

ATTACHMENT: BUDGETARY OPPORTUNITIES

There are at least five (5) topical domestic issues (crime reduction, the environment, science and technology, education, and health) through which you would have an opportunity to make major statements about your priorities. These topics are listed below, along with a tentative and illustrative (e.g. not definitive or final) list of possible programs that could be attached to them. Defense and foreign affairs items have not been included.

EDUCATION:

•School Leadership Initiatives Including the Following Programs:

- *Administrator Training Institutes.* Provide grants to nonprofit partnerships composed of alliances of business groups, education stakeholders, and other relevant to run principal institutes focused on current superintendents and principals and others in the administrative pipeline.

- *School Leadership Fellows Program.* Grants for programs to bring interested teachers or administrators into schools in high need areas. Participants would receive a full year's salary to attend an intensive summer program of coursework and leadership development, and complete a school year internship/apprenticeship with a strong principal in a public school, and take additional two courses during the school year. In the Fellow's first year on the job as a principal, he or she would continue the mentoring relationship and have access to ongoing professional development.

•Professional Development for Early Childhood Educators

Our ESEA proposal includes a new focused program to provide professional development for early childhood educators. Increase the \$20 million proposed by the Department of Education.

•Summer School – Closing the Achievement Gap

Offer each school identified as “failing” by their state system sufficient funding to provide each student with an additional 4 to 6 weeks of education over the summer months.

•Alternative Schools

Increase funding for the Department of Education's Charter Schools program. The initiative would build on the existing program, maintaining its priority for funding states with well-designed charter school laws that hold schools accountable for results. The alternative schools piece could be achieved by earmarking a portion of funds to be used only for the development of small high schools.

HEALTH:

•Ensuring that all Children have Access to Affordable Health Insurance by 2005

- Take a step towards expanding CHIP to children up to 250 percent of poverty to increase the number of uninsured children eligible for the program.

- Allowing children above 250 percent of poverty who do not have coverage to buy into CHIP or Medicaid.

- Ensuring that children eligible for CHIP or Medicaid are enrolled.

- Making Health Insurance More Affordable and More Accessible for Small Businesses.**

- Maintaining and Strengthening Health Care Delivery Systems Serving the Uninsured.**

Strengthen community health centers, public hospitals, academic medical centers, and other safety net providers.

CRIME:

- Gun Task Force**

Create a gun task force in each of the 95 United States Attorney offices.

- Interagency Meth Task Force**

- Money for Fighting Federal Intellectual Property Crimes and Computer Crime Training for State and Locals**

- Money for “Stay clean to get out; Stay clean to stay out.”**

ENVIRONMENT:

- Funding for international forestry protection initiatives.**

- New Initiatives Regarding International Climate Change:**

Promote and coordinate research aimed at technologies that lower carbon emissions, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase the efficiency of energy and materials used in transportation, buildings and manufacturing.

- Reauthorize Clean Water Act and in process double over 10 years the total amount of authorized borrowing authority in Clean Water SRF (State Revolving Fund).**

- Get dirty busses off the streets.**

- Incentives for fuel switching grandfathered coal power plants (as part of a larger multi-pollutant integrated regulatory proposal).**

- Clean Energy for the 21st Century:**

New investment to create and deploy clean energy technologies internationally, demonstrate economic growth and environmental protection can go hand in hand, create US jobs

and trade opportunities, address traditional air pollution, energy security, and climate change simultaneously.

- Livability Laboratories**

Focus on several ongoing Administration livability initiatives in 5-10 key communities around the country--that is, deploy resources of Project Impact, PATH, American Heritage Rivers, Brownfields, Thousand Solar Roofs, Challenge 21, Safe Schools, etc. simultaneously in a few "livability laboratories" to develop truly sustainable communities.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- A comprehensive Digital Divide Initiative:**

Increased support community technology centers, incentives for broadband investment in inner-city and rural communities, subsidized PC/Internet access for low-income households, and support for content that will create "digital opportunity" (e.g. adult literacy, help in creating a small business).

- Support an Innovative Research Initiative**

This would support innovative research at universities to propel the nation into the 21st century through cutting edge research in the physical, chemical, biological, and social sciences, as well as engineering, and to train the next generation of scientists and engineers consistent with the needs of the future high-tech workforce.

- New Initiatives for E-society**

Promote applications of the Internet that have social benefits - including improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, a "Digital Library for Education," and allowing parents to monitor the environmental conditions of schools and playgrounds.

- Nanotechnology: Promote and Coordinate a Long-term Nanoscale R&D Agenda**

Support programs that lead to the following potential applications: nanoparticles for improving drug delivery, minute sensors for earlier detection of cancer, computer chips capable of storing trillions of bits on information on a pin-head, advanced materials stronger than steel, and artificial photosynthesis for clean energy.

- Support Biotechnology Risk Assessment Research/ Plant Genomic Research Initiatives**

Help support the growing field of agricultural biotechnology through sound risk-based regulatory programs. Additional funds for consumer oriented agricultural biotech products.

- Advanced Technology Education Initiative**

Support additional collaborations of industry with secondary schools and community colleges to prepare students to meet the nation's needs for technically trained workers. These programs also prepare students so that they have the option of transferring