in the right direction. I pray that they do

that.

I'm often asked, gee, wouldn't that blow up your political plan for the fall. Well, let me tell you something, I didn't come here to concoct political plans. All these members came here to do something meaningful for the people they represent. That is what is in our hearts and minds. And, Mr. President, we will work with you every day in September and we'll go into the middle or end of October if we can get these bills done for the American people. (Applause.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Debbie, I want to ask your parents and all your siblings and family members to stand -- everybody that is here from Debbie's family, stand up. (Applause.) Isn't that great? Bless you.

I just want to make a couple of points in closing. If the Congress passed only our college opportunity tax cut, it would be worth ten times as much to families like Debbie's as the entire Republican tax cut.

The second thing I want to say is, if interest rates rise 1 percent higher than they otherwise would be because we spend the entire surplus on tax cuts, it will cost the average family \$270 a year, which is more than they'll get in a tax cut.

The final thing I want to say is this: even if you don't think you'll get any benefits out of any of these tax cuts we've proposed -- keep in mind, all this proposed surplus that they want to spend is just that, it's estimated. We don't have a dollar of it yet.

Now, if you got one of those letters in the mail from Ed McMahon -- (laughter) -- that said, you may have won \$10 million, would you go out and spend \$10 million the next day? If you would, you should support their plan. (Applause.) But if you wouldn't, you better stick with us and keep the prosperity going and help people like Debbie. (Applause.)

Thank you and God bless you. (Applause.)

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FOR
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2000

Final Schedule

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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2000
Final Schedule

9:15	am-	HOLD (NH)
10:15	am	
10:30	am-	MEETING
10:45	am	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: John Podesta
10:45	am-	BRIEFING
11:00	am	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
11:00	am-	PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT ESTRADA
11:10	am	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
		STILLS ONLY
11:10	am-	EXPANDED BILATERAL MEETING WITH PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT
11:50	am	ESTRADA
		CABINET ROOM
		Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
		CLOSED PRESS
11:55	am	THE PRESIDENT escorts President Estrada through the Rose Garden to the State Dining Room
		POOL PRESS
12:00	am-	WORKING LUNCH WITH PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT ESTRADA
1:00	pm	OLD FAMILY DINING ROOM
		Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall, Samuel Berger
		Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
		CLOSED PRESS

-- The President escorts guests into the Old Family Dining Room and lunch is served.

-- Upon conclusion of lunch, members of Philippine Delegation are escorted to West Wing Lobby.

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1:05	pm-	JOINT PHOTOGRAPHS WITH PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT ESTRADA
1:15	pm	DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOM, SOUTH PORTICO
		Staff Contact: Charles Brain
		Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
		WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY
		1. Congressman Robert Underwood and Congressman Bob Filner
		2. 16 Philippine-American White House Staff
1:20	pm	THE PRESIDENT escorts President Estrada to West Wing Lobby
		through the Rose Garden and bids him farewell
1:30	pm-	MEETING
1:40	pm	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett
1:40	pm-	BRIEFING
1:55	pm	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Charles Brain
2:00	pm-	DEMOCRATIC AGENDA EVENT
2:40	pm	ROSE GARDEN (RAIN SITE: PRESIDENTIAL HALL)
		Remarks: Terry Edmonds, Josh Gottheimer
		Staff Contact: Charles Brain
		Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
		OPEN PRESS
		Note: There will be approximately 130 guests in attendance.
		-- The President makes opening remarks.
		-- Real Person TBD makes brief remarks and introduces Senator Tom Daschle.
		-- Senator Tom Daschle makes brief remarks and introduces Representative Dick Gephardt.
		-- Representative Dick Gephardt makes brief remarks.
		-- The President thanks the guests and departs.
2:45	pm-	PHONE AND OFFICE TIME
5:45	pm	OVAL OFFICE

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5:50 pm THE PRESIDENT departs The White House via motorcade en route The Mayflower Hotel
[drive time: 5 minutes]

5:55 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives The Mayflower Hotel

Greeters: Representative Richard Gephardt, Minority Leader
(outside Jane Gephardt
Colonial Room) Chevy Chase
Chaney Chase

6:00 pm- PHOTO RECEIVING LINE
6:20 pm COLONIAL ROOM
The Mayflower Hotel
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Timothy Emrich
CLOSED PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 75 guests in attendance.

6:25 pm- GEPHARDT RECEPTION
7:10 pm STATE ROOM
The Mayflower Hotel
Remarks: Josh Gottheimer
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Timothy Emrich
POOL PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 400 guests in attendance.

-- Off-stage announcement of the President, accompanied by Representative Richard Gephardt, Jane Gephardt, Chevy Chase, and Chaney Chase.

-- Chevy Chase makes brief remarks and introduces Representative Richard Gephardt.

-- Representative Richard Gephardt makes brief remarks and introduces the President.

-- The President makes remarks, works a ropeline, and departs.

7:15 pm THE PRESIDENT departs The Mayflower Hotel via motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 5 minutes]

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7:20 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives The White House

7:30 pm- CONGRESSIONAL PICNIC

8:30 pm SOUTH LAWN

Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall, Charles Brain

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

CLOSED PRESS

Note: Casual Attire

Note: There will be approximately 1,500 guests in attendance.

-- Off-stage announcement of the President.

-- The President makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

HRC RON SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

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cc:

Subject: re.

NASC

1. Joe Inabinet
215-557-0751

*- passed away 5/00
done*

77 year old African American Male. Has Medicare no drug coverage. Income in around \$16,500. He pays around \$2,400 a year Health conditions are diabetes and a chronic intestinal problem. He had insurance from the Steelworkers and it got dropped.

2. Bernice Strange

P6/(b)(6)

done

67 year old women who has health coverage and it will be dropped in January. P6/(b)(6)

P6/(b)(6) She is going to be dropped from her Medigap coverage through her employer in Jan. two months away and this is happening to thousands of seniors and it should be identified. P6/(b)(6)

P6/(b)(6) She is a perfect example of how this is a middle class problem! My belief is the middle class has to be really stressed.

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Bernice Strange

P6(b)(6)

low yrs. old (L7 next month)

[0026]

Philadelphia, PA

widowed - 2 children

all live close

Maggie 43

Son 35

5 grandchildren

Medicare,

Philadelphia Inquirer - when she left

Rx plan - \$5 for Rx

teeth, glasses

part of a pension pkg; buyout pkg.

5yrs.

Run out in 2000

Will be in a lot of trouble

P6(b)(6)

will have no cov.

Medigap w/HMO - run out coverage after 3 mos

was higher before got generic

Rx:

P6(b)(6)

Happy to hear @ POTUS plan

P6/(b)(6)

[002b]

Small pension
social sec.

own home & has small mortgage

40 yrs. old - easier to maintain tax wise

What is she going to do? No husband

When he was sick she worked; by herself very hard

will be @ least 25% annual income

Worked many years, paid taxes

Now when she needs benefits, they're very short for her

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Bernice Strange

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[003]

Coverage running to July.

Bothers her when talk. @ person of poor

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person

Deep \$5 company

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Don't know what will do

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Gertrude Ager

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74

widowed

Montgomery Village, MD
(Gaithersburg)

[004]

Medicare, AARP

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Family has to help her; no means of trans, must
take public transp.

If has to pay more 1 month, cut back on
grocery

Doesn't ration

Condo, owned by daughter & son-in-law
no rent

3 kids - 1 in area
other 2 out-of-state

[004]

Thinks POTUS proposal is wonderful, all for it
all seniors

thinks would be good thing

Willing to talk @ publicly

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President, Action Alliance of Senior Citizens

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PEDRO RODRIGUEZ -

(215) 557-0751

Joanne Mills - Administrative Assistant -

Sen
Boren
405
325
3916

10:00 am

Call tomorrow

morning

1:45 Meet & Greet w/ Gephardt & Daschle

& 2 Real People

May not start until 1:50 or 1:55 b/c of Gep & Daschle

MoCs will arrive @ 1:50 - put all around steps - around steps, Colonnade - surround the President -

Announce President out w/ the President:

SPEAKING PROGRAM

President - majority of remarks

Real Person

Daschle

Gephardt

President to close

MoCs will be 60-80 #

so can add more to audience

Rain or 4:50 →

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Gertrude Ager

P6/(b)(6)

[005]

75 Montgomery Village, MD
widow
live alone
kids, 44, 46 + 47

P6/(b)(6)

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Nurse
tries to give
samples

Live in Condo -

P6/(b)(6)

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- ride bus -

can walk to grocery store - can call woman @ Red Cross to help
w/ grocery store to help when have heavy items.

"Borrow from Peter to Pay Paul"

telephone bill

careful on groceries →

pay for all →

will go to Senior Center + eat big lunch → can volunteer & get discount -
so @ night will eat less

know others - it's embarrassing + don't like to talk about it -

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cc: Christine A. Stanek/WHO/EOP@EOP
Subject: Caregiver Story #2

Theresa, age 43, currently substitute teaches at Attocktink Academy and works part time at the All Saints Church. [REDACTED] P6/(b)(6)
Working on her Master's degree in special education and will finish in May

Husband, Francis, age 50, works for Allied Signal at the Naval Research Center and also works part time for Lowes Stores. [REDACTED] P6/(b)(6)

Child: Katleen, 2 year old

Father, Eugene Gilliam, age 89, lives with Martins in house. [REDACTED] P6/(b)(6)

[REDACTED] P6/(b)(6)
Has prescription drug coverage through CVS.

[REDACTED] P6/(b)(6)

Theresa Martin, age 43, and her husband, Francis, recently assumed responsibility for the care of her father, Eugene Gilliam, who is 89 years old [REDACTED] P6/(b)(6). Theresa has been married for 4 years and has a two year old daughter, Katleen. Theresa's husband works two jobs so Theresa work part time and complete her Masters Degree in Education.

[REDACTED] P6/(b)(6) Eugene is in relatively good health. Theresa recently enrolled her father in the Senior Day Program funded through the Prince William County Area Agency on Aging. Eugene just started attending adult day care 5 days a week. Eugene's day care costs approximately [REDACTED] P6/(b)(6) paid for with his retirement check from the United Coal Miners. He has good health insurance coverage [REDACTED] P6/(b)(6). But once all the expenses for her dad's care are tallied, there's about [REDACTED] P6/(b)(6) to pay for all the other items he needs.

Theresa is most frustrated over the amount of time it takes to find needed resources. She says, "What people don't realize, is you spend half your time as a caregiver trying to make ends meet."

*If invited Theresa would bring daughter Katleen and her father. Her husband does not want to atten

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Theresa

Be Back Around 3:30

2 1/2 year old daughter

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Father came for Thanksgiving - 99 years old - never went home

↳ was a coal miner

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- 8 or 9 hrs/day 5 days/week

needs another hearing aid - saving \$

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Every month

P6/(b)(6)

Call 7/26/2000

Entire Democratic Caucus Invited -

60-100 MoCs will actually attend

Have on ground/steps i Colorado - No STAGE -

Rain site is Room 450

1:25 Briefing

1:45 meet in the oval with:

Gephardt

Daschle

+ 2 Real People (TBD)

2:00 Announced onto stage to see of members -
accompanied by Gep/Daschle/Real People -

2:00-2:30 Event

stakeout?

↳ TBD

Another call 2:30

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AARP Voter Express
Bernice Strange -- Testimonial Remarks
July 28, 2000

Hello, my name is Bernice Strange, and I am proud to call Philadelphia my home.

I am one of millions of Americans who desperately want bipartisan action from Congress on a universal, affordable, and voluntary Medicare prescription drug benefit.

OF A Phila Police OFFICER

For me -- a 67-year-old widow on a fixed income -- the drug clock is ticking loudly. This July, my retiree health plan, which had a five-year limit, ran out.

Without a new Medicare benefit or a new Medicare health plan that I can afford, I will now be paying about ~~\$600~~ ^{\$700} per month out-of-pocket for medications that I critically need. These are drugs which I need to maintain my health.

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As a person who has worked all of her life, I now want to be able to enjoy my retirement years, watch my five grandchildren grow-up to be responsible adults, and ~~be~~ ^I enriched ^I by their lives as only a grandparent can.

I don't want the high cost of prescription drugs to force me to choose between my need for food, or my need for medications. No one should have to make such a choice.

There have been many amazing advances in medical research resulting in new and improved prescription drugs entering the marketplace. However, these new prescription drugs also come with a steep price tag, which -- sadly -- most retirees like me cannot afford.

It's time that those of us who need prescription drugs get the kind of affordable drug coverage and volume discounts that many other Americans with a prescription drug benefit have access to.

The time is right for Medicare to evolve and to keep pace with changes in healthcare and offer an volunteer prescription drug benefit.

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I want to thank A-A-R-P for all of its work on behalf of older Americans to make a Medicare prescription drug benefit a reality.

We need to let our legislators know that the time for a prescription drug benefit is now, and that as voters we will hold them accountable on election day. Thank you.



Talking Points
Medicare Prescription Drugs
June 28, 2000

AARP has recently embarked on a national campaign asking our members to sign a pledge asking for affordable prescription drug coverage in Medicare. This is not just dollars and cents, it's common sense.

AARP believes that the debate about prescription coverage in Medicare should be about how to include that coverage in Medicare, not whether to do so.

AARP will continue to measure Medicare prescription drug benefit proposals against the principles that our members believe must be incorporated in any Medicare prescription drug plan. These include the need for a benefit that is available to all, provides affordable, meaningful and dependable coverage, is workable and fosters high quality health care now and in the future.

AARP has not endorsed any proposals.

AARP will continue to educate both our members and the voting public to the complex issues involved in crafting a Medicare prescription drug plan that will really work. We also will continue to work with members of the House and Senate from both parties and with the President to bring about meaningful bipartisan legislation that creates dependable and affordable prescription drug coverage for all Medicare beneficiaries and strengthens Medicare for the future.

Each party has taken a different path to providing prescription drug coverage in Medicare. While we recognize that there can be different approaches to addressing this issue, we also know that a final solution will require bipartisan cooperation. We therefore urge both sides engage in discussion that will promote the strengths of each proposal while minimizing their respective weaknesses.

We are also pleased that both the current House Republican and Democratic bills include a prescription drug benefit in Medicare that is voluntary and a benefit to which every Medicare beneficiary is entitled. Both bills provide for a benefit in either fee-for-service or managed care settings. These are major steps.

The House GOP bill has taken an important step in recognizing, through its "fallback" provision, that the federal government – via the Medicare program – must assure that ALL beneficiaries will have access to the prescription drug benefit.



This debate is, however, far from over, and there are many questions that must be answered about all the bills now before us. Regarding the House GOP (Thomas) bill, there are some key questions that must be resolved before we believe our members would support it. Key among these questions are:

- Will the benefits be meaningful and dependable – from year-to-year and plan-to-plan – so that beneficiaries can count on solid prescription drug coverage now and in the future and not be subjected to the volatility that has developed in the Medicare managed care market?
- Will Medicare be given the resources to carry out the authority to scrutinize drug plans to assure that beneficiaries receive the reinsurance subsidy and prescription drug discounts outlined in the bill?
- Given the dependence on private sector entities (e.g., PBMs and insurance companies) to provide coverage, will these entities actually agree to share risk with Medicare to provide prescription drug coverage?
- How will the creation of two separate agencies to administer Medicare make the operation of the program more efficient?

In addition to these questions, both the Republican and Democratic proposals raise concerns about whether the federal subsidy made available under this year's Budget Resolution (\$40 billion over 5 years – 2001-2005) will be adequate to attract the broad risk pool that is needed to make a voluntary program affordable for the vast majority of beneficiaries.

This is a complicated issue and few voters understand the competing proposals to the level of detail that is necessary to assess their effectiveness. Right now, and in the coming election season, our responsibility is to help not only our members, but the voting public ask the right questions of their leaders, questions that will help them decide whether their concerns and their families' circumstances are being addressed.

AARP VOTER EXPRESS / TALKING POINTS*July 18, 2000***KEY MESSAGES**

1. There's a lot at stake for older Americans in Election 2000. For many, this year's elections will represent a real referendum on the health and economic security of their families for generations to come. This referendum centers on important, peace-of-mind issues that will top the nation's agenda: Medicare, Social Security, Long-term Care, and patient protections in managed care.
2. We've all heard the strategists from both major political parties talk about seniors as a critical swing vote in Election 2000. It's a fact. Older Americans vote. We vote in greater proportion than any other age group. And, we vote on issues – not personalities or slogans.
3. AARP's Voter Express will travel cross-country to mobilize older voters and their families around the issues that will be important in Election 2000: Medicare, Social Security, Long-term Care, and patient protections in managed care.
4. Starting just before the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia and ending at the Democratic Convention in Los Angeles, AARP's Voter Express will visit 23 cities in 20 states. At each stop – (like today) – there'll be hundreds of older persons who will hear about the key issues, and have the opportunity to send a message about the importance of becoming an informed voter.
5. A major focus for AARP's Voter Express is a pledge card drive to call for a prescription drug benefit in Medicare. During the Voter Express tour – and in states and communities across the country – AARP will collect a million signatures by the November election to prompt Congress to add an affordable prescription drug benefit in Medicare.
6. With the Voter Express, AARP launches a major, national voter education campaign. Through Election Day – November 7th – we will work to educate older Americans and their families about the key issues (Medicare, Social Security, Long-term Care, and patient protections in managed care), and about the candidates' positions on these issues.
7. AARP is strictly nonpartisan. We do not tell people who to vote for, but we do encourage people to vote. The goal of AARP's voter education efforts is to help older Americans and their families make informed voting decisions centered on

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issues. We want to turn out informed voters to the polls.

MORE ON THE AARP VOTER EXPRESS

- AARP's Voter Express will travel cross-country to mobilize older voters and their families around the issues that will be important in Election 2000: Medicare, Social Security, Long-term Care, and patient protections in managed care.
- AARP's Voter Express cross-country bus tour will start at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia and end at the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles. During the 17-day tour, the AARP Voter Express will visit 23 cities in 20 states – engaging thousands of older Americans and their families about the key issues along the way.
- Five teams of AARP volunteer leaders will travel as part of the Voter Express cross-country tour. Each team will cover AARP Voter Express stops in a specific geographic region of the country: Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, Southwest and West.
- The theme of AARP's Voter Express is "Express Yourself in Election 2000." Older Americans and their families are encouraged to sign the AARP Voter Express to send a message about the importance of being an informed voter. (The AARP Voter Express is a 45-foot long bus that is shrink-wrapped with colorful campaign graphics.)
- The issue highlight of AARP's Voter Express is the call for a prescription drug benefit in Medicare. A pledge card drive is at the heart of the campaign. AARP will collect a million signatures by the November election to prompt Congress to add an affordable prescription drug benefit in Medicare.

AARP's NATIONAL VOTER EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

- AARP's voter education effort for Election 2000 started last year with the New Hampshire Presidential Primary Project and the Iowa Caucus Project. These projects together represent the most aggressive voter education effort, at the local level, in the association's 41-year history.
- AARP's Voter Express cross-country bus tour launches our Election 2000 National Voter Education Campaign. The AARP Voter Express is just a taste of what's to come. Over the next four months, AARP will:

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- ⇒ Produce a Presidential Voters' Guide with responses from the major party presidential candidates to specific questions about key issues: Medicare, Social Security, Long-term Care, and patient protections in managed care. The Presidential Voters Guide will be published in AARP's Modern Maturity magazine which is mailed to all AARP member households. (AARP has more than 32 million members nationwide.)

AARP's NATIONAL VOTER EDUCATION CAMPAIGN (continued)

- ⇒ AARP will also produce Voters' Guides for many congressional races across the country as well as gubernatorial races and state legislative races. These will be available to our members and the general public by direct mail and via the Internet at AARP's Election 2000 web site: www.aarp.org/election2000
- ⇒ AARP will hold voter education and candidate forums across the country to provide our members and their families with the opportunity to learn where the candidates stand on the key issues. We want our members to be able to ask the candidates questions on the issues, and to get answers.
- ⇒ AARP will be a national sponsor of the Presidential Debates. There will be three debates with the presidential candidates, and one debate with the vice-presidential candidates.
- ⇒ AARP will also partner with Scholastic Magazine to distribute voter education kits to junior high school students. The students will be encouraged to use these kits to talk with their parents about the electoral process, and our issues.
- ⇒ We will work hard to educate AARP members and their families about where the candidates stand on important issues: Medicare, Social Security, Long-term Care, and patient protections in managed care. But our efforts will not stop there. AARP leaders and volunteers – in states and communities across the country – will work diligently to turn out informed voters to the polls on election day.

MORE ON OLDER VOTERS

- Statistics show that older Americans vote in greater proportion than any other age group. In the last Presidential election (1996), nearly 70 percent of registered voters 65 and older voted, or double the rate for those 18-24.

- Older persons vote out of a sense of civic obligation, and we vote on issues. We vote on the peace-of-mind issues that impact our lives and the lives of our children and grandchildren: Medicare, Social Security, Long-term Care, and patient protections in managed care.
- These key issues will continue to be very important into the next decades as the 76-million strong baby boom population begins to retire. By 2030, one out of every five Americans will be over age 65 – twice as many as today. They will account for one-third of all eligible voters in the United States.

WHY AARP'S ISSUES

- The next President of the United States – and the next Congress – will have to address important issues that have serious impact on the economic security of families for generations to come: Medicare, Social Security, Long-term Care, and patient protections in managed care.
- AARP's issues are matters of concern for all citizens, not just older persons. For example, today AARP members are fighting so that Social Security will be there for their children and grandchildren.
- The issues we focus on reflect or anticipate the concerns of AARP members across the country. (AARP's National Legislative Council and the Board of Directors decide which national issues have priority year by year.)

ON AARP/VOTE

- AARP/VOTE is the nonpartisan voter education project of AARP. AARP does not support or oppose candidates for public office, and does not contribute money to campaigns or political parties. AARP/VOTE is not a PAC (political action committee).
- AARP/VOTE provides information on key issues and candidates' positions on the issues that will help voters make informed decisions.
- AARP/VOTE sponsors candidate forums, produces voters' guides, provides educational information to AARP members and the general public, and organizes grassroots activities aimed at building awareness about key issues.

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- AARP/VOTE is successful if the issues that we focus on are actively debated by the candidates and carefully considered by the voters. AARP does not tell people who to vote for, but we do encourage people to vote.

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A MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT IS SMART MEDICINE

Unlike most employer sponsored health insurance, Medicare, the federal health insurance program for older Americans and those with disabilities, generally does not pay for the costs of outpatient prescription drugs. Since Medicare was created in 1965, prescription drugs have become essential in the treatment and prevention of diseases. Yet, because of this gap in coverage, beneficiaries must either pay for prescription drugs out of their own pockets, obtain private or public supplemental coverage that will assist with the costs, or join a Medicare HMO that offers prescription drug benefits. While 65% of Medicare beneficiaries have some type of coverage for prescription drugs, that coverage often has serious limitations, and, therefore, may not protect beneficiaries from high out-of-pocket costs.

AARP believes that modernizing Medicare's benefit package to keep up with advances in medicine is a must. Prescription drugs help keep people healthy, independent, and out of hospitals. Medicare should be like most other health insurance plans and include prescription drugs as part of the benefit package offered by all participating plans.

- Americans age 65 and older account for over 1/3 of all drug spending, but represent about 12% of the population.
- According to a 1998 *Wall Street Journal* poll, 80% of retirees use a prescription drug every day. The average Medicare beneficiary takes 18 prescriptions a year.
- Over a third of all Medicare beneficiaries had no drug coverage in 1995. Medicare officials estimate that 16 million seniors, 40% of Medicare's beneficiaries, will have no coverage by 2001.
- Although a significant portion of the Medicare population has some type of drug coverage from 1 or more sources (Medigap, HMOs, retiree health benefits, Medicaid, state programs, DOD and VA programs), there is wide variation in the extent of protection from the various sources:

Medigap - Only 3 of the 10 standardized Medigap plans offer drug coverage (29% of Medigap users have drug coverage), and the plans that do have limits on the benefit and high cost sharing. For example, all Medigap policies require that insureds pay a 50% coinsurance for prescription drugs. In addition, because almost all policies with drug coverage medically underwrite, many Medicare beneficiaries are not eligible to buy these policies.

Medicare HMOs - Almost 1/4 of Medicare HMO enrollees do not have a drug benefit today, while many who do face caps on annual drug benefits, increasing copays, and premium increases.

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- ◇ 86% of Medicare HMOs have annual dollar caps on brand and/or generic drugs.
- ◇ 32% of Medicare HMOs offering drug coverage will have a \$500 cap on either brand or generic drugs.
- ◇ All Medicare HMOs charge copays for prescription drugs. Average copays for brand name and generic drugs are estimated to have increased 21% and 8%, respectively from last year.
- ◇ Many Medicare HMOs charge premiums for their coverage and these premiums are increasing.
- ◇ HMO drug benefits are becoming more restrictive.
- ◇ HMO drug benefits can change from year to year.

Employer-sponsored retiree benefits - While an estimated 60 to 70% of large employers offered retiree health coverage during the 1980s, fewer than 40% do so today. Of those employers who offer retiree benefits, 28% do not offer drug coverage to Medicare eligible retirees.

- In 1999, about 59% of Medicare beneficiaries had some form of private supplemental insurance, however, they often still faced high out-of-pocket drug costs.
 - ◇ Over 30% of beneficiaries had out-of-pocket drug expenses of \$500 or more.
 - ◇ 15% of beneficiaries with private supplemental insurance (which would translate into about 3.5 million beneficiaries) spent \$1,000 or more.
- Lower income beneficiaries tend to spend a greater percentage of their income on prescription drugs than do higher income beneficiaries.
- Low-income Americans are having difficulty paying for their prescriptions. In 1995, nearly 4 in 10 (37%) Americans 50 and older with annual incomes under \$10,000 said they sometimes had to cut back on necessary items such as food or heating fuel to pay for a prescription.
- According to a 1998 national employer survey, approximately 97% of employer-sponsored health plans offered outpatient drug coverage to current workers.
- In a recent NBC/Wall Street Journal poll, 65% of respondents said they would favor a prescription drug benefit for all beneficiaries in Medicare even if it meant an increase in Medicare premiums.

AARP believes it is essential to find an affordable way to provide prescription drug coverage to Medicare beneficiaries in whatever health care plan they choose.

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Medicare Messages

When you reach 65 and, more often than not, no longer work, Medicare becomes your health insurance. It's the cornerstone of health care access and coverage for millions of older and disabled Americans. Some of the important things about Medicare are that:

It enables all older people — including millions on modest fixed incomes — to get health care. Without it, many would receive significantly less or no health care.

It isn't a "free ride." The average person on Medicare pays about 19% of her income out-of-pocket for health care, compared to 8% for younger adults.

Everyone participates, so the costs are widely spread, and Medicare beneficiaries cannot be denied benefits because of a health problem.

AARP supports using an appropriate part of the on-budget surplus to ensure Medicare's financial health beyond 2023.

AARP also supports using part of the budget surplus to add optional prescription drug coverage for people in Medicare. People in Medicare could choose to pay an extra premium for this coverage, just like they can choose to pay extra for coverage for doctor visits now.

It's time that those who use medicines most, Americans over 65, get the kind of volume discounts that people with other kinds of health insurance take for granted.

Medicare should use the negotiating power of its over 39 million beneficiaries to bring prescription costs down.

There's no need to create a new prescription drug program when Medicare is already in place.

AARP is asking Congress to give people in Medicare the choice of affordable, predictable coverage in Medicare.

Medicare should continue to provide a fixed package of benefits, not just a financial contribution to be used for the purchase of health insurance in the unpredictable private market.

Medicare recipients should continue to pay their fair share of Medicare costs, but these expenses should remain affordable. The eligibility age for Medicare shouldn't be raised from 65, because this would increase the number of uninsured Americans.

No one should be denied Medicare coverage based on income or health condition.

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Medicare Facts

Before Medicare, many older Americans didn't have health insurance when they needed it most. Today, Medicare serves 39 million beneficiaries, including most Americans age 65 and over, and younger persons who have been receiving federal disability benefits for at least two years. All Americans over 65 receive the same level of Medicare benefits, regardless of age income or health status. While it makes a big difference, it still only covers about half of the average beneficiary's health care costs.

In 1997, changes were made to Medicare to ensure the financial health of the program until 2008. The most recent Trustees report projections extend the life of the trust fund so that Medicare will be able to fully pay its bills until at least 2023. But after that — if no changes are made — the program is projected to fall short of the funds needed to cover its costs.

Changes will be necessary to ensure the future financial stability of Medicare beyond 2023, especially since the baby boom generation will begin to turn 65 in 2011, increasing the number of beneficiaries and placing an enormous strain on Medicare's financial stability.

Medicare doesn't typically pay for outpatient prescription drugs. While about 65 percent of Medicare beneficiaries have some form of supplemental coverage for prescription drugs, many find their coverage inadequate and subject to termination. Drugs still account for a large share of out-of-pocket costs for people in Medicare.

Fast facts about prescription drugs and people over 65:

Eighty percent of everyone over 65 take at least one prescription drug every day.

People over 65 are 12% of the population but account for 33% of all spending on prescription drugs.

About 13 million people over 65 have no prescription drug coverage at all. Of the 26 million others who do have coverage, it is often limited, expensive and unpredictable.

People who pay retail for their prescriptions often pay nearly 15% more than large purchasers, like insurance companies or the Veterans Administration pay for same drugs.

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AARP and AARP/VOTE Facts

AARP is the nation's leading organization of people age 50 and older. It's a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership association founded in 1958. AARP does not give money to candidates or campaigns.

AARP's primary goal is to help older people live with independence, dignity and purpose. To accomplish this goal, AARP focuses on four primary areas — information and education; community service; legislative, judicial and consumer advocacy; and member services.

AARP has approximately 34 million members, representing about half of all Americans aged 50 and older. More than a third of AARP's members work full or part time.

AARP's official name is now simply A-A-R-P. It no longer stands for the American Association of Retired Persons, because the word "retired" doesn't reflect the full diversity of our membership or the way that many people are living their lives after age 50.

AARP advocates on legislative and consumer issues that are important to Americans over age 50 and their families. AARP policy is developed by its members and volunteers.

AARP makes available to its members a variety of high-quality services including group health insurance, auto and homeowner insurance, investment opportunities, a mail-order pharmacy service, travelers' discounts, and other services. These services are offered to members directly through approved vendor companies. These companies receive income from the sale of services to AARP members who purchase them. For allowing the companies to use its name, AARP receives royalties and administrative allowances from these companies.

AARP/VOTE is AARP's nonpartisan, volunteer-run voter education program. AARP/VOTE is not a PAC, does not endorse candidates for public office, and does not contribute money to campaigns or candidates.

AARP/VOTE provides information about issues and candidates through candidate forums, voters' guides, and other organized activities and materials, that help voters make informed decisions when they vote.

AARP/VOTE volunteers work to encourage people to express their opinions, register to vote and go to the polls on election day.

AARP/VOTE advocates on behalf of older Americans and their families at the local, state and federal levels.

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~~To: Jeff Miller~~
~~From: B. Kenefick~~AT TRIANGLE
IN D.C.

HELLO. MY NAME IS BERNICE STRANGE. I AM FROM PHILADELPHIA
PENNSYLVANIA.

THIS IS MY GRANDSON, CHARLES. CHARLES IS 11 YEARS OLD AND PLAYS
BASKETBALL. HE IS AN EXCELLENT PLAYER AND HE IS IN THE 5TH GRADE.

91- I AM ONE OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WHO DESPERATELY WANTS
ACTION FROM THIS CONGRESS, THIS YEAR, ON TWO POINTS;

- * WE MUST HAVE A UNIVERSAL AND AFFORDABLE MEDICARE
- * PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT, AND
- * WE WANT ACTION ON THE OUTRAGEOUS DRUG PRICES BEING CHARGED
BY THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY. WHY SHOULD WE HAVE TO GO TO
CANADA AND MEXICO TO BUY OUR PRESCRIPTIONS.

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LET'S STOP THIS CORPORATE HIGHWAY ROBBERY OF ALL AMERICANS,
ESPECIALLY SENIORS, BY THE DRUG CARTELS -- IT'S GOT TO END

FOR ME, A MIDDLE INCOME WIDOW, THE DRUG CLOCK IS TICKING LOUDLY
RETIREE HEALTH PLAN
COME THIS JULY, MY ~~RETIREES~~ AND MY HAS A FIVE-YEAR LIMIT AND
READY OR NOT MY FIVE YEARS ARE UP.

WITHOUT A NEW MEDICARE BENEFIT OR A NEW MEDICARE HEALTH PLAN
THAT I CAN AFFORD, I WILL BE PAYING OUT-OF-POCKET, \$600 TO \$700 PER
MONTH FOR DRUGS THAT I CRITICALLY NEED. THESE ARE NOT
LIFESTYLE OR RECREATIONAL DRUGS. THESE ARE DRUGS FOR SURVIVAL

AND I MUST NOT JUST SURVIVE. I WANT TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY LIFE, MY
FIVE GRANDCHILDREN - AND BE A PART OF THEIR LIFE AS ONLY A
GRANDPARENT CAN DO....

I WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE ACTION ALLIANCE FOR SENIOR
CITIZENS AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SENIOR CITIZENS AS A
VOLUNTEER FOR A BETTER LIFE FOR SENIORS, KIDS, POOR PEOPLE AND
ALL CITIZENS OF PHILADELPHIA. I WANT TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS A
MEMBER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA RETIREE
MEMBERS' COUNCIL AND ACTIVE IN MY NEWSPAPER GUILD RETIREE

GROUP.

AFW-CIO RETIREE COUNCIL

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FROM NCSC 301 578 8911

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FROM : Kenerick Communications

PHONE NO. : 410 263 7136

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21 ~~MEMBERS COUNCIL AND ACTIVE IN MY NEWSPAPER GUILD RETIREE~~
~~GROUP.~~

I HAVE WORKED ALL MY LIFE TO OBTAIN SOCIAL SECURITY AND A PENSION FROM WORKING AT THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. I WAS A MEMBER OF THE NEWSPAPER GUILD AND STILL ACTIVE IN TNG/CWA 38010. RETIREE MEMBERS CLUB.

MY HUSBAND, CHARLES, WHO IS DECEASED WAS A POLICE OFFICER AND I RECEIVE HALF HIS PENSION. THIS PUTS ME A LITTLE ABOVE AVERAGE IN RETIREMENT INCOME FOR WOMEN LIKE MYSELF.

BUT MY NEED FOR LIFE SAVING DRUGS WITH THEIR HIGH MONOPOLY PRICES, IS A DIRECT THREAT TO MY FUTURE AND ME.

I DON'T WANT TO BE A POOR OLD WIDOW AND NOBODY ELSE SHOULD I WANT TO BE ABLE TO GO OUT, GO ON SENIOR CITIZEN TRIPS, AND TAKE MY GRANDCHILDREN TO MCDONALDS FOR A TREAT!

RIGHT NOW, THE NEWSPAPER GUILD/CWA RETIREES FROM MY LOCAL ARE SHOPPING AROUND FOR A DECENT MEDICARE HEALTH PLAN.

PLEASE LISTEN!! SENATOR SANTORUM AND GOVENOR BUSH, ALL OF THE PHILADELPHIA MEDICARE PLANS TOP OUT IN DRUG PAYMENTS AT \$900 TO \$1200 A YEAR.

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FROM NCSC 301 576 8911

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AND NOT TO BE POLITICAL, BUT THE REPUBLICAN DRUG BENEFIT I HAVE
HEARD OF DON'T OFFER ANYTHING FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME. NOTHING FOR
MIDDLE INCOME AND WORKING FAMILY RETIREES.

HELLO? WHAT PLANET DO THESE PEOPLE COME FROM ?

SO LET'S GET IT STRAIGHT - WE DEMAND:

1. A UNIVERSAL MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT.
2. AFFORDABLE FOR EVERYONE.
3. ACTION ON DRUG COSTS - STOP THE EXPLOITATION.

I WOULD LIKE TO QUOTE FROM THE POET ROBERT FROST'S POEM

"STOPPING BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING "

THE WOODS ARE LOVELY, DARK AND DEEP

BUT I HAVE PROMISES TO KEEP

AND MILES TO GO BEFORE I SLEEP

AND MILES TO GO BEFORE I SLEEP

AND IF CONGRESS CAN'T GET IT STRAIGHT, WE WILL, AT THE BALLOT BOX
IN NOVEMBER.

CAN YOU HEAR US ???

7/25/08

TO: ANNA RICHTER

FAX 202-456-7028

FROM: BERNICE STRANGE

FAX PAGES ~~24~~ 23EACH PAGE # 1-~~222~~ 22

INCLUDING COVER

1-23 PRESCRIPTION COSTS

4-56 AARP speech

7-8 AARP TALKING POINTS (I REFUSED
TO GIVE THEM TO PRESS)9-10-11-12-13 CANCELLED TALKING POINTS
(ABOVE 7-8) & SAID TO CONCENTRATE
ON 1st 7 POINTS ON PAGE 9

14-15 SMART MEDICINE (AARP)

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[008a]

Barbara D. Woolley
07/24/2000 03:08:31 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Karin Kullman/OPD/EOP@EOP, Anna Richter/OPD/EOP@EOP
cc: Christine A. Stanek/WHO/EOP@EOP
Subject: Prescription drug story - unity event

Her name is Margaret Nitkoski and she lives in rural MD (Millersville). The rest of her profile is as follow:

78 years old
Single

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Has Medigap supplemental insurance with no drug coverage
Very articulate

Margaret spoke for Families USA at the Prescription Drug Press Conference on June 27th at the Triangle. I will forward you a copy of her speech--if interested.

Her phone # is

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[Anne Arundel — Department of Aging — (410) 222-4464
in Maryland →
Director → Virginia Thomas
Jeff ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Assistant ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Balentine
for LTC →

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[0086]

MARGARET NITKOSKI

78 -

widowed

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Husband Military Retirement
widows pension ←
two annuities
SS

Has Medigap insurance through Throa

Retired Officers Association

P6(b)(6)

Retired School teacher

3 grown children

Volunteers @ the Senior Center

President

P6(b)(6)

Too expensive - she wouldn't benefit
250 deductible

\$50% of cost

so no relief at all

it's an insurance policy

Real way to do this is through
Medicare →

Whatever plan needs to be under Medicare

Started talking about foreign medicine costs

Drug Companies - % of

OWN HOME →

Anarondal

b/w Annapolis &
Baltimore

Not Rural - a village

[0086]

78 widowed
live alone

3 adult children

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Health Insurance through Throat
MediPlus -

Retired school teacher
volunteer work @ Senior Center

President of Area Council Dept of Aging for And

Can't take drugs b/c can't afford

has a friend

has cut pills in half

friend lives in Annapolis - lives in

} trying to get her on Medicaid

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cc:

Subject: unity event - PD name

Gephardt and/or Dasche folks are calling NCSC for names also.

Bernice Strange, Philadelphia

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NCSC provided the name.

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cell phone

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[0096]

Bernice Strange - Philadelphia

67 years old

widow for 13 years

Husband PA Police officer

2 married children; 5 grandchildren

PA ~~Engineer~~ Daily News - ~~advertising for 23 yrs~~
Philadelphia ~~Engineer~~ + Daily News - Advertising for 23 yrs

11-18 years old
oldest will start @ Penn State in the Fall

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Thomas Jefferson Hospital → on a diet w/ them →
University

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SS
pension from Philly Engineer
+ 1/2 of police pension

Annual costs for Meds:

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Medicare -

Had a 5 year benefit from Enguiero - Runs out this month

Blue Cross Blue Shield 65 special →

will apply for Medicaid -

President's plan would cover her pretty well -

will turn it over to God → God ~~will~~ ^{is} ~~make~~ ^{make} her go back to work -

relying on President Clinton / Gore

~~Actual~~ on the board

Actual Alliance of Senior Citizens -

[President of the Newspaper Guild / CWA 38010 Retiree Club
VP of AFL-CIO Retiree Council]

[0096]

Speaking at AARP on Friday →

worried about what she's going to
look for lower doses of meds + get samples from doctors

Biggest thing → worried about work

AARP sent her a speech →

Walking in the woods on snowy night →

↓ could use this last line -
want to take kids to McDonalds →