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Accomplishments

CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICANS

ECONOMY

12.3 Million New Jobs. For the first time ever, over 11 million jobs were created during a single Presidential term.

More small business assistance. The Small Business Administration has approved more than 15,000 loans, totaling \$4.7 billion, for Asian and Pacific American business owners, and has helped over 126,000 Asian and Pacific Americans to receive management training and counseling from a national network of business education and assistance programs.

Opening doors to trade. Secured commitments from Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation leaders to eliminate barriers to open trade in the Asian Pacific region in 2020.

Increasing trade and jobs. Helped increase exports to Asia by more than 44% since taking office. Our exports to Asia account for over 2 million jobs in the United States.

EDUCATION

Foreign language. Restructured Foreign Language Assistance Programs to assist local schools in establishing programs in Chinese, Japanese and Korean. Strongly opposed legislation to make English the official language of the United States which would have jeopardized services and programs for non-English speakers and jeopardized assistance to the tens of thousands of new immigrants and others seeking to learn adult English.

Addressing minority needs. Hosted two Asian Pacific American Education Forums to address the needs of Asian Pacific American students and their teachers.

Opposed Gallegly Amendment. The Administration opposed the Gallegly Amendment which would have ended the guarantee of public education for all children. It would have shifted immigration enforcement from the borders and work sites to classrooms and made children susceptible to gangs and violence.

PROMOTING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Diverse Administration. Appointed the most diverse Cabinet and Administration in history. The Clinton Administration has more than twice as many Asian and Pacific American appointees as the previous Administration.

Judicial appointments. Nominated more Asian and Pacific Americans to the federal bench than any other Administration.

Opposed California Prop 209. Filed *amicus* briefs opposing California Proposition 209 which would prohibit state affirmative action programs.

Election fairness. Prevented election day discrimination against minority voters and voter intimidation and harassment by monitoring polling place activities in a record number of states and counties. Continued enforcement efforts to ensure that citizens who rely on Asian languages have the same opportunities to participate in voting-related activities as English-speaking voters.

Focused health efforts. Established the Office of the Minority Health Research and Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health. Helped communities develop culturally-competent systems of care for children with serious emotional disturbances through the Comprehensive Mental Health Services for Children and Families program. Negotiated agreements with hospitals and nursing homes to eliminate barriers to equal access for minorities based on language.

FIGHTING CRIME

White House Conference on Hate Crimes. President Clinton announced the first White House Conference on Hate Crimes, which will examine laws and remedies that can make a difference in preventing hate crimes, highlight solutions that are working in communities across the country, and continue the frank and open dialogue needed to build One America.

Action against hate crimes. Filed 38 hate crime cases in FY96, involving 65 defendants.

SAFE AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

Environmental justice and redevelopment. Issued an Executive Order on Environmental Justice, ensuring that low income citizens and minorities do not suffer a disproportionate burden of industrial pollution. Identified pilot projects to be undertaken across the country to redevelop contaminated sites in low-income communities and turn them into useable space, creating jobs and enhancing community development.

IMMIGRATION

Naturalization. Made naturalization a top priority of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in order to continue fostering legal immigration while combating illegal immigration. Naturalized over one million individuals in 1996. The Administration continues to work to streamline and improve the naturalization process so that eligible individuals who have played by the rules can become full partners in America.

Responsible immigration reform. Worked to enact responsible immigration reform legislation by properly focusing on immigration enforcement and opposing severe reductions in legal immigration which were not consistent with pro-family, pro-worker and pro-naturalization principles.

Defended immigrant rights. The Administration defeated legislative efforts which would have significantly eroded health care for immigrants. The bipartisan agreement strengthened the sponsorship requirement while preserving the basic ability of families to reunify.

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CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS AFRICAN AMERICANS

ECONOMY

12.3 Million New Jobs. For the first time ever, over 11 million jobs were created during a single Presidential term.

Declining unemployment. The unemployment rate for adult African Americans was 8.4% in May --down from 12.7% when President Clinton first took office.

Minimum wage increase. The President raised the minimum wage to \$5.15 an hour --directly benefitting 1.3 million African American workers.

Small business assistance. The Small Business Administration has approved more than \$1.1 billion in loans to African American business owners, and has helped over 470,000 African Americans receive management training and counseling from a national network of business education and assistance programs.

Home mortgage lending on the rise. Since 1993 home mortgage lending to African Americans increased by 70%.

FIGHTING FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Diverse Administration. Appointed the most diverse Cabinet and Administration in history. Members of the Clinton Cabinet include four African Americans: Rodney Slater, Secretary of Department of Transportation; Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Alexis Herman, Secretary of Labor; and Franklin Raines, Director of Office of Management and Budget. Appointed more African Americans to serve in the White House (45) than any other Administration.

Judicial Appointments. President Clinton has nominated 42 African Americans to the federal bench --more than any other President --and over 18% of total federal bench nominations. Overall, 65% of President Clinton's judicial appointees have been rated "well qualified" by the American Bar Association which is the highest percentage achieved by any Administration since the ABA began rating judicial candidates during the Eisenhower Administration.

Tuskegee apology. President Clinton apologized to the remaining victims of the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment and their families, and directed Health and Human Services Secretary, Donna Shalala, to issue a report about how best to involve communities, especially minority communities, in research and health care. HHS will award a planning grant to Tuskegee University to help it establish a center for bioethics in research and health care.

Reviewed Affirmative Action programs. Ordered a comprehensive review of the government's affirmative action programs which concluded that affirmative action is still an effective and important tool to expand educational and economic opportunity to all Americans.

Opposed California Prop 209. Filed *amicus* briefs opposing California Proposition 209, which would prohibit state affirmative action programs.

Election fairness. Defended racially fair redistricting plans against claims that they were unconstitutional; prevented election day discrimination against minority voters and voter intimidation and harassment by monitoring polling place activities in a record number of states and counties.

Eliminated discriminatory "redlining" practices. Negotiated agreements with health care agencies to eliminate discriminatory "redlining" practices denying home health care services based on residential location.

Defended fairness. Filed more cases in the last four years to enforce fair housing laws than any other Administration (more than 500 cases). Desegregated a Vidor, Texas public housing complex; ordered a Mississippi bank to implement remedial lending plans for minority customers once denied loans by the bank.

EDUCATION

African-American advisory board. Established the President's Board of Advisors for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to strengthen the capacity of historically black colleges and universities to provide quality education. Advised on ways to increase the private sector's role in these institutions.

Increased funding and grants for HBCUs. Increased funding for Historically Black Colleges by nearly \$250 million since FY92, an almost 25% increase. Increased Fulbright grant awards to HBCUs in FY96 by almost 50% over the amount reported in FY95.

Enrollment. A record percentage of African Americans were enrolled in post-secondary education in 1994 --35.6% of African American graduates.

AmeriCorps college support. Enabled 70,000 volunteers to earn money for college by serving their communities and their country in the AmeriCorps program, with African Americans comprising one-third of all participants. (National Service Act)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Increased Earned Income Tax Credit. Provided tax relief for 15 million working families by increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit to allow more families to qualify for tax rebates. In 1995, the EITC lifted over 810,000 African Americans, including almost 450,000 African American children, out of poverty.

Focused health efforts. Established the Office of the Minority Health Research and Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health. Helped communities develop culturally-competent systems for care for children with serious emotional disturbances through the Comprehensive Mental Health Services for Children and Families program.

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Action against church burnings. Focused the nation's attention and resources to help stop the rash of church burnings across the country, prosecuted those responsible, and sped the rebuilding process.

Action against hate crimes. Filed 38 hate crime cases in FY96, involving 65 defendants.

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AMERICAN LEADERSHIP

Democracy for Haiti. Restored democracy to Haiti and enabled the first transfer of power from one democratically elected president to another in Haitian history.

Democracy for South Africa. Assisted South Africa's transition to democracy by providing support for elections and development.

Focus on Africa. Hosted the first White House Conference on Africa in July 1994.

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CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS HISPANIC AMERICANS

ECONOMY

12.3 Million New Jobs. For the first time ever, over 11 million jobs were created during a single Presidential term.

Declining unemployment. The unemployment rate for Hispanic Americans in May 1997 was 7.4%, down from 11.3% when President Clinton first took office.

Minimum wage increase. The President raised the minimum wage to \$5.15 an hour --directly benefitting more than 1.6 million Hispanic American workers.

More small business assistance. Over 220,000 new Hispanic American-owned businesses were created in the first three years of the Clinton Administration. The Small Business Administration has approved more than 13,500 loans, totaling \$2.2 billion, for Hispanic American business owners, and has helped over 230,000 Hispanic Americans to receive management training and counseling from a national network of business education and assistance programs.

FIGHTING FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Diverse Administration. Appointed the most diverse Cabinet and Administration in history. Members of the Clinton Cabinet include three Hispanic Americans: Federico Pena, Secretary of Energy; Bill Richardson, Ambassador to the United Nations; and Aida Alvarez, Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Senior level Administration appointments. Appointed more Hispanic Americans to senior level positions than any President in American history, including George Munoz, Assistant Secretary for Management, Treasury. Significantly, many of these appointments are outside what had been considered the "traditional" Hispanic areas of interest.

Reviewed affirmative action programs. Ordered a comprehensive review of the government's affirmative action programs which concluded that affirmative action remains an effective and important tool to expand education and economic opportunity to all Americans.

Opposed California Prop 209. Filed *amicus* briefs opposing California Proposition 209, which would prohibit state affirmative action programs.

Election fairness. Prevented election day discrimination against minority voters and voter intimidation and harassment by monitoring polling place activities in a record number of states and counties. Continued enforcement efforts to ensure that citizens who rely on Spanish have the same opportunities to participate in voting-related activities as English-speaking voters.

Expanded voting rights. The Administration argued in federal court to expand the Voting Rights Act and defended racially fair redistricting plans. The National Voter Registration Act or "Motor Voter" law has registered at least nine million new voters and made voting easier for more than 20 million Americans.

Opposed California Prop 187. Opposed California's Proposition 187, which would have made illegal immigrants ineligible for public school education at all levels and ineligible for public health care services, because of its detrimental impact on children and its threat to public health.

Home mortgage lending on the rise. Since 1993 home mortgage lending to Hispanic Americans increased nearly 48 percent.

Investigated discrimination. Authorized investigations into discrimination practices by lenders and property insurers to help end discrimination in the provision of home mortgages.

EDUCATION

Hispanic advisory commission. Established an advisory commission to oversee the improvement in education for Hispanics and to ensure that Hispanic-serving institutions will have more input regarding educational goals and issues of concern to Hispanic Americans. The Commission's report identified contributing factors impacting attainment of educational excellence, corrective policy actions, and plans for program development and funding.(Executive Order on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans)

Student Diversity Partnership Program. Partnered with Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, American Indian Science and Engineering Society and the Center for the Advancement of Hispanics in Science and Engineering Education to implement the Student Diversity Partnership Program. This program will ensure an adequate supply of diverse and qualified scientists and engineers for the 21st century.

AmeriCorps college support. Enabled 70,000 volunteers to earn money for college by serving their communities and their country in the AmeriCorps program, with Hispanic Americans comprising 15% of all participants. (National Service Act)

Bilingual education. Increased funding for the Office of Bilingual Education & Minority Languages Affairs and opposed plans to abolish bilingual education.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Tax relief for working families. Provided tax relief for 15 million working families by increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit to allow more families to qualify for tax rebates. In 1995, the EITC lifted nearly 900,000 Hispanic Americans, including almost 450,000 Hispanic children, out of poverty.

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Increasing home ownership. Launched a program to increase the home ownership rate of Hispanic Americans in the U.S. through advertising, education and counseling programs and working with lending institutions to better serve the Hispanic community.

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AMERICAN LEADERSHIP

Democracy for Cuba. Increased efforts to promote a peaceful, democratic transition in Cuba by toughening sanctions after the brutal shoot down of U.S. civilian aircraft over international waters and signing the Helms-Burton Act to penalize those who traffic in confiscated properties in Cuba. Awarded a landmark \$500,000 grant to Freedom House to assist human rights activists in Cuba.

Support our closest neighbors. Took decisive action in assembling a financial support package for Mexico. The President's leadership prevented a prolonged financial crisis in Mexico and its spread to other Latin American countries.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM TO CHIEFS OF STAFF

FROM: CABINET AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: UPDATING ACCOMPLISHMENT DOCUMENTS

DATE: JUNE 2, 1997

Attached are accomplishment documents produced in the fall of 1996. Please review the documents and send to Cabinet Affairs any updates your agency has made in these areas.

We need the updated information by **Friday, June 6 at 12:00pm**. If you have any questions or comments, please call Bibb Hubbard or David Beaubaire at 456-2572.

Thank you.

AFRICAN-AMERICANS

America is moving closer to fulfilling its fundamental promise of ensuring equality and the opportunity for advancement for all. President Clinton has worked to restore the American dream by expanding the economy, ensuring equal opportunity, investing in education and making our communities safer. Since President Clinton entered office, the economy has created over 10 million new jobs, the unemployment rate for African-Americans has declined nearly 30% and over 100,000 new African-American businesses have been created.

But more needs to be done. The unemployment rate for African-Americans remains twice that of whites and discrimination remains a daily fact of life for too many Americans. African-Americans are still more likely to be victims of murder, robberies and aggravated assaults. That is why President Clinton will continue to work to ensure that all Americans have the security and equal opportunity needed to develop to their full potential.

A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

- **Helping Every American Achieve Economic Security in the New Economy:**
 - Oversaw the creation of more than 10 million new jobs in just over three years -- a faster annual rate of job growth than any Republican Administration since the 1920's.
 - For adult African-Americans, the unemployment rate dipped to 8.7% in June -- one of the lowest rates in 20 years. This is the 25th consecutive month that the unemployment rate for adult African-Americans has been in the single digits. (When President Clinton took office in January 1993, the unemployment rate for African-American adults was 12.5%.)
 - The incomes of African-American households increased 5% in 1994 -- the first real increase since 1988. The median income of married-couple African-American households increased by more than 11% between 1993 and 1994.
 - More than 1.3 million African-Americans would directly benefit from the President's proposal to raise the minimum wage to \$5.15 an hour.
 - Made new tax cuts available to 90% of small businesses.
 - Lowest combined rate of unemployment and inflation since 1968.
- **Fighting for Equal Opportunity:**
 - Appointed the most diverse Cabinet and Administration in history.
 - Members of the Clinton Cabinet include two African-Americans, two Hispanic-Americans and five women.
 - Fourteen percent of all Administration appointees are African-American.
 - President Clinton has to date nominated 42 African-Americans to the federal bench -- over 18% of total federal bench nominations. Overall, 68% of President Clinton's judicial appointees have been rated "well qualified" by the American Bar Association -- the highest percentage achieved by any Administration since the ABA began rating judicial candidates during the Eisenhower Administration.
 - Over 55% of the President's judicial nominees are women and minorities -- the highest proportion ever.
 - More African-American appointees (45) are serving in the White House than at any time in history.

- Ordered a review of the government's affirmative action programs which concluded that affirmative action is still an effective and important tool to expand educational and economic opportunity.
- The Administration argued in federal court to expand the Voting Rights Act and defended racially fair redistricting plans against claims they were unconstitutional.
- The Justice Department's Civil Rights Division has filed more cases in the last three years to enforce fair housing laws than any other Administration -- a record 457 cases.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development actively intervened and desegregated a Vidor, Texas public housing complex.
- The Treasury Department, working with the Justice Department, ordered a Mississippi bank to implement remedial lending plans for minority customers once denied loans by the bank.
- Made voting easier for more than 11 million Americans by creating more accessible "motor-voter" registration locations. (National Voter Registration Act)

• **Providing Educational Opportunities for the New Century:**

- A record percentage of African-Americans were enrolled in post-secondary education in 1994 -- 35.6% of African-American high school graduates.
- In 1995, the number of PhD's awarded to African-American students increased 17% over 1994.
- Increased funding for Historically Black Colleges by nearly \$250 million since FY1992, an almost 25% increase.
- Established the President's Board of Advisors for Historically Black Colleges and Universities to strengthen the capacity of historically black colleges and universities to provide quality education by advising on ways to increase the private sector's role in these institutions.
- Increased Head Start funding by nearly \$800 million to provide early education to tens of thousands of additional children in need.
- Supported the development of standards of excellence for students while encouraging grassroots reforms to improve our schools. (GOALS 2000: Educate America Act)
- Gave schools greater flexibility to use federal aid and develop effective teaching innovations to help students achieve their full potential. (Improving America's Schools Act)
- Launched an Educational Technology Initiative to connect every classroom to the Information Superhighway and provide all students with access to computers by the dawn of the next century.
- Proposed spending \$5 billion to help local communities and states rebuild the nation's schools.
- Encouraged schools, colleges and employers to join in creating school-to-work opportunities, providing students with work-based learning and giving them new pathways from high school to good jobs and post-secondary education. (School-to-Work Opportunities Act)
- Enabled 45,000 volunteers to earn money for college by serving their communities and their country in the AmeriCorps program, with African Americans comprising one-third of all participants. (National Service Act)

- Reformed the federal student loan program, making college more affordable this year for millions of students in the Direct Lending program and others who will have access to flexible repayment options, including pay-as-you-earn plans. Over 1,700 schools, representing 50% of the total amount of loans, are expected to participate in the Direct Lending program this year. (Student Loan Reform Act)
- Proposed America's Hope Scholarships to make access to two-years of college universal by providing students with a \$1,500 refundable tax credit for full-time tuition in their first year of college and another \$1,500 credit in their second year if they work hard, stay off drugs and earn at least a B average in their first year. This \$1,500 tax credit will pay for more than the full cost of tuition at the national average-priced community colleges.

• **Cherishing Children and Strengthening Families:**

- Provided tax relief for 15 million working families by increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit to allow more families to qualify for tax rebates. In 1994, the EITC lifted over 700,000 African-Americans, including 370,000 African-American children, out of poverty.
- Helped families move from welfare to work by authorizing 40 states to bypass existing welfare rules and set time limits on benefits, require recipients to work or stay in school, provide child care and give employers incentives to hire welfare recipients.
- Helped move 1.3 million people from welfare to work -- decreasing welfare rolls by 10% since taking office.
- Breaking the cycle of welfare dependency by requiring teenage mothers to live at home, stay in school and turn their lives around.
- Implemented a new child support enforcement project to help track down non-paying parents across state lines; challenged states to adopt new hire programs to catch delinquent parents who move from job to job; and issued new regulations to require women who apply for welfare to comply with paternity establishment requirements before receiving benefits, except in cases of rape or threat to the mother's safety.
- Collected a record \$11 billion in child support in 1995 through tougher enforcement -- a nearly 40% increase over 1992.
- Worked with community, business and religious leaders to form a new National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.
- Enabled workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a family member without fear of losing their jobs. (Family and Medical Leave Act). The President has proposed expanding the Family and Medical Leave Act to better help workers care for their families without sacrificing their work obligations. The expansion will allow workers to take up to 24 hours of unpaid leave in support of their children's educational needs, older relatives' health care and other family medical and dental obligations.
- Proposed an employee choice flex-time initiative that will allow workers to agree with their employers to work overtime in exchange for up to 80 hours of paid time-off ("flex-time"). Under the President's proposal, workers could choose to receive time-and-a-half in flex-time or in cash pay for each hour of overtime and could use their accumulated flex-time for any purpose.

- Established a Childhood Immunization Initiative to ensure vaccinations and healthy futures for all children. In 1995, 75% of two-year-old children were properly immunized, an historic high.
- Put the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) on a full funding path.
- Established the Office of Minority Health Research and Alternative Medicine at the National Institute of Health.
- Proposed a comprehensive initiative to cut off children's access to tobacco products and reduce their appeal to children.
- Gave parents greater control over what their children watch on television by announcing a breakthrough agreement with the media and entertainment industry to develop a television ratings system and by requiring the installation of anti-violence screening chips ("V-chips") in all new televisions.

- **Taking Back Our Streets From Crime, Gangs and Drugs:**

- Focused the nation's attention and resources to help stop the rash of church burnings across the country, prosecute those responsible and speed the rebuilding process.
- Filed a record 42 cases involving hate crimes in FY 1995, involving 66 defendants -- the second highest number charged in one year.
- Signed into law the toughest, most comprehensive Crime Bill ever, which puts 100,000 new police officers on the street -- more than 43,000 officers have already been funded.
- Stood up to the gun lobby and won passage of the Brady Bill -- as a result, more than 60,000 fugitives and felons have already been blocked from buying guns.
- Banned the manufacture and importation of 19 of the deadliest assault weapons while specifically protecting more than 650 legitimate sporting weapons. (Assault Weapons Ban)
- Keeping dangerous weapons out of our children's classrooms by enforcing a "Zero Tolerance" gun policy in schools.
- Reducing violence and drug abuse in our schools by investing in school security, drug prevention programs and counseling. (Safe and Drug Free Schools Act)
- Encouraged schools to consider adopting school uniform policies to reduce violence while promoting discipline and respect; communities to implement curfews to get children off the streets and out of harms way; and teachers and law enforcement to enforce truancy laws so that children are learning about life in school and not on the streets.
- Instituted a tough "One-Strike-And-You're-Out" policy in public housing for those who engage in criminal activity.
- Developed a comprehensive National Drug Control Strategy that will reduce illegal drug use through law enforcement, prevention, treatment and interdiction.

- **Creating Opportunity in America's Communities:**

- Created nine Economic Empowerment Zones and 95 Enterprise Communities that use tax incentives and flexible grants to promote economic empowerment and private sector job creation in 104 distressed communities across America.

- Creating a network of community development banks and financial institutions in low and moderate-income communities which leverages \$10 of private investment for every \$1 of federal investment. With \$50 million appropriated for 1995 and \$1.625 billion requested in the President's budget proposal for the next seven years, matching capital and other assistance will be provided to create and expand community development banks and financial institutions. (Community Development Banks and Financial Institutions Fund)
 - Made the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and Mortgage Revenue Bond Program permanent increasing opportunities for affordable housing development by the private sector.
 - Reformed the Community Reinvestment Act to focus on performance -- actual lending, investments and basic banking services -- rather than paperwork. The reforms will unleash billions in new credit to low- to moderate-income communities.
- **Leaving Our Environment Safe and Clean for the Next Generation:**
 - Issued an Executive Order on Environmental Justice, ensuring that low income citizens and minorities do not suffer a disproportionate burden of industrial pollution.
 - Identified 20 environmental justice pilot projects to be undertaken across the country to redevelop contaminated sites in low-income communities and turn them into useable space, creating jobs and enhancing community development.
 - Launched a Brownfields Initiative to return land to productive use by providing tax incentives to clean-up old industrial waste sites.
 - Completed nearly as many toxic waste site clean ups in each of the past two years as were completed in the previous 10 years. Fought Republican Congressional attempts to gut the Superfund law that makes polluters -- rather than taxpayers -- pay to clean up toxic dumps.
 - **Maintaining America's Leadership in the Fight for Freedom and Peace:**
 - Restored democracy to Haiti, enabling the first transfer of power from one democratically elected president to another in Haitian history.
 - Assisted South Africa's transition to democracy, providing support for elections and development.
 - Hosted the first White House Conference on Africa in July 1994.

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ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICANS

Every sector of American life has benefited from the extraordinary leadership of those who trace their roots back to Asia and the Pacific Island region. In the arts and sciences, business, law, academia and government, Asian-Pacific Americans have expanded our horizons and successfully embraced the opportunities of the American Dream.

President Clinton believes that our nation stands at the dawn of a new era of hope and opportunity. We depend as never before on the active involvement of every American to meet the challenges of our changing world. That is why the President has worked to ensure economic security, educational opportunity and equal opportunity for all Americans.

A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

- **Helping Every American Achieve Economic Security in the New Economy:**
 - Oversaw the creation of more than 10 million new jobs in just over three years -- a faster annual rate of job growth than any Republican Administration since the 1920's.
 - Unemployment has fallen to 5.3% from 7% when President Clinton first took office.
 - Approved nearly 8,500 Small Business Administration loans totalling nearly \$2 billion to Asian-American businesses.
 - Funded an SA program targeted to Asian-American women that provides training and counseling to thousands in the Chinatown section of New York City.
 - Secured commitments from Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation leaders to eliminate barriers to open trade in the Asia-Pacific region in 2020.
 - Helped increase exports to Asia by more than 44% since taking office; our exports to Asia account for over 2 million jobs in the United States.
 - Made new tax cuts available to 90% of small businesses.
 - Passed the largest deficit-cutting plan in history -- saving more than \$1 trillion over 7 years.
 - Lowest combined rate of unemployment and inflation since 1968.
- **Fighting for Equal Opportunity:**
 - Appointed the most diverse Cabinet and Administration in history.
 - Appointed over 185 Asian-Pacific Americans to the Administration-- three times as many Asian-American appointees as the previous Administration.
 - Nominated more Asian-Americans to the federal bench than any other Administration; President Clinton's first Asian-American nomination to a federal court was the first in almost 14 years. Overall, 68% of President Clinton's judicial appointees have been rated "well qualified" by the American Bar Association -- the highest percentage achieved by any Administration since the ABA began rating judicial candidates during the Eisenhower Administration.
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- Hosted two Asian-Pacific American Education Forums to address the needs of Asian-American students and their teachers.
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HISPANIC-AMERICANS

One of our nation's greatest strengths is its vast diversity. Since our country's inception, Hispanic-Americans have always had an integral role in shaping America's history, economy and traditions. Many of the ideals that all Americans live by are deeply rooted in the Hispanic values of a strong sense of family, hard work, service to country and religious faith.

President Clinton is leading the way to enable Hispanic-Americans to participate at all levels of American society and have a greater role in boardrooms, schoolrooms and the halls of government. The President has worked to make the American dream a real possibility for all Americans and to ensure that the hopes and dreams of Hispanic-Americans are attainable.

A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

- **Helping Every American Achieve Economic Security in the New Economy:**
 - Oversaw the creation of more than 10 million new jobs in only three-and-a-half years -- a faster annual rate of job growth than any Republican Administration since the 1920's.
 - The President proposed to raise the minimum wage to \$5.15 an hour -- directly benefitting more than 1.6 million Hispanic-Americans.
 - The unemployment rate for Hispanic-Americans in May was 8.8%, down from 11.3% when President Clinton first took office.
 - Over 220,000 new Hispanic-American-owned businesses have been created in the first three years of the Clinton Administration.
 - After more than a decade of decline, 1 million new manufacturing and construction jobs have been created since President Clinton took office.
 - Passed the largest deficit-cutting plan in history -- saving more than \$1 trillion over 7 years.
 - Lowest combined rate of unemployment and inflation since 1968.
 - Made new tax cuts available to over 90% of small businesses.
 - Proposed safeguarding workers' pensions and health care by simplifying pensions and protecting health insurance for people who change or lose their jobs.
- **Fighting for Equal Opportunity:**
 - Appointed the most diverse Cabinet and Administration in history. Members of the Clinton cabinet include two Hispanic-Americans, Henry Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Frederico Pena, Secretary of Transportation.
 - A record number (20) of all judicial appointments are Hispanic-Americans, including the first Mexican-American judge in Los Angeles and the first Hispanic judge in Chicago. Overall, 63% of President Clinton's Latino judicial appointees have been rated "well qualified" by the American Bar Association -- the highest percentage achieved by any Administration since the ABA began rating judicial candidates during the Eisenhower Administration.
 - Over 55% of the President's judicial nominees are women and minorities -- the highest proportion ever.

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 - Launched a Brownfields Initiative to return land to productive use by providing tax incentives to clean-up old industrial waste sites.
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WOMEN

"It is time for us to recognize a simple, but profound truth: by improving the lives of American women, we are making a vital investment in America's future. By investing in women, we enable them to reach their fullest potential as individuals and as members of our society. When women thrive, their families thrive. When families thrive, communities flourish, and our nation reaps the benefits."

President Bill Clinton
January 1996

President Clinton has an unprecedented record of supporting women and families. He understands that by improving the lives of American women, we make a vital investment in America's future. Today, 61 million American women are in the workforce, comprising half of all workers. Women are usually the primary caretakers for our children and our families. Each day, women working outside the home balance job and family responsibilities.

The Clinton Administration is committed to providing more economic and educational opportunities for women, to providing quality health and child care, to preventing violence on the streets and at home, and to ensuring that women's voices are heard at every level of our government.

A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

Expanding Opportunities

- Over 40% of President Clinton's appointees are women, by far the highest percentage of any Administration. Of these, five women hold Cabinet-level posts, the most ever.
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- Created the White House Office for Women's Initiatives & Outreach; the Department of Justice's Violence Against Women Office; and the Interagency Council on Women's Business Enterprise to ensure that women's economic concerns are addressed at the top levels of his Administration.

Helping Every American Achieve Economic Security in the New Economy

- Won enactment of the largest deficit-cutting plan in history -- cutting the deficit by more than half within four years, after it quadrupled during the previous two Administrations

- Every budget submitted by President Clinton has included increases to improve and expand child care services.
- President Clinton has worked to make child care programs more consistent and coordinated. By streamlining the management of four major child care programs into a single Child Care Bureau, the Clinton Administration has linked services and programs, reduced red tape, improved quality and given states more flexibility. The Administration also launched the Healthy Child Care Campaign to create partnerships between the health care and child care communities to ensure safe and healthy environments for children.
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- Supported effective, fair and balanced affirmative action programs that provide opportunities for minorities and women.
- Helped families move from welfare to work by authorizing 40 states to bypass existing welfare rules and set time limits on benefits, require recipients to work or stay in school, provide child care and give employers incentives to hire welfare recipients. These waivers are making work and responsibility a way of life for 75% of all welfare recipients.

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Expanding Access to Quality Health Care

- Fought to give all Americans quality health care and helped put the focus on rising health care costs. Last year, medical inflation had the smallest increase in nearly two decades.
- Revoked the Reagan/Bush restrictions on abortion counseling (the "gag rule"), abortions in military hospitals and the "Mexico City" policy. Supported permitting Medicaid coverage for abortion services for poor women who are victims of rape or incest. Ensured clinic safety by signing the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act to fight violence and intimidation against women and their doctors.
- Increased funding for breast cancer research by 65% and initiated the National Action Plan on Breast Cancer, a public/private partnership to fight the disease.
- Fought to preserve the guarantee of Medicaid coverage for women, children, people with disabilities and older Americans in the 1996 budget. Sixty percent of all Medicaid beneficiaries are women. Today, Medicaid covers prenatal care, check ups for children, long-term care and other vital services.
- Strengthened Medicare by enacting savings and structural changes that extended the life of the Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for an estimated three years. The President's balanced budget proposal would extend the life of the Medicare Trust Fund by over a decade from now through specific savings and policy changes without any new beneficiary cuts. The Clinton Administration also launched "Operation Restore Trust" to combat Medicare fraud and abuse, which has already paid \$42.3 million in restitution, fines, settlements and recovery of payments. Women comprise over 20 million, or 57%, of the 37 million Medicare recipients and nearly 5 million women, or 23% of women aged 65 or older, depend solely on Medicare to help with their medical bills.
- Improved the quality of health care services provided to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries in managed care through a number of initiatives.

Launched the Medicare Mammography Campaign to educate older women about the importance of detecting breast cancer early and about Medicare coverage of mammography services.

- Working to correct inequities of clinical research, which has traditionally focused primarily on men, by: 1) enacting legislation requiring that women and minorities be included in all clinical research supported by the National Institutes of Health; and 2) issuing guidelines to encourage participation of women in all phases of clinical drug development.
- Put the Women, Infants and Children Program on a full funding path.
- Requested annual budget increases for the federal Family Planning Program in order to help women reduce the risk of unintended pregnancies.
- Vetoed legislation that failed to protect women's health by banning a certain abortion procedure without an exemption for cases when, in the medical judgment of a physician, it is the best hope for the woman to avoid serious health consequences.

Providing Educational Opportunities for the New Century

- Supported education equity and leadership training for girls.
- Increased Head Start funding by nearly \$800 million to provide early education to tens of thousands of additional children in need.
- Supported the development of standards of excellence for students while encouraging grassroots reforms to improve our schools. More than 45 states and thousands of schools participate in Goals 2000 and have developed their own strategic plans for educational improvement based on raising academic standards, improving teaching, increasing parental involvement and expanding the use of technology in the classroom.
- Signed the School-to-Work Opportunities Act which broadens educational, career and economic opportunities for students not immediately bound for four-year colleges through local partnerships among businesses, schools, community organizations and state and local governments. By equipping students with the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue work or post-secondary training, this initiative helps ensure that America will be capable of performing and prospering in a competitive global economy.
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Making Homes and Communities Safer

- Broke six years of Congressional gridlock by signing the toughest and smartest Crime Bill ever with bipartisan support and endorsements from every major law enforcement organization. This legislation:
 - Included the Violence Against Women Act, the first national effort to reduce violence against women. The Act tripled funding for battered women's shelters and has already provided \$156 million in state grants to bolster law enforcement, prosecution and victims' services.
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 - Increased penalties for sex offenders and imposed a registration requirement for violent sexual offenders.
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 - Banned 19 of the deadliest assault weapons and their copies, but specifically protected more than 650 legitimate sporting weapons.
 - Created the COPS program, putting 100,000 more community police officers in cities, towns and rural areas. In addition, the Clinton Administration has awarded more than \$46 million to help 336 communities fight domestic violence by strengthening community policing and its ties to local victims' services.
- Fought for and signed the Brady Bill, which has prevented over 60,000 convicted felons, fugitives, stalkers and other criminals from buying handguns.

Leaving Our Environment Safe and Clean for the Next Generation

- Issued a "Pollution Disclosure" Executive Order requiring industry to disclose information about toxic releases to their neighbors and nearly doubling the number of chemicals that industry must report.
- Required drinking water systems to test for and eliminate dangerous contaminants and introduced comprehensive Safe Drinking Water reforms.
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- Issued new safeguards to protect consumers from *E. coli* contamination in meat.

THE CHALLENGES AHEAD:

America is moving in the right direction. Crime, teen pregnancy and poverty rates are down. Real median family income has increased during the Clinton Administration, after falling 4% during the previous four years. The combined unemployment, inflation and mortgage rate is at its lowest level since 1968. Over 10 million new jobs have been created in just over three years -- 93% of all new jobs created are in the private sector and nearly 4 million new jobs in high-wage industries have been created since 1993. From 1993 to 1995, the number of women-owned businesses has grown from 6 million to 7.8 million -- almost double the rate of growth in businesses overall.

But we still have more to do before every American has a chance to fulfill his or her promise. The Clinton Administration will remain committed to reinforcing basic values by working together to cherish children, strengthen families, increase access to education and high-wage jobs and create greater opportunities for a better future. We have a historic opportunity and a responsibility to lead the world in our efforts to better the lives of women. That is why President Clinton:

- Will continue to protect women's health and safety, and the right of American women to make their own reproductive choices.
- Will continue to fight against drastic budget cuts that threaten Medicare, Medicaid, education and the environment.
- Will continue to invest in education and to help Americans invest in their children's future with public school choice, charter schools, a \$10,000 deduction for higher education, Hope Scholarships which guarantee the first two years of college through refundable tax credits and a \$2 billion Technology Literacy Challenge Fund to help communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills they need for the 21st century.
- Will continue fighting for an increase in the minimum wage to provide the opportunity for working Americans to lift themselves and their families out of poverty. Almost 60% of all minimum wage earners are women.
- Is committed to providing more relief for working families through a \$500 per child tax credit.
- Will continue to support affirmative action consistent with Supreme Court rulings and work with federal agencies to reform programs so that they are stronger where needed. The Administration will oppose legislation that will turn back the clock on the federal government's historic, bipartisan commitment to equal opportunity.
- Will continue to fight for meaningful health insurance reform to allow people to keep coverage when they change jobs and prevent denial of coverage due to pre-existing conditions. In addition, President Clinton introduced proposals as part of his balanced budget plan to improve the health security of all Americans, help workers transitioning to new jobs pay for health insurance, strengthen and modernize Medicare, and protect the guarantee of health coverage for Medicaid recipients.
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Accomplishments



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Education Accomplishments

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[substitute] Leading a Crusade for Voluntary National Standards and Tests in the Basic Skills. President Clinton has challenged every state to adopt high national standards in the basic skills and, by 1999, to test every 4th grade student in reading and every 8th grade student in math so that parents, students and teachers can tell if students are meeting national standards. These standards will help students master the basics and represent what all our children must know in order to succeed in the knowledge economy. [Already six (this number will change 7/25) states and the Department of Defense Schools have joined the President's effort.]

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Education]

[add] **Raised Standards for Over Ten Million Low Income Students.** The Clinton Administration's Improving America's Schools Act, enacted in 1994, overhauled Title 1 to provide extra help with basic and advanced skills to disadvantaged students in elementary and secondary schools. As a result of this Act, states now hold low income students to the same high standards set for all other students in the state, and to hold schools accountable for the results. As a result, more than ten million low income students now benefit from higher expectations and a challenging curriculum geared to higher standards. The new law also provides funds for teacher training, strengthened requirements for parental involvement, and has reduced regulations by more than 50%. [Secretary Riley accomplishments memo 12/6/96; *getting cite for regs reduction from Education*]

- **Launched America Reads** -- [substitute last sentence]: "The President's Budget Agreement with Republicans includes a child literacy initiative consistent with these goals."

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- [add new after IDEA] **Making Schools Safe, Disciplined and Drug Free.** The Clinton Administration passed the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and successfully fought Republican efforts to cut this program, which provides school security, drug prevention and education programs in 97% of America's school districts. In addition, President Clinton signed the Gun-Free Schools Act and issued a Presidential Directive to enforce "zero tolerance" in our schools -- if a student brings a gun to school, he or she does not come back for a year. [Secretary Riley accomplishments memo 12/6/96]

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- [add new] **Supporting national standards of excellence for teachers.** In his Call to Action for American Education, the President called on states, school districts and the private sector to identify and reward our most talented master teachers. The President's budget will assist 100,000 more teachers over the next ten years will to seek national certification as highly accomplished master teachers -- at least one teacher for every school. [Call to Action for American Education]

OPENING THE DOOR TO COLLEGE

- **Making the 13th and 14th years of education universal.**

[substitute for Hope Scholarships and deductions; this is still obviously in flux] Higher education tax cuts: The balanced budget agreement calls for roughly \$35 billion in tax cuts to help families

pay for college. The President has proposed a \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship tuition tax credit, to make the first two years of college universally available. For students beyond the first two years, or part-time students seeking to improve or acquire job skills, the President has proposed a 20 percent tax credit for up to \$10,000 of tuition and required fees.

Largest Pell Grant Increase: cite NEC background paper, rather than DPC.

[substitute title and intro] Reforming Student Loans. President Clinton has cut student fees and interest rates for all borrowers, and expanded repayment options and improved service through the Direct Loan Program. More than . .

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[Add new] **Ensure access to college for millions of students** while asking them to study hard and pay some of the costs of their own education by reauthorizing the Higher Education Act. [Secretary Riley 6/19/97 draft testimony on Higher Education Act Reauthorization]

Let me know if you have any questions.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DPC STAFF

FROM: Paul Weinstein

SUBJECT: Clinton-Gore Administration Accomplishments Document

Please review the draft Clinton-Gore Accomplishments document and provide written edits on the appropriate sections to me by COB ~~Tuesday~~ Monday

PREPARING AMERICA FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Clinton-Gore Administration Accomplishments

June 1997

ECONOMY: The Best American Economy In A Generation

12.3 Million New Jobs...for the first time ever over 11 million jobs were created during a single Presidential term.

Deficit Cut By 80%...from \$290 billion to \$57 billion, down 5 years in a row for the first time in 50 years.

Lowest Unemployment In 24 Years...down from 7.5% in 1992 to 4.8% today, the lowest level since 1973.

Median Family Income Up \$1,600...between 1993 and 1995, the fastest growth since the Johnson Administration.

EDUCATION: Largest Expansion Of Educational Opportunity In 30 Years

180,000 More Kids In Head Start...which now reaches more kids than at any time since its creation in 1965.

Leading A Crusade For Voluntary National Education Standards...so that by 1999, every 4th grade student will be tested in reading and every 8th grade student will be tested in math.

Making College More Affordable...by increasing Pell Grants by 20% from \$2,300 in 1993 to \$2,700 in 1997 and creating the Direct Lending program, which has made college more affordable for more than 2.1 million students.

Biggest Investment In Higher Education Since The G.I. Bill....The balanced budget plan includes the largest overall investment in education in 30 years and biggest investment in higher education since the G.I. Bill in 1944.

CRIME: Declining Steadily For The First Time In 25 Years

Violent Crime Down 5 Years In a Row...the longest period of decline in 25 years. And for the first time in seven years, juvenile crime (which had been exploding) declined in 1995.

100,000 New Police On The Street...resulting in a nearly 20% increase in our nation's police force. Already 61,000 new officers have been funded.

186,000 Felons, Fugitives And Stalkers Denied Handguns...because the President signed the Brady Bill into law.

Developed Comprehensive Anti-Drug Strategy...and appointed four-star General Barry McCaffrey Drug Czar.

WELFARE: Largest Drop In Welfare Rolls In 50 Years

Overhauled The Welfare System...by signing bipartisan welfare reform legislation in 1996 and is now challenging private businesses to hire 1 million people, moving them from welfare to work.

2.75 Million People Moved From Welfare To Work...even before the new welfare bill took effect, the largest decline in welfare rolls in 50 years.

50% Increase In Child Support Collection...from 1992 to 1996 due to tougher enforcement of Child Support Laws. A record \$11.8 billion was collected in 1996, up \$4 billion (nearly 50%) since 1992.

ENVIRONMENT: Protecting Our Environment For Future Generations

Cleaned Up As Many Superfund Sites In 3 Years As Previous Administrations Did In 12.

Safer Food, Drinking Water And Air...because the President fought for and signed the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Food Quality Protection Act and issued new standards to cut toxic pollution from chemical plants by 90%.

Created New National Parks In Utah, California; \$1.5 Billion Plan To Restore The Florida Everglades.

Reduced EPA Paperwork Requirements For Businesses By 15 Million Hours.

**President Clinton:
Building Stronger Families**

"To Prepare America for the 21st Century, we must build stronger families."

President Bill Clinton
February 4, 1997

Strong families are vital to our children, our communities and our nation. President Clinton is meeting the challenge to strengthen our families by providing tax relief to working families, investing in our children's education, reducing crime and helping families move from welfare to work. The Clinton Administration is committed to protecting children, improving their quality of health, encouraging companies to adopt family-friendly practices and strengthening parents' capacity to nurture healthy families.

A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

Cherishing Our Children

- **Expanding Children's Access to Health Care:** Ten million children lack health insurance -- 80% of them have working parents who pay taxes. President Clinton's Balanced Budget Agreement of 1997 expands health care for 5 million of these children.[1997 Budget Agreement]
- **Expanding Head Start to Reach 1 Million Children a Year:** For over 30 years, Head Start has helped low-income families create an environment where their children are ready to learn by taking a comprehensive approach to child development - improving children's learning skills, health, nutrition, and social competency. Under the Clinton Administration, funding for Head Start has increased 80% to \$4 billion in 1997. These additional funds have enabled Head Start to serve 180,000 more children and their families. And President Clinton's Budget Agreement with Congress continues expansion of Head Start toward the President's goal of serving 1 million children in 2002. [Paper; HHS Press Release, 3/26/96]
- **Protecting Children from TV Violence:** President Clinton gave parents greater control over what their children watch on television by requiring the installation of anti-violence screening chips ("V-chips") in all new televisions. [Telecommunications Act of 1996, P.L. 104-104, signed 2/8/96] In addition, the President announced a breakthrough agreement with the media and entertainment industry to develop a television ratings system to enable parents to protect their children from violence and adult content. Today, the rating system is in place, informing parents on what their children are watching. [Statement by the President, 2/29/96]

- **Targeting Teen-Age Smoking:** President Clinton proposed the first-ever comprehensive program to protect children from the dangers of tobacco. The Food and Drug Administration has already issued rules aimed at teen-age smoking, such as making 18 the age for the purchase of cigarettes nationwide.[Food and Drug Administration Press Release, 4/15/97]
- **Protecting Children's Health Through Increased Immunizations:** The President has established a Childhood Immunization Initiative to ensure vaccinations and healthy futures for all children. In 1995, the immunization rate for two-year olds reached 76%, a record high. And these vaccinations are working: the number of reported cases of diphtheria, mumps, tetanus, measles, rubella, and polio continue to be at or near record low levels.[Centers for Disease Control, Press Release, 2/27/97]
- **Reaching Full Participation in WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), reaching 7.5 million participants by the end of FY97. This program works: Every dollar invested in WIC has been proven to save \$ 3 in preventive health-care costs.[Federal Department and Agency Documents, 2/6/97]
- **More Educational Television:** Joined together with the four major television networks to support a proposal to require broadcasters to air three hours of quality educational programming each week.[AP 7/29/96; Statement by the President, 7/29/96]

Strengthening Our Families

- **Strengthening Families:** The first bill President Clinton signed was the Family Medical Leave Act, which enables workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for family members without fear of losing their jobs. More than 12 million families have taken leave since its enactment. [Commission on Family Medical Leave, A Workable Balance - Report to Congress, 1996; Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, P.L. 103-3, signed February 5, 1993]
- **Greater Health Care Security for Millions of American Families:** Because President Clinton believes that we should provide more Americans with access to health care services, he fought for and signed the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, also known as Kennedy-Kassebaum. The bill limited exclusions for pre-existing conditions, ended "job-lock" by making health coverage portable, and helped individuals who lose jobs maintain insurance coverage. The Health Insurance Reform Bill President Clinton signed into law protects the health care of millions of working Americans, giving millions of families peace of mind.[Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, P.L. 104-191, signed 8/21/96]

- **Cutting taxes for millions of working families:** President Clinton expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit to give 15 million working families tax relief. Today, that earned income tax credit is worth about \$1,000 to a family of four with an income under \$28,000 a year. The Earned Income Tax Credit lifts full-time workers with children out of poverty.[Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, P.L. 103-66, signed August 10, 1993]
- **Increasing the Minimum Wage:** The President proposed and signed into law an increase in the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.15 over two years. For a full-time, year-round worker at minimum wage, this 90-cent increase raises yearly income by \$1,800 -- as much as the average family spends on groceries over seven months. The law signed by President Clinton will increase the wages of 10 million Americans, giving them a chance to raise stronger families and build better futures. [Small Business Job Protection Act Of 1996, P.L.104-188, Signed 8/20/96]

Ensuring Responsibility

- **Enforcing Child Support:** The Clinton Administration collected a record \$11.8 billion in child support in 1996 through tougher enforcement, an increase of \$4 billion, or nearly 50%, since 1992.[Source: HHS Press release, 4/14/96] President Clinton also issued an Executive Order to help track down federal workers who fail to pay child support.[Executive Order 12953, 2/27/95]
- **Moving People From Welfare to Work:** During the first four years of the Clinton Administration, from January 1993 to January 1997, the number of people receiving welfare benefits fell by 20%, or 2.75 million recipients - the largest decline in the welfare rolls in 50 years. This historic decline occurred in response to the Administration's grants of federal waivers to 43 states to experiment with innovative approaches to ending welfare dependency, as well as in response to a strong economy. These waivers gave states the freedom to reform welfare on the local level, including setting time limits on benefits, requiring recipients to work or stay in school, providing child care and giving employers incentives to hire welfare recipients.[Council of Economic Advisors, Explaining the Decline in Welfare Receipt: 1992-1996, 5/9/97]
- **Overhauling the Welfare System:** Last year the President signed a bipartisan welfare plan that will dramatically change the nation's welfare system into one that requires work in exchange for time-limited assistance. The law contains strong work requirements, a performance bonus to reward states for moving welfare recipients into jobs, state maintenance of effort requirements, comprehensive child care enforcement, and supports for families moving from welfare to work -- including increased funding for child care and guaranteed medical coverage.[Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, P.L. 104-193, signed 8/22/97]

- **Breaking the Cycle of Dependency:** The Clinton Administration took executive action in May 1996 to require teenage mothers to stay in school and sign personal responsibility contracts or lose their welfare benefits. Having a baby should not be the ticket to leaving home and dropping out of school.[Memorandum from the President on the Welfare Initiative for Teen Parents, 5/10/96]

THE CHALLENGES AHEAD:

America is moving in the right direction. The crime rate is down, welfare rolls and food stamp participation are falling and the teen pregnancy rate has dropped. But we still have more work to do to ensure the health, safety and futures of our children and families. The President's agenda includes:

- Expanding health insurance coverage for all children whose parents cannot afford it.
- Providing families with a \$500 per child tax credit.
- Expanding the accessibility of child care information and services to parents, expanding child care funding available to low-income working families and working with states to improve the quality of services.
- Expanding the Family Medical Leave Act to better help workers care for their families without sacrificing their work obligations. This expansion would allow workers to take up to 24 hours of unpaid leave in support of their children's education needs, older relatives' health care and other family medical obligations.

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PRESIDENT CLINTON:
PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEW CENTURY

"Looking ahead, the greatest step of all -- the high threshold of the future we now must cross -- and my number one priority for the next four years is to ensure that all Americans have the best education in the world."

President Clinton

State of the Union, February 4, 1997

A Commitment to Education

President Clinton has made an unprecedented commitment to education: the President's Budget Agreement with Congress includes the largest increase in our investment in education in 30 years and the largest single boost in college aid since the G.I. Bill.

ENSURING THAT EVERY CHILD IN AMERICA CAN LEARN

• **Voluntary National Standards.**

Leading a National Crusade for Education Standards. President Clinton has challenged every state to adopt high national standards, so that by 1999, every 4th grade student will be tested in reading and every 8th grade reader will be tested in math. These standards will represent what all our children must know to succeed in the knowledge economy. [Already five states have joined the President's effort.]

Goals 2000. The President's National Standards effort builds upon the success of Goals 2000, a Clinton Administration initiative enacted in 1994, that helps participating States establish voluntary standards of excellence for all children and plan and implement steps to raise educational achievement. All states have now chosen to receive Goals 2000 funding. [Goals 2000: Educate America Act, P.L. 103-227; Office of Management and Budget, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1998, 1997]

Launched America Reads. President Clinton launched America Reads Challenge, a nationwide effort to mobilize a citizen army of a million volunteer tutors to make sure every child can read independently by the end of third grade. [The 1997 Congressional Budget Resolution] The President's Budget Agreement with Republicans includes America's Reading Corps: 25,000 reading specialists and 11,000 AmeriCorps members serving as recruiters and coordinators, to enlist an army of one million volunteer. [1997 Budget Agreement]

Expanding Head Start to Reach 1 Million Children a Year. President Clinton has made Head Start an Administration priority. For over 30 years, Head Start has helped low-income families create an environment where their children are ready to learn by taking a

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comprehensive approach to child development - improving children's learning skills, health, nutrition, and social competency. Under the Clinton administration, funding for Head Start has increased 80% to \$4 billion in 1997. These additional funds have enabled Head Start to serve 180,000 more children and their families. And President Clinton's Budget Agreement with Congress continues expansion of Head Start toward the President's goal of serving 1 million children in 2002.[Budget Agreement; HHS Press Release, 3/26/97]

- **Expanding School-To-Work.** The Clinton Administration is providing hundreds of thousands of students with school-to-work opportunities, where they experience work-based learning and gain access to pathways from high school to good jobs and post-secondary education. [School-to-Work Opportunities Act, P.L. 103-239] In 1994 and 1995, over 500,000 young people in 1,800 schools throughout the nation, as well as 135,000 employers, participated in school-to-work systems that integrate academic and vocational instruction and provide work-based learning. [Source: Department of Education, 12/96]
- **Expanding Opportunity for Disabled Children.** President Clinton signed legislation reauthorizing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), strengthening and reaffirming our nation's 20-year commitment to disabled children and their parents. The IDEA demonstrates the Administration's commitment to educational opportunity for all, by helping ensure that children with disabilities are included in all facets of community life and are able to become independent and productive citizens. [Title, 101-354]

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- **Bringing Computers to the Classroom.** The President's 1997 Budget Agreement with Congress doubles the funding for America's Technology Literacy Challenge, catalyzing private-public sector partnerships to put the information age at our children's fingertips. The President is committed to helping communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century. For 1998, the budget proposes \$425 million, more than doubling the \$200 million that Congress provided in 1997.[1997 Budget Agreement]
- **Linking Children to the Internet.** The Clinton Administration is implementing a plan to create an "E-Rate," a discounted education rate for telecommunications services so schools and libraries will be able to bring technology into the classroom, set up phone lines and access the Internet at a fraction of the cost. The Federal Communications Commission has already approved a plan to make discounts worth \$2.25 billion annually available to our schools and libraries.[Source: Education Department Initiatives, 5/8/97]
- **Expanding school choice and accountability in public education.** The President has challenged every state to let parents choose the right public school for their children. The Clinton Administration is helping teachers, parents and community groups to start charter schools -- innovative public schools that stay open only as long as they produce results and meet the highest standards. The President's proposed budget doubles funding to help start

charter schools so that there will be more than 3,000 charter schools at the dawn of the 21st century. [Office of Management and Budget, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1998, 1997]

OPENING THE DOOR TO COLLEGE

- **Making the 13th and 14th years of education universal.**

America's Hope Scholarships The President's Budget Agreement with Congress funds these scholarships, which provide students with a \$1,500 refundable tax credit for full-time tuition in their first year and second year of college. [Office of Management and Budget, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1998, 1997]

A targeted tax deduction of up \$10,000 a year for all tuition after high school. The President's Budget Agreement with Congress will fund this initiative as part of the \$35 billion in tax cuts for higher education. This tax cut will put college in the reach of millions of American families.

The largest increase in Pell Grants in 20 years. President Clinton has already increased Pell Grants from \$2,300 in 1993 to \$2,700 in 1997. These grants will provide a total of 3.8 million low-income students the opportunity to attend college this year. [Source: Department of Education (Memo to President, 12/6/96)] And he plans to do more. The President's Budget Agreement with Congress includes the largest increase in Pell Grants in two decades -- a funding boost of 25%. The maximum award will reach \$3,000, \$700 more than in 1993. In the 1998 budget alone, an additional 348,000 students will receive grants: 130,000 young people from moderate income families, and 218,000 low income students over the age of 24. [Source: Budget Agreement - Domestic Policy Council Background]

- **Expanding Student Loans.** President Clinton has reformed the student loan program, making college more affordable this year for millions of students through the Direct Lending program. [Student Loan Reform Act of 1993, P.L. 103- 66] More than 2.1 million student and parent borrowers have received direct loans since the program began. [Source: Department of Education, 12/96] Under this Administration, the rate of student loan defaults within the first two years after borrowers leave college has reached an all-time low. The losses from student loan defaults fell from \$ 1.7 billion in 1992 to \$ 249 million in 1996 - an 86% drop. [Budget; Department of Education Press Release, 1/9/97]
- **Expanding Educational Opportunity Through Service.** The Clinton Administration has enabled 70,000 volunteers to earn money for college by serving their communities and their country in the AmeriCorps program. [The National and Community Service Act, P.L. 103-82; U.S. Newswire, 4/28/97]

THE AGENDA AHEAD:

President Clinton has issued a call to action for American education in the 21st Century:

- **Set rigorous national standards**, that all states adopt, with national tests in 4th grade reading and 8th grade math to make sure our children master the basics.
- **Make sure a talented and dedicated teacher is in every classroom.** We must ensure teacher quality well into the 21st century by challenging our most promising young people to consider teaching as a career and setting high standards for entering the teaching profession.
- **Connect every classroom and library to the Internet** by the year 2000 and help all students become technologically literate.
- **Create 1,000 after-school safe havens in communities across the country.** This initiative would extend learning opportunities for children and their families at schools across the country, keeping schools open late, on weekends, and in the summer so young people will stay off the streets and out of trouble.

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**PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON:
BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES BY TAKING BACK OUR
STREETS FROM CRIME, GANGS AND DRUGS**

A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

Won Passage of the Most Comprehensive Crime Bill Ever:

In 1994, after more than six years of gridlock, a bipartisan majority in Congress passed the toughest, smartest Crime Bill in the nation's history. ["Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994," P.L.103-322] It passed with the strong support of every major law enforcement organization in the country, as well as prosecutors, mayors, and state and local officials. The new law now provides:

- A targeted "Three-Strikes-and-You're-Out" provision to put career violent offenders behind bars for life.
- An expanded death penalty for drug kingpins, murderers of federal law enforcement officers and nearly 60 additional categories of violent felons.
- Funding for 100,000 more prison cells to help states ensure that violent offenders serve their full sentences.
- Increased penalties for sex offenders and a registration requirement for violent sexual offenders.

More Police and Community Policing

- **The President's plan to put 100,000 more police officers on the street through community policing represents the federal government's biggest commitment ever to local law enforcement.** The President's plan will result in an almost 20% increase in the nation's police force levels. Already, the Administration has provided funding for over 60,000 officers, who are now helping keep our neighborhoods and communities safe. [U.S.D.O.J. COPS, 6/4/97; Government Performance Results Act 1997 (attached to President's FY 98 Budget Request)]
- **The rate of violent crime is down.** The number of murders fell an historic 11% in 1996, while violent crime decreased 7%, and aggravated assault decreased 6%. These falling crime rates mark the largest one-year decline in the past 35 years. [Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Report - 1996 Preliminary Annual Release, 6/1/97]

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- **The rate of juvenile crime is down.** Over the past two years, there has been a decline in both the rates of murders committed by young people and youth violence in general.
 - ❑ While the juvenile violent crime arrest rate increased 62% between 1987 and 1993, it decreased 2.9% in 1995, the first decline in seven years.
 - ❑ The decrease in the juvenile murder arrest rate is even more significant, declining 15.2% in 1995 -- the largest one-year drop in more than 10 years.
 - ❑ Since 1993, the juvenile murder arrest rate has dropped an incredible 22.8%.
[Department of Justice, 3/97; OJJDP, Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 1997 Update on Violence, 7/97]
 - ❑ And the rate is decreasing for other crimes as well: robberies by juveniles decreased 15% in 1995 and juvenile aggravated assaults decreased 32%. [OJJDP, Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 1997 Update on Violence, 7/97]
- **Crime rates have dropped for five straight years.** Violent crime has dropped five years in a row - the longest period of decline in 25 years. [FBI, Uniform Crime Report, 1/5/97] .

Keeping Guns Out of the Hands of Criminals

- **Stood up to the gun lobby and won passage of the Brady Bill** which provides for a 5-day waiting period and background checks of prospective handgun buyers. [Brady Bill, P.L. 10-159] In the three years since its enactment, the Brady Law has stopped over 186,000 felons, fugitives and stalkers from buying guns. [Bureau of Justice Statistics, Press Release, 2/25/97]
- **Banned the manufacture and importation of 19 of the deadliest assault weapons** while specifically protecting more than 50 legitimate sporting weapons. Cop-killing assault weapons, like the Uzi, are the weapons of choice for drug dealers and gangs - not hunters and sportsmen. ["Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994", P.L. 103-322]
- **The Clinton Administration has strengthened efforts to clamp down on illicit gun markets, especially those that provide guns to children.** The President directed the ATF to implement the Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative in 17 pilot cities. Through this initiative, law enforcement will trace all guns used in crime that are seized by Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers, and work with that trace information to help identify illegal gun traffickers. By analyzing patterns of gun .

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trafficking that exist in an area, our communities will develop more effective law enforcement strategies to target illegal gun traffickers for prosecution, particularly those who put guns into the hands of our nation's young people. [Memorandum on the Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, 7/8/96]

- **Placing child safety locks in guns.** The President is fighting for legislation in Congress that would require child safety locking devices as part of every gun in America. He has already signed a directive to every federal agency, requiring child safety locking devices in every handgun issued. [Memorandum on Child Safety Lock Devices for Handguns, 3/5/97]

Combatting Drug Use

- **Developed a comprehensive National Drug Control Strategy** that will reduce illegal drug use through law enforcement, prevention, treatment and interdiction. [Office of National Drug Control Strategy, National Drug Control Strategy, 1997]
- **Made Drug Czar a Cabinet Position.** President Clinton is the **first** President to make the Director of National Drug Control Policy a Cabinet position. [U.P.I. 7/1/1993] He is also the **first** President to nominate a Drug Czar with drug interdiction background. And he appointed a four-star general, Barry McCaffrey, to lead our nation's fight against drugs.
- **Targeting young people with anti-drug messages.** The President's proposed FY 98 budget funds a \$175 million national advertising campaign that would rely on high-impact, anti-drug television ads to educate young people on the dangers of illegal drug use.
- **Drug seizures are up.** The Clinton Administration has increased seizures of marijuana by 50% - from 787,523 pounds in 1992 to 1,163,989 pounds in 1996. And seizures of heroin are up 32% - from 1,157 kilograms in 1992 to 1,524 kilograms in 1996.[DEA's FDSS Report, 3/11/97]
- **Increasing Drug Seizures.** In the last three years, the Border Patrol has seized over \$4.7 billion in drugs -- a 38 percent increase over the three prior years. The \$4.7 billion represents nearly 20,000 drug seizures -- an increase of 22 percent. On the California border, alone, the Border Patrol has seized more than 110 tons of illegal drugs valued at \$618 million. [Source: Department of Justice, U.S. Border Patrol, Total Drug Seizures: Narcotics: Dollar Value of Drugs seized, 1995]
- **Drug Use is Down.** Overall drug use in the United States has declined under the Clinton Administration:

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* Casual drug use is down 13% among Americans between the ages of 18 and 35 since 1992. [Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse/Mental Health Agency, 8/20/96]

* During this Administration, the number of cocaine users has dropped by 30%. The amount of money Americans spend on illicit drugs has declined by 23%. [Source: Office of National Drug Control Policy, The National Drug Control Strategy, April 1996]

- **Mandatory drug testing of state prisoners and parolees as a condition of parole.** President Clinton fought for and signed legislation requiring states to drug test prisoners and also parolees so that they can send them back to prison if they get back on drugs. [Omnibus Consolidated Appropriation Act, 1997, P.L. 104-208, Signed 9/30/97]
- **Expanding drug courts.** The Clinton Administration has established drug courts across the country, a proven and effective measure in breaking the cycles of drugs and crime. The President's FY 98 budget increases funding for this program by 150% over last year's funding. [ONDCP, The National Drug Control Strategy, 1997: Budget Summary, 1997]
- **Developed a comprehensive strategy to combat the trafficking and abuse of methamphetamine, one of the country's most dangerous drugs.** The President fought for and signed legislation that increases penalties for trafficking in meth and those chemicals used to produce meth. And the strategy is working. In the eight cities where meth use had been skyrocketing, it declined substantially in 1996.

Fighting to End Domestic Violence

- **Extended the Brady bill to deny handguns to anyone convicted of domestic violence.** Under the law, anyone who commits an act of domestic violence against a spouse or child, would be prohibited from having a gun. [Omnibus Consolidated Appropriation Act, 1997, P.L. 104-208, Signed 9/30/97]
- **Bolstered local law enforcement, prosecution and victims' services to better address violence against women through \$275 million in state grants.** Over the next four years, a total of \$800 million in federal funds is scheduled to assist states as they restructure their law enforcement response to address violent crimes against women. [Violence Against Women Office Press Release, 5/24/96]
- **Established nationwide 24-hour domestic violence hotline** providing immediate crisis intervention, counseling and referrals for those in need. Since the hotline opened, there have been over 106,000 total calls. [Department of Justice, Stop the Cycle of Violence: What You Can Do"; National Domestic Violence Summary Report, 3/31/97; HHS Press Release, 5/20/97]
- **Almost tripled funding for battered women's shelters.** In 1993, the federal government spent \$20 million on battered women's shelters. In 1997, the Clinton Administration spent \$58 million. [Administration for Children and Families, 1997; HHS Press Release, 5/20/97]

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Making Our Schools and Communities Safer

- **Keeping dangerous weapons out of our children's classrooms** by enforcing a "Zero Tolerance" gun policy in schools. Thus far, 6,276 students have been expelled for bringing weapons to schools, and the vast majority of those expulsions involved guns. [Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994, enacted as part of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, P.L. 103-382, signed on 10/20/94]
- **Encouraged schools to adopt school uniform policies** to help reduce violence while promoting discipline and respect. [Public Papers of the Presidents, Memorandum on the School Uniforms Manual, 2/23/96]
- **Helped protect families and children who live in public housing** from gangs, drugs and violent crime by instituting a "One-Strike-and-You're-Out" policy for residents who engage in criminal activity. [Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996, P.L. 104-120]
- **The Clinton Administration has targeted efforts against sexual predators.** The President fought for and signed "Megan's Law," which makes community notification concerning registered sex offenders mandatory. Megan's Law requires States to make public relevant information about child molesters and sexually violent offenders who are released from prison or placed on parole.[P. L. 104-145, Signed 5/17/96] And taking the next step, the President directed the Department of Justice to develop a plan for the implementation of a national sexual predator and child molester registration system. [Public Papers of the Presidents, Memorandum on the Development of a National Sexual Offender Registration System, 6/25/96]

Securing America's Borders

- **Stood firm against illegal immigration** and deported over 95,000 illegal and criminal aliens from October 1995 to January 1997. [Source: I.N.S. 1/97]
- **More border patrol agents than ever.** There are now over 6,000 Border Patrol agents stemming the flow of illegal immigration. This represents an increase of over 70% since 1993. [Federal News Service, Prepared Testimony of Commissioner Doris Meissner, Immigration and Naturalization Services, 4/10/97]

The Agenda Ahead

The President recognizes that juvenile crime will be the largest threat to our communities in the future. That is why he has proposed a bill that will be a full scale assault on juvenile crime. The President's bill:

Declares war on gangs with new prosecutors and tougher penalties.

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Extends the Brady Bill so that someone who commits a violent crime as a juvenile is barred from buying a gun as an adult.

Requires child safety locks be sold with every gun to keep children from hurting themselves or each other.

Keeps schools open after hours, on weekends and in the summer to keep children off the streets and out of trouble. The President's juvenile crime legislation funds anti-crime initiatives to keep our schools open later and on weekends so young people can stay under the watchful eye of parents, educators and community leaders.

Ending the use of cop-killer bullets. The President is fighting for a permanent ban on the production and use of cop-killer bullets. These armor-piercing bullets have no sporting value and serve only to endanger the police officers we ask to protect us every day.[S 112, introduced Jan. 21, 1997]

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Clinton-Gore Administration Accomplishments

THE ENVIRONMENT

"We must protect our environment in every community. In the last four years, we cleaned up 250 toxic waste sites, as many as in the previous 12. Now we should clean up 500 more so that our children grow up next to parks, not poison." -- President Clinton, State of the Union address, 2/4/97

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Ensuring Public Health

Expanded The Public's Right To Know About Toxic Releases: President Clinton required polluters to publicly disclose information about toxic releases -- nearly doubling the number of chemicals releases reported to the public and increasing by 30 percent the number of facilities that must report under right to know. [Executive Order 12969 & 12856, Public Papers of the President, 8/8/95; 8/3/93; EPA rule, 11/28/94 (AP, 11/28/94); President's remarks, (U.S. Newswire, 4/22/97)]

Cleaned Up As Many Superfund Sites In Three Years As The Previous Administrations Did In 12 Years: The Clinton Administration achieved this dramatic increase in toxic waste clean-ups while dramatically cutting costs. The President and the Vice President also fought Republican attempts to gut the Superfund law that makes polluters -- rather than taxpayers -- pay to clean up toxic dumps. The President vetoed a GOP bill that would have cut Superfund clean ups by 25%. [EPA Construction Completion/Deletion Tracking System; Veto Message of H.R. 1977, Public Papers of the President, 12/18/95]

Proposed & Signed The Safe Drinking Water Act: President Clinton proposed and signed legislation to ensure that our families have healthy, clean drinking water. This law requires drinking water systems to protect against dangerous contaminants like *cryptosporidium*, and gives people the right to know about contaminants in their tap water. [P.L. 104-182, Public Papers of the President, 8/6/96]

Fought To Ensure Safe Food & Water For Our Families: President Clinton fought attempts in Congress to roll back the progress that has been made in ensuring safe food and water for our families. The Clinton Administration also issued new standards to prevent *E. coli* bacteria contamination in meat. The President signed the Food Quality Protection Act which included special safeguards for children and the Administration cancelled dozens of hazardous pesticides while moving safer substitutes into the market more quickly. [Veto Messages, 11/13/95, 12/6/95, 12/18/95, Public Papers of the President; President's Radio address, 7/8/96; P.L. 104-170, Public Papers of President, 8/3/96]

Made The Air We Breathe Cleaner: The Clinton Administration made the air we breathe cleaner by issuing new standards to cut toxic pollution from chemical plants by **90%** and dangerous incinerator emissions by **98%**. [EPA HON Rule (made final 3/1/94); EPA incinerator and cement kiln rule (proposed 3/20/96); L.A. Times, 3/2/94]

Toughened EPA Enforcement Programs To Ensure Compliance With Environmental Safeguards: The Clinton Administration has collected the largest fines in history and established a

new compliance assistance program to help honest business owners comply with environmental laws. [EPA Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Accomplishments Report, 7/96]

Forged Agreement For A Global Phaseout of Persistent Pollutants: The Clinton Administration led the way on an agreement to phase out the use of 12 dangerous, persistent organic pollutants worldwide, such as PCBs and DDT.

Protecting Our Natural Resources

Created The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument In Utah: President Clinton created a new national monument protecting 1.7 million acres of spectacular red rock canyon-lands, artifacts from three ancient cultures, and the most remote site in the lower 48 states. [Presidential Proclamation Number 6920, 9/18/96]

Improved The National Parks & Created A Large New Park In The California Desert: President Clinton signed legislation that creates or improves almost 120 national parks, trails, rivers, and historical sites. President Clinton also created the largest new park in lower the 48 states with California Desert Protection Act. [P.L. 104-333, Public Papers of the President, 11/12/96; P.L. 103-433, Public Papers of the President, 10/31/94]

Fought Attempts To Close National Parks & Lift The Ban On Offshore Drilling. [President Clinton Radio Address, 8/26/95; President Clinton Statement 6/20/95]

Vetoed A Republican Bill That Would Have Opened The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge To Oil & Gas Drilling. [Veto Message on H.R. 2491, U.S. Newswire, 12/6/95; President Clinton Letter to Senator Lieberman, 10/26/95]

Led The Way On A Plan To Restore The Florida Everglades: President Clinton and Vice President Gore committed \$1.5 billion over seven years to help restore the unique Florida Everglades. President Clinton signed into law the most sweeping restoration effort ever to implement his Everglades plan. [P. L. 104-127; P.L. 104-303, Public Papers of the President, 4/4/96; 10/12/96; VP Gore Statement (FDCH), 2/20/96 (statement on 2/19/96)]

Reached An Agreement To Halt Destructive Mining Near Yellowstone National Park. [President Clinton statement (U.S. Newswire), 8/12/96]

Negotiated A Plan For California Bay-Delta Water: The President broke through decades of conflict and negotiated a consensus plan to protect and allocate California Bay-Delta water. [President Clinton statement (U.S. Newswire), 12/15/94]

Common Sense Reform To Environmental Programs

Working With Auto Manufacturers To Develop A "Clean Car": This partnership program with the domestic auto industry and labor is designed to produce automobiles three times as fuel efficient as today's cars without sacrificing affordability, performance or safety. [Presidential announcement (U.S. Newswire), 9/29/93; New York Times, 10/19/94]

Reduced EPA Paperwork For Businesses By 15 Million Hours: With the Vice President, President Clinton changed EPA rules and procedures to reduce paperwork requirements for businesses by 15 million hours. [Best Kept Secrets In Government, p. 90]

Reformed The Wetlands & Endangered Species Programs: The President reformed wetlands and endangered species programs to lessen any adverse impact on homeowners without compromising environmental protection. The Administration completed 190 habitat conservation partnerships, compared to 14 in place when the Administration took office. [President Clinton statement (U.S. Newswire), 7/12/95; Department of the Interior]

Launched A Brownfields Initiative. President Clinton proposed a targeted \$2 billion tax incentive for investors who purchase and clean up old waste sites in communities across the country -- a move that will protect public health and revitalize urban areas. [President Clinton's Remarks at Farleigh Dickinson University, 3/11/96 (Federal News Service)]

Helped To Increase Recycling: President Clinton issued an Executive Order to jump start the market for recycled goods which is now stronger than ever. [Executive Order 12873, 10/20/93]

A RECORD TO BUILD ON:

→ **Recognize & Restore Outstanding Stretches Of America's Rivers:** Select ten American Heritage Rivers this year.

Expand Community Right-To-Know Laws: Expand these laws and challenge communities to use the information to work with business to cut pollution.

Clean Up Two-Thirds Of Superfund Sites By 2000 -- 500 More In Four Years: Challenging Congress to provide true reform of the Superfund program and to drop proposals to force taxpayers to pick up the tab to clean up toxic waste.

Get Tough On Criminal Polluters: This can be done by strengthening penalties for the worst environmental criminals and ensuring that courts can secure polluters' assets in order to restore the communities they victimize.

Negotiate A Global Accord To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Challenge Congress to provide true reform of the Endangered Species Act.

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POLITICAL & GOVERNMENT REFORM

"Our second piece of unfinished business requires us to commit ourselves tonight, before the eyes of America, to finally enacting bipartisan campaign finance reform... So let's set our own deadline. Let's work together to write bipartisan campaign finance reform into law and pass McCain-Feingold by the day we celebrate the birth of our democracy, July the Fourth." -- President Clinton, State of the Union, February 2, 1997

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A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

Reforming Our Political System

Signed Motor-Voter Bill Into Law Leading To 9 Million New Voters: President Clinton signed the National Voter Registration Act ("Motor-Voter") which registered at least nine million new voters and made voting easier for more than 20 million Americans from January 1995 to June 1996. "Motor-Voter" has already created the greatest expansion of the voter registration rolls since the 19th century. [P.L. 103-31, U.S. Newswire, 5/20/93; National Motor Voter Coalition study, 10/15/96; USA Today, 10/15/96]

Fought For Meaningful Campaign Finance Reform: In 1992 Governor Clinton proposed voluntary campaign spending limits, free TV time, PAC limits, and a ban on soft money. In May 1993, President Clinton unveiled his campaign finance reform plan which Fred Wertheimer called a "strong campaign finance reform proposal." This plan was eventually killed by a Republican filibuster. In 1996, President Clinton supported the bipartisan McCain/Feingold campaign finance reform bill which was also killed by a Republican filibuster. President Clinton continues to support this legislation and has named former Senators Walter Mondale (D-MN) and Nancy Kassebaum-Baker (R-KS) to head a campaign finance reform education project. [Washington Post, 3/18/97; 5/8/93; Newsday, 7/4/96; AP, 10/3/92; 10/30/92]

Cracking Down On Special Interests

Signed Toughest Overhaul Of Lobbying Rules In 50 Years: President Clinton fought for and signed the Lobby Disclosure Act -- the first major overhaul of the lobbying rules in 50 years. This bill requires lobbyists to disclose who they work for and eliminated loopholes that allowed lobbying organizations to avoid disclosure. [P.L. 104-65, Public Papers of President, 12/19/95]

Eliminated Tax Deduction For Lobbying: President Clinton eliminated the tax deductibility of the cost of lobbying expenses for corporations. [P.L. 103-66; Public Papers of the President, 8/10/93; New York Times, 8/27/93]

Fought For And Signed A Ban On Gifts From Lobbyists: In his 1995 State-of-the-Union Address, President Clinton challenged the Congress to ban gifts, meals, travel and entertainment from lobbyists. The Congress subsequently passed the ban on November 16th, 1995. [P.L. 104-65, Public Papers of President, 12/19/95]

Strictest White House Ethics Guidelines Ever: On his first day in office, President Clinton imposed the strictest Administration ethics guidelines ever -- including a five-year ban on top officials lobbying their former agencies and a lifetime ban against lobbying for foreign governments. [Executive Order 12832, Public Papers of the President, 1/20/93]

Reinventing Government

The Smallest Federal Government in 30 Years: From January 1993 to January 1997, President Clinton and Vice President Gore cut the federal civilian workforce by 309,000 positions. The size of the federal government is now at its *lowest level in 30 years*. President Clinton has *eliminated 16,000 pages* of obsolete regulations affecting the public and rewriting 31,000 more. Vice President Gore's Reinventing Government efforts have already *saved \$118 billion* by cutting wasteful government practices and spending. Additional recommendations will save billions more. [Office of Personnel Management, 1/97; 1996 Best Kept Secrets In Government, p. 1; p. 4]

Washington Is Now Accountable For Abiding By The Laws It Passes: President Clinton fought for enactment of the Congressional Accountability Act & the Presidential & Executive Office Accountability Act. These acts ensure that the Congress and the Executive Office of the President live under the same laws as the rest of the country. [P.L. 104-1, P.L. 104-331 Public Papers of the President, 1/23/95; 10/26/96]

Signed Bill Ending Unfunded Mandates From Washington: In 1995 President Clinton signed a bill which restricted Congress from imposing new requirements on state and local governments without paying for them. [P.L. 104-4, Public Papers of the President, 3/22/95]

Signed Line Item Veto Into Law To Fight Government Waste: President Clinton fought for and signed into law line-item veto legislation which significantly enhances the presidential authority to eliminate wasteful spending by allowing the president to cancel wasteful special interest projects and special interest tax loopholes that sneak into the budget year after year. [P.L. 104-130; Public Papers of the President, 4/9/96]

A RECORD TO BUILD ON:

- **Pass Real Campaign Finance Reform This Year:** Pass the first truly bipartisan campaign finance reform bill (McCain-Feingold, Shays-Meehan) in a generation that will reduce the amount of money that is raised and spent on federal elections and open the airwaves to all candidates.
- **Finish The Job Of Balancing The Budget:**
Since taking office in 1993, President Clinton has cut the deficit from \$290 billion to \$75 billion. President Clinton is now working to enact into law an historic bipartisan budget agreement which will balance the federal budget by the year 2002.
- **Get Gillespie To Find Something Else To Put Here:**
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FOREIGN POLICY

"To prepare America for the 21st century we must master the forces of change in the world and keep American leadership strong and sure for an uncharted time... Let us do what it takes to remain the indispensable nation, to keep America strong, secure and prosperous for another 50 years." -- President Clinton, State of the Union address, February 4, 1997

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A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

Protecting American Interests

Forged A Deal To Stop Russian Nuclear Missiles From Pointing At U.S.: For the first time in over 40 years, Russian nuclear missiles are no longer pointed at America's children and Ukraine, Belarus and Kazhakstan gave up nuclear weapons altogether. [President Clinton's State of the Union address, 1/25/94]

Successfully Secured Bipartisan Senate Ratification Of The Start II Treaty: This treaty reduced U.S. and Russian nuclear stockpiles by another 25%. [AP, 1/26/96]

Persuaded North Korea To Freeze & Eventually Dismantle Its Dangerous Nuclear Weapons Program. [President Clinton statement, Federal News Service, 10/18/94]

Signed New Anti-Terrorism Legislation: President Clinton intensified the fight against terrorism by pressing for and signing new anti-terrorism legislation imposing sanctions on Iran and Libya for state-sponsored terrorism and providing law enforcement officials with tougher tools to stop terrorists before they strike, ensuring strong penalties for the convicted. [P.L. 104-132, Public Papers of the President, 4/26/96]

Fought For & Secured Bipartisan Senate Ratification Of Chemical Weapons Convention: President Clinton's leadership helped ensure passage of this treaty which will bans the production, stockpiling, and use of chemical weapons and which will reduce the threat of chemical weapons disasters. [Washington Post, 4/25/97]

Deployed Aircraft Carriers To Taiwan Straits To Deter China: When China conducted provocative military exercises, in 1996, President Clinton deployed two aircraft carriers. [L.A. Times, 3/11/96]

Imposed The Toughest Sanctions Ever On Cuba: President Clinton imposed the toughest sanctions on Castro's Cuba following the brutal killing of U.S. nationals over international waters. [President Clinton announcement, (Federal News Service), 2/26/96]

Shaped The New American Military For Post Cold-War Challenges: President Clinton's leadership ensures that America remains the best-equipped, best-trained and best-prepared fighting force in the world.

Swiftly Deployed U.S. Forces To Deter Resurgent Iraqi Threats. [President Clinton Letter to Congressional Leaders on Iraq, 3/7/97]

Ordered The Reorganization Of U.S. Foreign Policy Agencies: The President has ordered the merger of ACDA, USIA, & USAID into a new and better coordinated State Department to make the conduct of U.S. foreign policy more accountable and responsive to the challenges of the 21st century. [New York Times, 4/18/97]

Leading The Fight For Peace & Democracy

Brokered The Dayton Peace Accords And Ended Four Years Of Bloodshed: President Clinton's Dayton Peace accords ended four years of rape, bloodshed, and ethnic cleansing in Bosnia, America is now helping to provide a secure environment so that peace, democracy and economic reconstruction can proceed. [President Clinton letter to Senator Daschle (D-SD), Public Papers of the President, 12/11/95]

Negotiated Israel-Jordan Peace Treaty: President Clinton championed peace efforts in the Middle East by negotiating the Israel-Jordan peace treaty and helping Israelis and Palestinians fulfill their historic peace agreement. [President Clinton remarks at signing of Peace Treaty, 10/26/94 (U.S. Newswire, 10/27/94)]

Led International Efforts To Adopt Counter-Terrorism Initiatives: President Clinton led these efforts at the Summit of the Peacemakers in Egypt in March 1996, at the G-7 Economic Summit in France in June 1996, and at the July 1996 Paris Terrorism Ministerials. [President Clinton statements, (Public Papers of the President) 3/13/96; 6/27/96]

Negotiated A Written Agreement Between Syria and Israel: This agreement ended Hezbollah attacks on Israel, restored peace, and protected civilians on both sides of the Lebanon-Israel border. [President Clinton statement, (U.S. Newswire), 4/26/96]

Successfully Managed Israeli Troop Withdrawal From Hebron: The President advanced the Middle East Peace Process by successfully managing the Israeli troop withdrawal from the West Bank town of Hebron. [President Clinton statement, 1/15/97]

Restored Democracy To Haiti: President Clinton stopped the flow of refugees to the U.S. and accomplished the first transfer of power from one democratically-elected president to another in Haitian history. [P.L. 103-423, Public Papers of the President, 10/25/94; President Clinton Letter to Congressional Leaders on Haiti, 3/21/96]

President Clinton Became The First American President To Engage Directly In The Pursuit Of A Just & Lasting Peace In Northern Ireland. [Reuters, 8/31/94; 5/14/94]

Led The Way On NATO Expansion: Expansion of the NATO alliance would help extend European security and democracy. [President Clinton's Remarks, 1/11/94; Partnership For Peace, 1/10/94; President Clinton's Remarks, (U.S. Newswire), 5/14/97]

A RECORD TO BUILD ON:

President Clinton will continue to stand up for American values abroad. By supporting those who are taking risks for peace, we are living up to the promise of American leadership and helping secure a future of peace and prosperity for all. President is challenging the Congress and other countries to:

- **Intensify The Fight Against Terrorism & Organized Crime:** Continue to combat terrorism at home and abroad by working for tougher enforcement and more cross-border cooperation.
- **Secure A Truly Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty:**
- **Aggressively Combat International Drug-Trafficking:** Continue to aggressively fight international drug-trafficking by working closely with other countries, providing military support and initiating anti-corruption efforts to stem the flow of drugs.

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Alabama

EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:

- **Unemployment Down to 4.4%:** The unemployment rate in Alabama has declined from 7.6% to 4.4% since 1993.
- **143,300 New Private Sector Jobs:** Since 1993, 143,300 new private sector jobs have been created -- an average of 33,718 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 22,325 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **49,000 Have Received a Raise:** 49,000 Alabama workers have benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with 122,000 more will receive an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **1.1 Million Protected By Family & Medical Leave:** Approximately 1.1 million Alabama workers are now covered by the Family & Medical Leave Law, which allows workers to take up to 12 weeks unpaid leave to care for a new baby or ailing relative [1995 data].
- **Business Failures Down 9.5% Per Year:** Business failures have dropped an average of 9.5% per year since 1993, after increasing 16% per year during the previous 12 years.
- **Home Building Up Over 10%:** Home building has increased by an average of 10.3% per year since 1993, after falling 2% per year during the previous 12 years.

FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:

- **879 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 879 new police officers to date in communities across Alabama [through 6/97].
- **\$2.2 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Alabama will be able to use approximately \$2.2 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Alabama received approximately \$2.0 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$722,000 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Alabama will receive an estimated \$722,000 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$8.6 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Alabama's Schools:** Alabama has received \$8.6 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

MOVING ALABAMANS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:

- **52,656 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 52,656 fewer people on welfare in Alabama now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 37% decrease [through 3/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 61%:** Child support collections have been increased by nearly \$60 million -- or 61% -- in Alabama since FY92 [through FY96].

EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:

- **Over \$58 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY96, Alabama received \$58.3 million in Head Start funding, benefitting over 14,400 students.
- **\$7.9 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY97], Alabama receives \$7.9 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$3.5 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY97], Alabama receives \$3.5 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund, which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.

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- **\$131.4 Million for Students Most in Need:** Alabama receives \$131.4 million in Title I grants providing extra help for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY97].
 - **\$28 Million for Vocational and Adult Education:** This year, \$28 million helps Alabama's students and workers prepare for the 21st Century with technical and academic training. The funding also includes the School-to-Work program, bridging high school with vocational education.
 - **\$111.8 Million in Pell Grants:** Alabama receives \$111.8 million this year in Pell Grant funding, which helps Alabama's low-income students go to college [FY97].
 - **Over 1000 Volunteers Have Served in Alabama through AmeriCorps:** This year, 210 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Alabama's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods and parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, over 1000 volunteers have served Alabama in 93 different programs [through FY97].

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:

- **Superfund Clean-up in Perdido:** In July 1993, the EPA completed a toxic waste site clean-up in Perdido, Alabama [through 6/97].

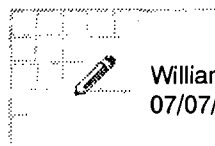
SPEARHEADING URBAN AND RURAL RENEWAL EFFORTS:

- **\$12 Million to Communities Across Alabama:** Birmingham, Chambers County, Greene County, and Sumter Counties were all designated Enterprise Communities in December, 1994 and were awarded \$3 million each to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents.

EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:

- **Over \$69 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided over \$69 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Alabama [through FY97].
- **\$1.6 Billion in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Alabama has received \$1.6 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 68,265 jobs [through FY97].
- **Nearly \$81 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Alabama has received nearly \$81 million in airport improvement funds since 1993 [through 6/97].

Accomplishment



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To: Robin J. Bachman/WHO/EOP
cc: Michael Cohen/OPD/EOP, tanden_n @ a1 @ cd @ lngtwy
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Subject: Re: State-by-state accomplishment pages

Mike Cohen and I have reviewed this. We make two suggestions:

1. On the Title I blurb, should read "extra help **in the basics** [add bolded language] for students most in need."
2. [Add] **X million for Students with Disabilities**. This year, Alabama will receive X million under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to help ensure high quality educational opportunities for disabled students.

Robin J. Bachman

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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
cc: TANDEN_N @ A1 @ CD @ LNGTWY
Subject: State-by-state accomplishment pages

I believe DPC is currently reviewing our updated accomplishment sheets, but we wanted to double check that the bullets/language in the state-by-state sheet was also reviewed.

Attached please find an example of one state, its format is representative.



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07/08/97 09:47:00 AM

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To: William R. Kincaid

cc:

Subject: Elimination of Regulations

Received a "Fatal Error" message so I don't know whether my previous message to you transmitted and I am trying again!

The latest figures for the elimination of elementary and secondary education regulations:

We have eliminated 67% of the PAGES of the elementary and secondary education regulations (247 of 368 pages).

We have eliminated 82% of the PARTS of the elementary and secondary education regulations (47 of 57 parts). These figures reflect an increase from the previous 79% due to the elimination of two additional OESE parts in the EDGAR selection criteria regulations published 3/7/97.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

8/2/97

Neera —

There are some comments on
the accomplishments document.
Please call me if you
have any questions.

Bill

I would add a bullet like the following in somewhere, perhaps grouped together (more prominently) than the existing bullet on raising standards for teaching.

Attracting and Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers. President Clinton has proposed a 5-year initiative to attract nearly 35,000 talented people of all backgrounds into teaching at low-income urban and rural schools across the nation, and to dramatically improve the quality of training and preparation given to our future teachers. The President's initiative will help recruit and prepare teachers nationwide to help our neediest students succeed in the 21st century.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEW CENTURY

"Looking ahead, the greatest step of all -- the high threshold of the future we now must cross -- and my number one priority for the next four years is to ensure that all Americans have the best education in the world."

President Clinton

State of the Union, February 4, 1997

A Record of Accomplishment

President Clinton has made an unprecedented commitment to education: the President's Budget Agreement with Congress includes the largest increase in our investment in education in 30 years and the largest single boost in college aid since the G.I. Bill.

ENSURING THAT EVERY CHILD IN AMERICA CAN LEARN

- Raising Academic Standards**

Leading a Crusade for Voluntary National Standards and Tests in the Basic Skills. President Clinton has challenged every state to adopt high national standards, and, by 1999, to test every 4th grade student in reading and 8th grade student in math so that parents, students and teachers can tell if students are meeting national standards. These standards will help students master the basics and represent what all our children must know in order to succeed in the knowledge economy. These standards will represent what all our children must know to succeed in the knowledge economy. [Already six (this number will change 7/25) states and the Department of Defense Schools have joined the President's effort.]

15 of the nation's largest urban school districts, as well as

Goals 2000. The President's National Standards and Testing effort builds upon the success of Goals 2000, President Clinton's education reform initiative enacted in 1994, that helps States establish standards of excellence for all children, and plan and implement steps to raise educational achievement. Communities in every state receive Goals 2000 funds and are using these funds to upgrade the curriculum, improve teaching, increase parental involvement in schools, and make greater use of computers in the classroom. [A Call to Action for American Education; Goals 2000: Educate America Act, P.L. 103-227; Office of Management and Budget, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1998, 1997]

Raised Standards for Over Ten Million Low Income Students. The Clinton Administration's Improving America's Schools Act, enacted in 1994, overhauled Title I to provide extra help with basic and advanced skills to disadvantaged students in elementary and secondary schools. As a result of this Act, states now hold low income students to the same high standards set for all other students in the state, and to hold schools accountable for the results. As a result, more than ten million low income students now benefit from higher expectations and a challenging more than ten million low income students now from higher expectations and a

edited sentence reads:

The Clinton Administration's Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 overhauled Title I, which provides extra help with.... [older - the program has always provided extra help]

challenging curriculum geared to higher standards. The new law also provides funds for teacher training, strengthened requirements for parental involvement, and has reduced regulations by more than two-thirds. [Department of Education, 12/6/96, 7/8/97]

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Possible insert on Teachers

- **Launched America Reads.** President Clinton launched ^{the} America Reads Challenge, a nationwide effort to mobilize a citizen army of a million volunteer tutors to make sure every child can read independently by the end of third grade. [The 1997 Congressional Budget Resolution] The President's Budget Agreement with Congress includes a child literacy initiative consistent with these goals.

Expanding Head Start to Reach 1 Million Children a Year. President Clinton has made Head Start an Administration priority. For over 30 years, Head Start has helped low-income families create an environment where their children are ready to learn by taking a comprehensive approach to child development - improving children's learning skills, health, nutrition, and social competency. Under the Clinton Administration, funding for Head Start has increased 80% to \$4 billion in 1997. These additional funds have enabled Head Start to serve 180,000 more children and their families. And President Clinton's Budget Agreement with Congress continues expansion of Head Start toward the President's goal of serving 1 million children in 2002. [Budget Agreement; HHS Press Release, 3/25/97]

- **Expanding School-To-Work.** The Clinton Administration is providing hundreds of thousands of students with school-to-^{career} opportunities, where they experience work-based learning and gain access to pathways from high school to good jobs and post-secondary education. [School-to-Work Opportunities Act, P.L. 103-239] In 1994 and 1995, over 500,000 young people in 1,800 schools throughout the nation, as well as 135,000 employers, participated in school-to-work systems that integrate academic and vocational instruction and provide work-based learning. [Source: Department of Education, 12/96]

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- **Bringing Computers to the Classroom.** The President's 1997 Budget Agreement with Congress doubles the funding for America's Technology Literacy Challenge, catalyzing private-public sector partnerships to put the information age at our children's fingertips. The President is committed to helping communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century. For 1998, the budget proposes \$425 million, more than doubling the \$200 million that Congress provided in 1997. [1997 Budget Agreement]
- **Linking [Children] to the Internet.** The Clinton Administration is implementing a plan to create an "E-Rate," a discounted education rate for telecommunications services so schools and libraries will be able to bring technology into the classroom, set up phone lines and access the Internet at a fraction of the cost. The Federal Communications Commission has already approved a plan to make discounts worth \$2.25 billion annually available to our schools and libraries. [Source: Education Department Initiatives, 5/8/97]

- Linking schools and libraries (or schools / communities) to the Internet
- Giving children access to educational resources on the Internet

- **Expanding school choice and accountability in public education.** The President has challenged every state to let parents choose the right public school for their children. The Clinton Administration is helping teachers, parents and community groups to start charter schools -- innovative public schools that stay open only as long as they produce results and meet the highest standards. The President's proposed budget doubles funding to help start charter schools so that there will be more than 3,000 charter schools at the dawn of the 21st century. [Office of Management and Budget, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1998, 1997] *21st (macro problem)*
- **Expanding Opportunity for Disabled Children.** President Clinton signed legislation reauthorizing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), strengthening and reaffirming our nation's 20-year commitment to disabled children and their parents. The IDEA demonstrates the Administration's commitment to educational opportunity for all, by helping ensure that children with disabilities are included in all facets of community life and are able to become independent and productive citizens. Title
- **Making Schools Safe, Disciplined and Drug Free.** The Clinton Administration passed the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and successfully fought Republican efforts to cut this program, which ^{substantially} provides school security, drug prevention and education programs in 97% of America's school districts. In addition, President Clinton signed the Gun-Free Schools Act and issued a Presidential Directive to enforce "zero tolerance" in our schools -- if a student brings a gun to school, he or she does not come back for a year. [Secretary Riley accomplishments memo]
- **Supporting National Standards of Excellence for Teachers.** In his Call to Action for American Education, the President called on states, school districts and the private sector to identify and reward our most talented master teachers. The President's budget will assist 100,000 more teachers over the next ten years to seek national certification as highly accomplished master teachers -- at least one teacher for every school. [Call to Action for American Education.] *I would move up and grow with urban teacher initiative.*
- **Reducing Unnecessary Regulations.** The Clinton Administration has reduced regulations in its elementary and secondary programs by over two-thirds. [DPC/ Department of Education]

OPENING THE DOOR TO COLLEGE

- **Making the 13th and 14th years of education universal.**

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Higher education tax cuts. The balanced budget agreement calls for roughly \$35 billion in tax cuts to help families pay for college. ~~The President has proposed a~~ \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship tuition tax credit, to make the first two years of college universally available. ~~For students beyond the first two years, or part-time students seeking to improve or acquire job skills, the President has proposed a~~ 20% tax credit for up to \$10,000 of tuition and required fees. [Office of Management and Budget, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1998, 1997]

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The largest Pell Grant increase in 20 years. President Clinton has already increased Pell

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Grants from \$2,300 in 1993 to \$2,700 in 1997. These grants will provide a total of 3.8 million low-income students the opportunity to attend college this year. [Source: Department of Education (Memo to President, 12/6/96)] And he plans to do more. The President's Budget Agreement with Congress includes the largest increase in Pell Grants in two decades -- a funding boost of 25%. The maximum award will reach \$3,000, \$700 more than in 1993. In the 1998 budget alone, an additional 348,000 students will receive grants: 130,000 young people from moderate income families, and 218,000 low income students over the age of 24. [Source: Budget Agreement - National Economic Council]

- **Reforming Student Loans.** President Clinton cut student fees and interest rates for all borrowers, and expanded repayment options and improved service through the Direct Loan Program. [Student Loan Reform Act of 1993, P.L. 103-66] More than 2.1 million student and parent borrowers have received direct loans since the program began. [Source: Department of Education, 12/96] Under this Administration, the rate of student loan defaults within the first two years after borrowers leave college has reached an all-time low. The losses from student loan defaults fell from \$ 1.7 billion in 1992 to \$ 249 million in 1996 - an 86% drop. [Budget; Department of Education Press Release, 1/9/97]
- **Expanding Educational Opportunity Through Service.** The Clinton Administration has enabled 70,000 volunteers to earn money for college by serving their communities and their country in the AmeriCorps program since the inception of the program. [The National and Community Service Act, P.L. 103-82; U.S. Newswire, 4/28/97]

THE AGENDA AHEAD:

President Clinton has issued a call to action for American education in the 21st Century:

- **Set rigorous national standards,** that all states adopt, with national tests in 4th grade reading and 8th grade math to make sure our children master the basics.
- **Make sure a talented and dedicated teacher is in every classroom.** ^{95%} We must ensure teacher quality well into the 21st century by challenging our most promising young people to consider teaching as a career and setting high standards for entering the teaching profession.
- **Connect every classroom and library to the Internet** by the year 2000 and help all students become technologically literate.
- **Create 1,000 after-school safe havens in communities across the country.** This initiative would extend learning opportunities for children and their families at schools across the country, keeping schools open late, on weekends, and in the summer so young people will stay off the streets and out of trouble.
- **Ensure access to college for millions of students** while asking them to study hard and pay

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some of the costs of their own education by reauthorizing the Higher Education Act.[Secretary Riley, 6/19/97, draft testimony on Higher Education Reauthorization Act.]

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Education

o Raising Academic Standards

Leading a Crusade for Voluntary National Standards and Tests in the Basic Skills. President Clinton has challenged every state to adopt high national standards in the basic skills and, by 1999, to test every 4th grade student in reading and every 8th grade student in math so that parents, students and teachers can tell if students are meeting national standards. These standards will help students master the basics and represent what all our children must know in order to succeed in the knowledge economy. [Already six (this number will change 7/25) states and the Department of Defense Schools have joined the President's effort.]

Goals 2000. The President's National Standards and Testing effort builds upon the success of Goals 2000, President Clinton's education reform initiative enacted in 1994, that helps States establish standards of excellence for all children, and plan and implement steps to raise educational achievement. Communities in every state receive Goals 2000 funds and are using these funds to upgrade the curriculum, improve teaching, increase parental involvement in schools, and make greater use of computers in the classroom. [cite...]

Raised Standards for More Than x Million Low Income Students. The Clinton Administration's Improving America's Schools Act, enacted in 1994, overhauled Title 1 to provide extra help with basic and advanced skills to disadvantaged students in elementary and secondary schools. As a result of this Act, states now hold low income students to the same high standards set for all other students in the state, and to hold schools accountable for the results. As a result, more than x low income students now benefit from higher expectations and a challenging curriculum geared to higher standards. The new law also provides funds for teacher training, strengthened requirements for parental involvement, and has reduced paperwork and regulations by more than 50%.

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