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SUBJECT: VERY URGENT: VA/HUD HOUSE RULES SAP

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TEXT:

Below is the House Rules SAP for VA/HUD Appropriations. The language is identical to previous House committee letters cleared except for the following places: 2nd par. (veto threat including income targeting provisions); 5th par. under HUD; and Consumer Product Safety Commission paragraph on last page. Rules Committee meets at 2pm today; therefore we need comments by 1pm. Thanks.

H.R. 4194 DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

APPROPRIATIONS BILL, FY

1999

(Sponsors: Livingston (R), Louisiana; Lewis (R),
California)

This Statement of Administration Policy provides the Administration's views on H.R. 4194, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 1999, as reported by the House Appropriations Committee. Your consideration of the Administration's views would be appreciated.

The Administration appreciates efforts by the Committee to accommodate certain of the President's priorities within the 302(b) allocation. However, the allocation is simply insufficient to make the necessary investments in programs funded by this bill. As a result, critical programs are not funded or are underfunded, in particular, key Presidential priorities such as funding for National Service, Superfund, and climate change. Furthermore, the Administration is very concerned that the Committee has included problematic language regarding the Kyoto Protocol and other issues. Finally, the Administration understands that an amendment may be offered to include unacceptable provisions now contained in H.R. 2, such as income targeting, that are unacceptable. If the bill were presented to the President without responding to these concerns, the President's senior advisers would recommend that he veto the bill.

The only way to achieve the appropriate investment level is to offset discretionary spending by using savings in other areas. The President's FY 1999 Budget proposes levels of discretionary spending for FY 1999 that conform to the Bipartisan Budget Agreement by making savings in mandatory and other programs available to help finance this spending. In the Transportation Equity Act, Congress -- on a broad, bipartisan basis -- took similar action in approving funding for surface transportation programs paid for with mandatory offsets. We want to work with the Congress on mutually agreeable mandatory and other offsets that could be used to increase high-priority discretionary programs, including those funded by this bill.

Below is a discussion of our specific concerns with the Committee bill. We look forward to working with the House to resolve these concerns as the bill moves forward.

Corporation for National and Community Service

The Administration strongly objects to the termination of the Corporation for National and Community Service, one of the Administration's top priorities. Eliminating funding for the Corporation would deny more than 49,000 Americans the opportunity to serve as AmeriCorps members in projects such as America Reads, the Administration's effort to raise student literacy through the use of tutors to supplement the school day activities. In addition, over one million students of all ages would forego the chance to participate in service learning activities in their schools and neighborhoods. The funding level in the Committee bill for the Corporation for National and Community Service is unacceptable.

Environmental Protection Agency

The Administration has several major concerns with the

Committee's mark for the Environmental Protection Agency. In particular, the Administration strongly objects to the \$593 million, or 28-percent, reduction to the President's request for Superfund, which would delay cleanups at sites nationwide and needlessly jeopardize public health. In addition, the Administration opposes the \$16 million, or 18-percent, reduction to the request for brownfields funding as well as restrictive bill language that would hamper achievement of brownfield cleanups by preventing their use for removals, cleanups, and revolving loan funds. The Administration urges the House to restore Superfund to the requested level and to delete the restrictive brownfields language.

The Administration strongly opposes the Committee's \$106 million reduction in EPA funding for the Climate Change Technology Initiative. This high-priority program should be funded fully to cut energy usage, save consumers money, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We will work with the Congress to restore requested funding as the bill moves forward.

The Administration strongly opposes bill and report language relating to the Kyoto Protocol. While the Administration does not intend to implement the Protocol until it is ratified, the bill language could be interpreted broadly to prevent activities that limit greenhouse gases -- for example, through enhancing energy efficiency -- but that are authorized under current law. The report language also inappropriately purports to prevent public explanation of Executive Branch endeavors related to treaty negotiations and other activities related to climate change. The Administration opposes this and other riders because they inappropriately use the legislative process by denying the public and Members of Congress the opportunity to examine and debate these proposals openly.

The Administration appreciates the Committee's providing full funding for the President's Clean Water Action Plan, which is designed to prevent pollution run-off and protect public health. The Administration urges the Committee to provide the full \$50 million request to help improve water quality in Boston Harbor and prevent beach closings.

The Administration is concerned with the large number of unrequested, earmarked projects in the Committee mark for EPA, particularly when the Committee has reduced several other high-priority Administration initiatives, including right-to-know programs, Montreal Protocol, GLOBE, and Mexican border wastewater treatment funding.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

The Administration is concerned about the funding levels provided for key programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, particularly for welfare-to-work housing vouchers and other programs, such as the Community Empowerment Fund, that would expand job opportunities.

The Administration appreciates the Committee's decision to fund 17,700 incremental "Welfare-to-Work" housing vouchers. With over 3 million families needing to make the transition from welfare to work, and in light of recent studies that show historically high unmet housing need among very low-income Americans, the Administration believes it is critical for the Congress to fund the entire 50,000 welfare-to-work housing vouchers provided for in the President's request. Welfare-to-work housing vouchers will support implementation of welfare reform by assisting those welfare recipients who need housing assistance to get or keep a job.

The Administration also encourages the Congress to fund fully the President's request for \$400 million for an Economic Development Initiative Community Empowerment Fund to generate jobs in distressed communities. The Committee has cut the request by \$350 million, providing only \$50 million, as a set-aside within the existing CDBG program.

The Administration appreciates the Committee's decisions to fund a number of programs at the levels requested, including the Partnership for Advancing Technologies in Housing (PATH) initiative, and to renew all expiring Section 8 contracts. The Administration is encouraged that the Committee has provided funding for half the President's request for Regional Opportunity Counseling, a voluntary effort to expand the housing and employment opportunities available to low-income families. We urge full funding of the President's request for this program. We are also pleased by the Committee's decision to provide \$80 million for the Office of Lead Hazard Control, to reduce the risk of childhood lead poisoning and other health hazards. The Administration encourages the Congress to fund fully a number of other areas -- Homeless Assistance, Brownfields, and Regional Connections--and to end the ninety-day delay in reissuing of Section 8 certificates/vouchers on turnover.

The Administration is very concerned that the Subcommittee has not included language extending the repeal of one-for-one replacement for public housing. Without this language, the bipartisan goal of demolishing 100,000 of the worst public housing units by FY 2003 may not be achieved.

The Administration is pleased with the Committee's decision to support an audit-based enforcement initiative for the Fair Housing Initiatives program. We urge the Congress to fund fully this critical fair housing initiative to reduce the level of housing discrimination.

The Administration urges the Congress to adopt the Administration's proposal to reform HUD's single-family property disposition program, which would produce substantial savings by improving the efficiency of FHA's property disposition processes and would permit the Committee to provide additional resources to critical Committee programs. In addition, we support providing greater homeownership opportunities by increasing the FHA loan limit to the GSE "conforming" limit.

Council on Environmental Quality

The Administration appreciates the modest increase over the FY 1998 level provided for the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). However, we strongly believe that in order to allow CEQ to carry out its environmental mission and reinvention efforts, the full requested level should be provided, and language prohibiting use of detailees should be deleted.

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

The Administration strongly urges the Committee to fund the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund at the requested level. The Committee's decision to reduce the request by \$45 million would severely reduce the Fund's ability to leverage investments, loans, and financial services in the country's most distressed communities.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

The Administration is concerned with the Committee's reductions

to the requests for the International Space Station, Space Shuttle, and Earth Science programs. Full funding in FY 1999 for Space Station is critical as the United States and our International Partners are in a peak period of development and integration, and proceeding toward First Element Launch later this year. Further, the Administration is particularly concerned about bill language prohibiting the use of funds for the Triana project. Triana offers a unique opportunity to educate and engage students in all phases of the mission. Its observations could potentially be used in meteorology and environmental monitoring, as well as for commercial purposes. The Administration will work with the Congress to enable restoration of funding for these priority programs as the bill proceeds. The Administration is also concerned over the large number of unrequested, site-specific earmarks, which would have the effect of circumventing the competitive, peer review process and are paid for, in part, with serious reductions to priority programs.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

The Administration appreciates the level of funding provided by the Committee for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. However, we believe that the \$20 million reduction to the President's request for pre-disaster mitigation grants is shortsighted. These grants would help reduce the cost of future disasters by leveraging local and private-sector support for enhanced mitigation efforts at the State and community level. We urge the Committee to fund fully the President's request for this important initiative. In addition, we urge the Committee to approve our recent request for funding to help States and communities prepare for potential terrorist incidents involving chemical and/or biological weapons.

National Science Foundation

Given the budget constraints facing the Committee, the Administration appreciates the effort to provide a \$268 million increase over the FY 1998 level for the National Science Foundation (NSF). Nevertheless, the Administration is concerned with the reduction to the request for education and human resources and the elimination of funds for the proposed Polar Cap Observatory and NSF funds for the GLOBE program. The Administration is firmly committed to NSF's research and education activities, which not only promote scientific advancement but also contribute to economic development. We strongly urge the Congress to provide the full increase requested for NSF for its research, equipment, and education activities.

Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation

The Administration is pleased by the Committee's decision to provide the President's full request for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation (NRC). The NRC has a proven, successful record of leveraging private sector resources to promote homeownership and helping strengthen America's communities. This funding would provide an additional \$25 million for a homeownership initiative that seeks to create 10,000 new homeowners through FY 2000.

Consumer Product Safety Commission

The Administration opposes bill language that would block the Consumer Product Safety Commission's ability to promulgate rules to reduce the flammability of upholstered furniture. This language intrudes upon CPSC's ability, as well as the ability of other agencies, to carry out their responsibilities.

Furthermore, these efforts to block the development of a new safety standard may represent a threat to public health.

Potential Amendment Related to Peer Review

The Administration strongly opposes an amendment that may be offered mandating peer review of "scientific data" supporting final regulations. The Administration is committed to using the best possible science and peer review for rule-making. However, this amendment is unnecessary, inappropriate, and wasteful. Peer review is currently incorporated in the Government-wide rule-making process, where it is needed, through extensive outreach, public comment, and scientific advisory boards. As drafted, this amendment would mandate a one-size-fits-all requirement that would serve only to delay important government action, in particular, rules designed to protect health safety and the environment. It would impose a costly additional step in the regulatory process and could cover a large, heterogeneous set of rules, as diverse as meat and poultry inspection rules, airplane and automobile safety standards, FDA drug and device approvals, and rules to ensure safe drinking water and clean air. This would impose an undue burden on numerous final rules by requiring substantial personnel and other resources and could result in significant delays on important public health and safety rules.

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Crime Meeting Agenda July 15, 1998

Upcoming Events

- * 7/20 Curfews, school uniforms, anti-truancy announcement, New Orleans
- * 7/23 Faith-oriented anti-gang grants

Pending Items

- * School safety
 - Release of early warning guide at end of August (meet w/communities, experts)
 - Early September release of COPS/Schools grants and plan
 - Annual School Safety Report and School Safety day (early October)
- * 7/28 Drug Strike Force VP announcement, Chicago
- * Teen drug testing/driver's licenses pilot
- * CAP legislation follow-up meeting

Legislative

- * Juvenile crime
- * Appropriations
 - CJS
 - Treasury-Postal
 - Labor/HHS
- * Drugs

Miscellaneous

- * FRC drug study release today
- * Other releases, DOJ reports
- * Law enforcement groups
- * HHS Household Survey

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CREATOR: Ronald E. Jones (CN=Ronald E. Jones/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

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TEXT:

Unless I hear otherwise by noon tomorrow, Thursday, July 16th, I will assume you have no objection to the proposed veto message on HR 2646.

If you (1) need another copy of the LRM, (2) intend to comment but need more time, or (3) have provided comments that I may have overlooked, please let me know by answering this E-mail.

Thanks,
Ron Jones (53386)

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MEMORANDUM TO DISTRIBUTION LIST

FROM: Bruce Reed
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

SUBJECT: July 15, 1998 CRIME MEETING

On Wednesday, July 15, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 211 of the Old Executive Office Building, we will hold the weekly crime meeting.

Thank You.

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TEXT:

Here is a slightly revised version of the statement with Gene's comments. Please let me know if it's OK ASAP so that we can get the changes to the press office in order to issue it early tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon.

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**ADMINISTRATION STATEMENT ON CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION
OF LEGISLATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF H-1B VISAS**

The Administration supports sound and balanced legislative efforts to address shortages of skilled workers within certain sectors of our economy. We believe that the most important response for increasing the availability of skilled workers must be increasing the skills of U.S. workers and ensuring that employers seek U.S. workers first. Thus, while it may be necessary in the short-term to increase the number of visas for temporary foreign workers, this must only be done in conjunction with additional efforts to increase the skill level of U.S. workers and meaningful reforms to the H-1B program. We look forward to working with the Congress to achieve a sound and balanced bill that both protects U.S. workers and respects the good faith business judgements of employers.

If the President is presented with a bill that increases the cap on H-1B visas, but does not contain a significant training component and meaningful reforms that require employers to recruit U.S. workers before applying for an H-1B worker and to not lay-off a U.S. worker in order to hire an H-1B worker, the President's senior advisors will recommend that he veto the bill.

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CREATOR: Andrea Kane (CN=Andrea Kane/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1998 15:18:24.00

SUBJECT: APWA forum on the Hill

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TO: Diana Fortuna (CN=Diana Fortuna/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
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TO: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Barbara Chow (CN=Barbara Chow/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
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TEXT:

On Monday afternoon, as part of it's meeting, APWA (Yes, I'm still using the old name until I absolutely have to add one more letter) is holding a forum called "Implementing Welfare Reform: A View From the States". The forum will include a panel of state administrators from TN, OR, and IA talking about "Implementing TANF: Issues and Outcomes", another panel from MO, CO, and NY talking about "CCDF: implementation and challenges", and video from MS called "Heat of the Moment" promoting teen abstinence. The two panels will take questions from the 4 key H, S, R and D staffers for TANF and child care. From what I've heard from APWA staff, I'd anticipate some discussion about:

Financing issues: cuts in Title XX, limit on Title XX transfer, state rainy day funds, why low draw down of TANF funds does not mean Congress should cut the program (One of the big issues states are citing is that with falling caseloads, they are spending state money first to ensure they meet MOE requirements. Some states are also saying they committed a lot more money than the draw down would indicate--i.e. there's a lag).

Need for better coordination among federal programs, especially TANF and food stamps and importance of strengthening links to make sure people continue getting food stamps, medicaid even if they go off TANF.

Cost allocation

TANF and child care data reporting issues.

What states are doing to expand eligibility for child care, increase reimbursement, reduce co-pays, etc while also being concerned about opening up the floodgates.

Innovative things states are doing, and challenges with serving those with multiple barriers.

I have agenda and speakers list for the forum if anyone wants to see it

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Diana Fortuna (CN=Diana Fortuna/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1998 16:51:17.00

SUBJECT: Info on Michigan

TO: Cynthia A. Rice (CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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CC: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TEXT:

Here's an update from the NEC. I still don't feel confident we're back in this loop and will continue to try to get us there.

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Cecilia E. Rouse
07/15/98 02:17:25 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Diana Fortuna/OPD/EOP
cc:
Subject: Re: any news on Michigan?

The only news is that the unions (with the exception of the UAW) have grudgingly agreed to a small pilot in Michigan. Therefore, Secretary Herman is waiting for Gov. Engler to call (he is scheduled to do so) to schedule a face-to-face meeting in Washington either later this week or early next week. DOL is interested in a 25% pilot which could be configured in a number of ways.

-- Ceci

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: William H. White Jr. (CN=William H. White Jr./OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1998 15:58:12.00

SUBJECT: NGA and FSLA

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TEXT:

Carper's office called and asked if NGA could have a heads-up before we announce our decision on FSLA. Will this happen this week?

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CREATOR: Cathy R. Mays (CN=Cathy R. Mays/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1998 17:38:16.00

SUBJECT: Next COS Scheduling Mtg.

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Carole A. Parmelee

07/15/98 05:28:35 PM

Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc:

Subject: Next COS Scheduling Mtg.

...Sorry for the change.....the next COS scheduling mtg. will be at 11:00
AM on Friday, July 17 (not Thursday at 3:00) Thanks for your patience.
Carole

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CREATOR: Cathy R. Mays (CN=Cathy R. Mays/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1998 18:05:15.00

SUBJECT: Weekly Health Care Strategy Meeting

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TEXT:

We will be having the weekly Health Care Strategy meeting tomorrow, July 16, at 4:00 p.m. in Bruce Reed's office.

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CREATOR: Julie A. Fernandes (CN=Julie A. Fernandes/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1998 16:31:21.00

SUBJECT: EEOC mark-up

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TEXT:

FYI. The EEOC survived the full committee mark-up with an unchanged \$18.5 million increase and no riders re: testing. There was, however, a motion to reduce the EEOC's budget by \$2 million by Rep. Dickey. He was apparently upset about some high profile case in Arkansas, and spoke about it at length. That started a discussion of lots of disliked EEOC cases by various Rep. members. According to Martha, Livingston then indicated that they had a deal with the EEOC and that neither he nor Rogers was supporting the reduction in funding. Dixon and Mollohan also spoke about the agency's need for increased funding. The motion failed on a vote of 37 to 11. EEOC is now in the process of transmitting a signed version of the letter to the various Chairs and ranking members. Martha indicated that either she or Larry Stein would call Gingrich to confirm his support to beat back similar motions when the bill gets to the floor.

Julie

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CREATOR: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1998 13:04:20.00

SUBJECT: Response to Republican bill of rights proposal

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**SENATE REPUBLICAN PATIENTS BILL OF RIGHTS PROPOSAL IS CLOSER TO AN
INSURERS' BILL OF RIGHTS THAN A PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS**

July 15, 1998

Automated Records Management System
Hex-Dump Conversion

After nine months of ignoring the President's call for a strong enforceable, bipartisan patients' bill of rights, the Senate Republicans have responded with a rhetoric-laced, partisan proposal that places the interests of insurers above the needs of patients. The proposal, for which their continues to be no legislative language, falls far short of what patients need to ensure that their health plans provide patients with basic health care needs. **The fact that Republicans have yet to introduce a bill with less than 40 days left in this Congress raises serious questions as to whether they are truly committed to passing a bill of rights or selling a bill of goods American public. The Republican proposal falls short in many areas. For example, it:**

- **Does not provide the majority of Americans all of the patient protections they need.** The Republican proposal, however inadequate, only applies to Americans in self-insured plans and excludes the majority of Americans. Therefore, those tens of million of Americans excluded from these protections would only have the rights they need if every state passed every protection into law.
 - **States patients rights laws do not provide the protections patients need.** No state has passed all of the protections in the patients' bill of rights, and most states have passed only a few or none of the protections. For example, as many as twenty states have not passed protections that assure patients access to the specialists they need.
 - **Unfair to Americans in small businesses.** Most Americans who work in small businesses would not be protected by the Senate Republican proposal. The plan explicitly excludes these Americans from these protections and holds them hostage to the hope that every state will some day pass these protections.
 - **Inconsistent with the bipartisan Kassebaum-Kennedy law.** Rejects bipartisan Kassebaum-Kennedy approach that guarantees insurance protections are extended to all Americans. There is no reason the patients' bill of rights should not follow this same structure.
- **Does not guarantee access to specialists.** Assuring access to needed specialists is an absolutely essential protection. We have heard again and again about patients who could not see oncologists or specialists to treat heart conditions or diabetes. The Senate Republicans do not assure that patients with critical health needs have access to the specialists they need.
- **Does not limit or require disclosure of financial incentives for doctors.** Patients should not be put at risk through unknown destructive financial incentives to limit patient care. The Senate Republican proposal explicitly does not provide patients this important protection.
- **Doe not compensate patients who are maimed or who die as a result of a wrongful health plan action. A right without a remedy is simply not a right. The Senate Republican proposal does not have any recourse for patients who are maimed or injured by their health plans. Because it has no enforcement provision, plans who ignore the patient protections will not be held accountable. Moreover, this provision is even weaker than the House Republican proposal.**

The President Remains Committed to Passing a Strong Enforceable Patients' Bill of Rights in This Congress. Notwithstanding his concerns, he will work to pass a strong enforceable patients' bill of rights

this year.

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CREATOR: Diana Fortuna (CN=Diana Fortuna/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1998 17:40:27.00

SUBJECT: For your signoff tonight: Child support incentives press statement

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TEXT:

Attached for your OK is a draft press statement on the signing of the child support incentives bill. Phil Caplan wants this tonight so he can circulate it in the West Wing for clearance. He expects the President to sign the bill tomorrow.

FYI, Melissa feels that we shouldn't criticize the old nuclear penalty because it risks making the bill look weak. She feels we should simply say that these are "additional tough penalties" since HHS could still theoretically use the nuclear penalty. This draft reflects her views.

DRAFT

President's Statement on Signing of HR3130 (to be released to press)

I am pleased to sign into law H.R. 3130, the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act. This Administration has conducted an unprecedented campaign to increase parental responsibility and ensure that parents support their children. We have had many successes. Through tougher enforcement, we have collected a record \$13.4 billion in child support, an increase of 68% since 1992, with 1.4 million more families now receiving child support. In addition, we located one million delinquent parents during the first nine months of a new collection system that tracks parents across state lines, a system enacted as part of the 1996 welfare law that my Administration first proposed in 1994. On paternity establishment, which is often the crucial first step in child support cases, we set a record in 1997 -- 1.3 million paternities established, or two and a half times as many as in 1992. Last month, I signed the Deadbeat Parents Punishment Act, a law based on my Administration's 1996 proposal to crack down on egregious child support evaders by creating a new felony offense for those who flee across state lines to avoid supporting their children.

However, there is much more that we must do. H.R. 3130 will build on this progress and help ensure that parents give their children all the support they need and deserve.

First, the new law incorporates a proposal that my Administration sent to Congress last year. It will reward states for their performance on a wider range of key child support goals, such as the number of paternity

establishments and child support orders, rather than simply on cost-effectiveness as the old law provided.

Second, it puts in place additional tough penalties for states that fail to automate their child support computer systems on time. Under this new law, states that fail to establish these state-wide systems face automatic and escalating penalties, ranging from 4% of funds for the first year to 30% for the fifth year that a state fails to implement a system.

Third, the new law will make it easier for states to establish standardized medical support orders in cases where the non-custodial parent has private health insurance, by putting in place a process to create a medical support notice that all companies will recognize.

Many members of Congress, Administration officials, state officials, experts, and children's advocates worked together constructively in a bipartisan fashion to craft this valuable piece of legislation, and I wish to thank them for their efforts. In particular, I would like to thank Reps.

Levin and Shaw, and Senators Moynihan, Roth, Rockefeller, and Baucus. [Leg Affairs to put this in right format]

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CREATOR: Sean P. Maloney (CN=Sean P. Maloney/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1998 16:01:59.00

SUBJECT: The President's Trip to AR/LA

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On Friday afternoon, July 17, 1998, the President will travel to Little Rock, Arkansas. On Saturday, he will address the State Committee meeting, have a photo-op with candidates and attend the Arkansas Victory '98 dinner and the DSCC dinner for Blanche Lambert Lincoln. On Sunday, he will have the day off and travel to New Orleans, Louisiana, in the evening. On Monday, he will address the American Federation of Teachers conference, meet with African American law enforcement officials, and attend the Jefferson luncheon and a DNC dinner. He will return to the White House late Monday evening. Deadlines for the President's trip book are as follows:

AR & LA Background Memos:

DUE THURS., JULY 16, AT 3:00 P.M.

- Political Memos
- CEQ Hot Issues
- Cabinet Affairs Hot Issues
- Accomplishments
- Economic One-Pager

AR Event Memos:

DUE THURS., JULY 16, AT 6:00 P.M.

- State Committee Meeting
- Arkansas Victory Dinner '98
- DSCC Dinner

LA Event Memos:

DUE FRI., JULY 17, AT 6:00 P.M.

- AFT Speech
- African American Law Enforcement Drop-By
- Jefferson Luncheon
- DNC Dinner

Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions. Thanks.

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TEXT:

10:30 a.m., Today, Wednesday, July 15th, was the deadline for your comments on the Administration (President's senior policy advisors) letter on S. 2176, Sen. Thompson's "Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998." We circulated the draft letter for comment to you yesterday under LRM ID: SGE150.

Please let me know by 2 p.m., TODAY, Wednesday, July 15th, your comments on this letter. Please contact me if you would like to know of comments by other EOP staff or agencies.

If I do not hear from you by 2 p.m., TODAY, I will assume that you do not have any comments on this letter.

Thank you.

I am writing to express my concern over the Congress' unprecedented effort in recent weeks to restrict reproductive choices for women. It is regrettable that some Members of Congress have chosen to pursue a series of initiatives designed to create a political issue at the risk of increasing unintended pregnancies and abortion and of compromising women's health and safety.

I have long said that I believe abortion should be safe, legal and rare. All of the proposals being offered would restrict safe medical choices. Some would actually restrict access to family planning information and services and could have the perverse effect of increasing the number of unintended pregnancies and abortions. I urge the Congress to put partisan politics aside and instead put women's health and safety first.

First, I oppose the language in the [House Labor/ Health and Human Services Appropriations -- check correct name] bill mandating parental consent for minors seeking counseling and services from federally funded family planning programs. While Title X providers should always encourage family communication, mandating such communication may cause many teenagers to delay or altogether avoid seeking contraceptive services. This could increase the number of unintended pregnancies and, in turn, of abortions. Surely no one would support this result.

Second, I oppose efforts to strike or scale back Congresswoman Lowey's provision in the [House Treasury/Postal Appropriations -- check] bill that would require health plans participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program to cover all FDA approved prescription contraceptives. The Lowey proposal would improve basic health care coverage for many women and help reduce unwanted pregnancies and the need for abortion. The current attempts to strike or scale back this amendment would undermine these important goals.

Third, I strongly object to the amendment to impose restrictions on international family planning programs. By prohibiting foreign non-governmental organizations from receiving United States funds if the organization uses any non-US government funds for abortion-related services, the amendment jeopardizes funding to health care providers who are working to meet the growing demand for family planning and other critical health services in developing countries. The result of this amendment's provisions could also be an increase in unintended pregnancy, abortion, and maternal and infant death.

Fourth, I find it deeply disturbing that Congress would take the unprecedented step, through an amendment to the House Agriculture Appropriations bill, of intervening in the Food and Drug Administration's drug approval process by banning funding for the approval or testing of drugs that medically induce abortions. For years, the FDA has used vigorous testing and the highest scientific standards to protect public health. This amendment substitutes political ideology for sound science. It would restrict scientific research that can protect women's lives and offer them safe medical choices.

Fifth, I am disappointed that Congress chose to reject the changes that I proposed to the

Child Custody Protection Act. As my Administration conveyed to Congress, I would support properly crafted legislation that would make it illegal to transport minors across state lines for the purpose of avoiding parental involvement requirements. I have repeatedly stated that I would sign a bill if it were amended to exclude close family members from criminal and civil liability and to ensure that individuals who provide only information, counseling, referral, or medical services to the minor cannot be subject to liability. These changes would preserve the goal of the legislation to prevent the circumvention of state parental involvement laws, while both ensuring that minors are not isolated from close family members and preserving healthy family communications. Unfortunately, the Congress has ignored these proposed changes, as well as those designed to address the constitutional infirmities raised by the Department of Justice. In doing so, this Congress has demonstrated that it is not truly interested in passing legislation, but only creating another partisan political issue.

Finally, Congress is once again considering legislation to ban so-called partial birth abortions. This is a difficult and disturbing issue, but real dialogue about it has been eclipsed by those more interested in scoring political points than in putting meaningful limits on the use of this procedure. I urge you, once again, to put partisan politics aside and come together to protect women's health and lives. I have long opposed late term abortions, and I do not, as a general matter, support the use of this procedure. However, rare and tragic situations can occur in a woman's pregnancy in which, in a doctor's medical judgment, the use of this procedure may be necessary to save a woman's life or to protect her against serious injury to her health. In these situations, in which a woman and her family must make an awful choice, the Constitution requires, as it should, that the ability to choose this procedure be protected.

As I have said to Congress on several occasions, I would sign legislation banning this procedure if it included an exception allowing the procedure to be performed in order to prevent a serious injury to a woman's health. If Congress responds to my repeated requests to add such a narrow, tightly drawn exception, I would sign the bill now.

I urge Congress to move beyond ideology and political maneuvering and think about the women affected by each of these proposals. This is about their health and their lives, and they deserve better.

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Subject: MONDAY, SPECIAL ISSUES MEETING 2:00 pm

On Monday, July 20, there will be a Special Issues Meeting in Gene Sperling's office from 2:00-3:30 pm. Thanks.

Please RSVP by replying to this e-mail. thanks.

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**EFFORTS TO REPEAL EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED MAY 28, 1998
PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN THE FEDERAL CIVILIAN
WORKFORCE BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION**

Background:

- Executive Order 13087 was issued on May 28, 1998. It amends an earlier executive order, Executive Order 11478. It restates the pre-existing policy of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in federal civilian employment.
- Representative Hefley of Colorado and others have indicated that they will attempt to amend the Treasury/Postal appropriations bill to prohibit the use of federal funds to implement, enforce or administer the Executive Order. The Administration opposes this effort.

What exactly does the Executive Order provide?

- The Executive Order will ensure that there is a uniform policy throughout the Federal Government by adding sexual orientation to the list of categories (i.e. race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or age) for which discrimination is prohibited in hiring, firing and promotion in the civilian federal workforce, as provided for in Executive Order 11478.
- This policy is about basic fairness, not about "special rights."

Does this affect affirmative action policy or create special treatment for certain groups?

- No. Executive Order 13087 does not mandate affirmative action based on sexual orientation. It does not allow preferential treatment. It does not require that agencies find out which of their employees are gay, or how many gay employees they have hired. There are not quota programs in place for federal civilian hiring, and Executive Order 13087 does not create one. Executive Order 13087 does not require reporting of sexual orientation, quotas, or any affirmative action program based on sexual orientation.

Is this a new policy?

- No. It has always been the practice of this Administration to prohibit discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation in the civilian workforce, and most federal agencies and department have taken actions, such as the issuance of policy directives or

memoranda from the agency heads, to memorialize that policy. The Executive Order states this policy uniformly and for the first time in an Executive Order of the President.

- Moreover, federal law has for a long time provided that discrimination in federal civilian employment based upon sexual orientation is a prohibited personnel practice if it is found that sexual orientation did not adversely affect the performance of the employee. [Title 5 of the U.S. Code, section 2302(b)(10) prohibits “discriminat[ion] for or against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of conduct which does not adversely affect the performance of the employee or applicant or the performance of others.”]
- As far back as 1980, OPM has issued its interpretation of existing federal law stating that “applicants and employees are to be protected against inquiries into, or actions based upon, non-job-related conduct, such as religious, community, or social affiliations, or sexual orientation.”

If this is not a new policy, why was an Executive Order necessary?

- The Executive Order states a uniform policy throughout the Executive Branch of the Federal Government.

What impact does this have on the uniformed military service?

- None. This order does not apply to the uniformed military service.

What, if any, enforcement rights are granted?

- This Executive Order states Administration policy but does not create any new enforcement rights. Those rights would be granted by legislation passed by the Congress, such as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which the President supports.

What is the authority for the President to issue this executive order?

- Presidents since George Washington have directed Executive Orders to their employees in the Executive Branch. In 1966, Congress specifically authorized the President to “prescribe regulations for the conduct of employees in the executive branch.” 5 U.S.C. § 7301. Presidents have frequently exercised that authority over the federal workforce, issuing scores of Executive Orders. This particular Order by President Clinton amends Executive Order 11478, issued in 1969 by President Nixon, barring federal employees from discriminating based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or age. The same authority that supported that Order supports this one. President Reagan issued Executive Order 12564, requiring a drug-free federal workplace, and Executive Order 12353, governing charitable fundraising by federal employees. President Bush issued

Executive Order 12674, setting forth principles of ethical conduct for government employees. It would be nonsensical to contend that the President can regulate the ethical conduct of federal employees, that he can prescribe standards for fundraising and require drug testing, but cannot instruct federal employees to refrain from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation.

What is the meaning of the phrase “sexual orientation?”

- **The President intends the term to have the common meaning stated in the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, “homosexuality, bisexuality, or heterosexuality.” With regard to all these issues, as this is the President’s order, the President’s intent informs the meaning of the executive order. See Sea-Land Service, Inc. v. Interstate Commerce Commission, 738 F.2d 1311, 1314 (D.C. Cir. 1984) (“The ‘law’ at issue in this instance is an Executive Order promulgated by the President, and it is to his intent that we must turn for guidance . . .”).**

Is this an attempt to legislate by executive order?

- This executive order does not amend Title VII or create new rights or remedies for discrimination based on sexual orientation. It is the role of Congress, and not the Executive Branch, to amend federal statutes.
- Unlike Title VII, which applies to employers generally, including private employers, Executive Order 13087 merely sets internal employment policy for the Executive Branch.

Would the executive order require federal contractors or state and local governments to hire gays?

- This executive order applies only to employees of the Executive branch; it does not apply to federal contractors or grant recipients. Federal contractors are not “employees” of the Federal government.

Is there public support for the Executive Order?

- Recent national polls by Newsweek and the Associated Press indicate that between 84-85% of Americans favor equal rights for gay people in the workplace.
- The proposed federal legislation on this topic, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, enjoyed strong bipartisan support in the 104th Congress, with 49 Senators voting for it and 139 House cosponsors. In addition, a majority of House Members and over two-thirds of the Senate have specifically indicated that sexual orientation was not a consideration in their own employment practices.

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Tuesday, July 14, 1998

LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Liaison Officer - See Distribution below

FROM: Janet R. Forsgren (for) Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

OMB CONTACT: Constance J. Bowers

PHONE: (202)395-3803 FAX: (202)395-6148

SUBJECT: Statement of Administration Policy on HR3248 Dollars to the Classroom Act

DEADLINE: 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 16, 1998

In accordance with OMB Circular A-19, OMB requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President. Please advise us if this item will affect direct spending or receipts for purposes of the "Pay-As-You-Go" provisions of Title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.

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STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

H.R. 3248 - DOLLARS TO THE CLASSROOM ACT

(Sponsors: Pitts (R), Pennsylvania and 84 others)

The Administration strongly opposes H.R. 3248, as reported by the Committee on Education and the Workforce. If this bill were presented to the President, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto it.

H.R. 3248 would convert a wide array of Federal education programs that address national priorities into a single, unfocused, block-grant program of general aid for education. The bill would eliminate programs that focus on our neediest children and schools, and on activities in which national leadership can play a critical role, such as helping States and school districts raise educational standards and achievement for students, improving the quality of teaching, bringing the benefits of technology to our Nation's students, and increasing the availability of after-school programs.

Block grants would replace these worthy efforts with general aid for school operations, which is the responsibility of States and communities to provide, with no attention to national priorities and no accountability for results.

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SUBJECT: Gingrich education press conference--heads up

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TEXT:

Gingrich and Pete Hoekstra are doing a press conference at 1:00pm on Thursday, release a report from the House Education and Workforce committee--"Education and a CrossRoads." The report, a biased summary of a year's worth of hearings on what works and what doesn't primarily in K-12 education, calls for block grants, vouchers, Coverdell IRA's and more accountability. Education Committee Democrats are organizing a press conference for later in the afternoon; they are trying to get Gephardt to come. Riley is out of town and Brod Johnson just called to tell me that they are requesting a "high level White House official" to participate.

While the details of this are still a bit fuzzy, I think it would be good to have someone there--Bruce, Gene, Paul???

I'll have a copy of the report first thing in the morning, and can work on talking points for whoever needs it.

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TEXT:

Today's PIR/WH coordinating meeting has been cancelled.

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SUBJECT: Wellstone Amendment to count college as work

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TEXT:

As you know, the Senate passed the Wellstone amendment 55-43 as part of the higher ed reauthorization. It would allow states to count up to 2 years of college as work under the voc ed cap. Ten Republicans voted in favor (Hatch, Snowe, Allard, Jeffords, D'Amato, Stevens, Thomas, Specter, Chafee, Collins).

We did a Q&A that day that dodged taking a position, but that will be hard to sustain as the bill moves to conference. Tomorrow, NEC is holding a meeting with the agencies to go over all the higher ed conference issues, and we are invited to go and lay out how we propose to handle this one. We can certainly roll Education if they argue we should support it. However, given this may become high-profile (see today's Post op ed page), NEC may understandably balk if we say we should take no position. We are investigating further the dynamics in the House, with the hope that they could somehow make it go away very early in the process, but that may not pan out.

We thought about whether this should be a weekly item, but weren't sure you wanted to open it up in that way. Any advice?

FYI, here's how the Q&A looked.

Q. On the higher education bill, a Wellstone amendment to welfare reform was adopted that supporters say helps welfare recipients who want to increase their earning potential by allowing college to count as work for up to two years, but opponents say is a loophole that undermines the work requirements of welfare reform? What is the Administration's view?

A. We have been encouraging colleges to use work-study and other means to help welfare recipients attend college. But we have not yet analyzed the language in the Senate bill.

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SUBJECT: Admin. Letter on Vacancies Bill--Comment by 2PM

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TEXT:

10:30 a.m., Today, Wednesday, July 15th, was the deadline for your comments on the Administration (President's senior policy advisors) letter on S. 2176, Sen. Thompson's "Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998." We circulated the draft letter for comment to you yesterday under LRM ID: SGE150.

Please let me know by 2 p.m., TODAY, Wednesday, July 15th, your comments on this letter. Please contact me if you would like to know of comments by other EOP staff or agencies.

If I do not hear from you by 2 p.m., TODAY, I will assume that you do not have any comments on this letter.

Thank you.

**ADMINISTRATION STATEMENT ON CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION
OF LEGISLATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF H-1B VISAS**

The Administration generally supports legislative efforts to address shortages of skilled workers within certain sectors of our economy. We believe that the first response for increasing the availability of skilled workers must be helping the labor market work better to match employers with U.S. workers and increasing the skills of U.S. workers. Thus, while it may be necessary in the short-term to increase the number of visas for temporary foreign workers, this must only be done in conjunction with additional efforts to increase the skill level of U.S. workers and meaningful reforms to the H-1B program. We look forward to working with the Congress to achieve a balance between protecting U.S. workers and providing flexibility for employers.

If the President is presented with a bill that increases the cap on H-1B visas, but does not contain a significant training component and meaningful reform to the H-1B program that requires employers to recruit U.S. workers before applying for an H-1B worker and to not lay-off a U.S. worker in order to hire an H-1B worker, the President's senior advisors will recommend that he veto the bill.