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Subject: Ideas to vet

The following ideas were suggested for our review. Some are half-baked, some less so, and others may be worth pursuing. Could you look into them and get back to Elena by COB Tuesday your advice on the ones in your area, as well as any better ideas you may have? Thanks. This is the same drill as before -- what's your guess as to whether it's 1) advisable; and 2) something we can get done, and how long will it take us to make a recommendation.

Thanks. The more good ideas of our own we put in the pipeline, the less of this we'll have to do.

1. Child care (Cynthia/Elena): The govt runs the largest day care operation in the country. Could we open govt day care centers to people who don't work for the govt for a reasonable fee? [Cynthia: We should also look at other child care ideas that might make more sense, like endorsing an expansion of the dependent care tax credit, underwriting a major effort to build child care centers, etc.] *3-4? Int. very expensive*

2. Environment (Diane/Paul): 1) Is EPA working on an expansion of right to know laws to cover chemical waste in 7 additional industries? 2) When will EPA develop the Safe Water regs requiring every water company to send every consumer an annual statement showing test results of the quality of water in their tap and any health concerns about drinking it? 3) Are we expanding Brownfields? *Start in small (green light) in principle* *Yes they could - NSF (Gibbs); Det. Dept / team of leading scientists* *See separate sheet for 1+2*

3. Education/Volunteerism (Diana/Mike): For the service summit, are depts considering adopting schools? Could every dept adopt 10 schools? [OR could they sponsor charter schools? What would they do with a school they adopted?] *guide mentoring, literacy services, donate computers, do career days.* *Doable - already through*

4. Family Leave (Paul/Elizabeth/Elena): Could the President do an executive order to extend family leave for federal employees to cover routine doctor visits etc. (in line with our legislative proposal)? *Each of has auth. can ask they use this.* **YES**

5. Education (Mike): Can we do anything to provide monetary incentives for American students to take engineering courses? *NSF may already provide fellowships* *2 Yes - can introduce leg. // haven't checked whether have auth on budget news.*

6. Aggressive Drivers (Elizabeth): Is DOT working on a way to set up a system for people to call police from the road on phones to report the location of reckless or aggressive drivers? *phge w/in 10 days*

7. Criminal Checks for Nannies, Home Health Care (Dennis/Chris): Apparently a couple in NY whose nanny murdered their child is crusading for this. Do we have a database, registry, or background checks for this? [Haven't we done this 10 times already? The Oprah bill, and the new home health care regs, etc.] *Part not much / Another poss: unit emerg # for cellular phones (near time limit)* *Nanny checks - we supported 0.*

8. Medical Records Privacy (Chris): Did you see the NYT story yesterday on the commission on this issue? Can the HC Quality Commission look at this sometime this century? *will - didn't do much - could do better - attempt Oprah no prod.*

*State stuff  
subcommittee guidelines  
smart health digital  
all belly pulp it shift*

*leg - at least several wks (from old memo)*

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