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SUBJECT: for the president

TO: Christopher C. Jennings ( CN=Christopher C. Jennings/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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TO: Cynthia A. Rice ( CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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TEXT:

we need updated q&a on tobacco reflecting the verdict in Ohio case. thanks

also - if the patients' bill of guidance has changed at all after last night's mark up - we will need guidance to reflect that. thanks

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CREATOR: Jose Cerda III ( CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

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SUBJECT: Re: Draft Gun Directive

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TEXT:  
BR:

I spoke to IGA about Rendell. Looks like they'll come through. w/him...or  
at least one more Richmond person...jc3  
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Mona G. Mohib  
03/19/99 09:40:12 AM  
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To: Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP  
cc:  
Subject: Re: Draft Gun Directive

Good news. We are reaching out to USCM. If we don't hear from them for  
their choices, we are going Rendell, then Richmond.  
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Mickey Ibarra  
03/19/99 08:28:06 AM  
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To: Mona G. Mohib/WHO/EOP  
cc: Maria E. Soto/WHO/EOP, Patrice L. Stanley/WHO/EOP  
Subject: Re: Draft Gun Directive

Update. I just spoke to Nancy on Radio Address. They have a packed House  
for Oval and will use Roosevelt Room for overflow. We reached agreement  
however, that we would add one mayor to represent them all. I suggest we  
invite Rendell but perhaps we should consult with USCM first. How 'bout  
you checking with USCM to get three recommendations in priority order  
knowing that only one will be in attendance. In any event, I hope to talk

with Rendell today.



**Tobacco Q&A**  
**March 19, 1999 -- DRAFT**  
**POTUS**

**Q: Yesterday the Senate firmly rejected an amendment to the supplemental appropriations bill that would have ensured states spend half of the tobacco settlement funds on programs to prevent tobacco use, promote public health, and protect farmers. What do you think of this vote?**

**A: I am disappointed that this amendment was not adopted. Without this amendment states won't have to spend one penny of the tobacco settlement to reduce youth smoking, promote public health, or assist farmers. I strongly oppose giving up the federal share of the states' tobacco settlement without any commitment by the states to use these monies to prevent youth smoking, protect farmers, improve public health, or assist children. My advisers are recommending that I veto the Senate supplemental bill if it is sent to me with a rider which gives up the federal share of the settlement without such a commitment.**

**Q: What are you going to do next on this issue?**

**A: We are going to work with our allies to try to proposed different versions of the language which may be more acceptable. This is a critical opportunity to reduce youth smoking and improve the health of millions of Americans for decades to come, and we must move forward.**

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SUBJECT: O'Connor

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

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I took a quick look this morning at some of the key O'Connor opinions this morning and will get you copies before the meeting. I hadn't realized how relatively strong a view she had expressed on Estab Clause iss

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

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SUBJECT: DPC Team Leaders Meeting

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TEXT:

There will be a DPC Team Leaders on Monday, March 22, at 9:30 a.m. in Bruce's Office. We hope to see everyone at that time.

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TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

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TEXT:

QUESTION FOR JOE:

Q: Would the President veto the Patients Bill of Rights legislation that passed out of the Senate Labor Committee last night? (or, What do you think about the Patients Bill of Rights legislation that passed out of the Senate Labor Committee last night?)

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To: Elizabeth R. Newman/WHO/EOP  
cc: Devorah R. Adler/OPD/EOP, Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OPD/EOP  
Subject: PBOR q&a for 3/18

Q: What is the President's response to the Patient's Bill of Rights legislation that is presently being marked up by the Senate Labor Committee?

A: The legislation Senator Jeffords intends to mark up today falls far short of what is necessary to meet the needs of patients in a rapidly changing health care system. It will not cover tens of millions of Americans; it will not have a standard to prevent HMOs from making arbitrary coverage decision; and it will have a wholly inadequate mechanism to enforce patients' rights. This helps explains why every major patient, doctor, and nurse advocacy organization has concluded that the Chairman's mark is flawed and will not adequately protect patients.

Clearly, we are disappointed that the Democratic substitute bill did not receive a majority vote yesterday. We remain hopeful, however, that the legislation will be improved as the legislative process proceeds. We hope the Committee will approve strengthening amendments on the Senate floor when the entire public is

focused on a debate of the issues at stake.

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CREATOR: Devorah R. Adler ( CN=Devorah R. Adler/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

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SUBJECT: Re: PBOR q&a for 3/18

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TEXT:

I don't know. This is the way I got it from Courtney. I usually don't format like this -- and won't in the future.

Devorah



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**Update on nursing home quality and enforcement problems.** In recent days, the Senate Aging Committee, chaired by Senator Grassley, has been releasing a series of GAO and HHS IG reports critical of HCFA's nursing home quality enforcement activities. The reports indicate that HCFA has failed to ensure that the states are fulfilling their nursing home quality obligations. The reports findings include that: HCFA has failed to pursue the investigation of serious quality complaints, inadequately addressed problems associated with repeat offenders, and inadequately intervened in cases where health and safety violations resulted in actual harm to residents. Some of these findings have been or are being addressed by a nursing home quality initiative you unveiled last year. Others are new and are disturbing. In response, we have instructed HCFA to aggressively improve their enforcement activities by requiring states to investigate complaints that allege harm to residents within 10 working days, increasing the minimum fine for facilities violating quality standards to \$50 to \$1,000, and making it easier for states to impose fines of up to \$10,000 for quality violations. We are also working on additional enforcement improvement provisions which are outlined below.

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**Update on Medicare.** In the wake of the Medicare Commission vote and your announcement

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of your intention to propose your own Medicare reform initiative, we are developing a range of options for your consideration. This work will be complicated by the March 30th release of this year's Social Security/ Medicare trustees report, which is expected to push out the exhaustion date of the Medicare trust fund by a number of years. Not only will this impact on our strategy surrounding the dedication of the surplus to Medicare, it will change the scoring of many of the underlying provisions of any proposal. Because it is likely that it will be much easier to reach your previously stated goal of pushing out the exhaustion date to 2020, we believe that it is advisable to stop using any reference to the year 2020 and/or the number of years you wish to extend the life of the trust fund. Instead, we suggest confining our comments to statements like: "We are dedicating 15 percent of the surplus (\$686 billion over 15 years) to Medicare." This will protect our current policy position while enabling us to potentially modify how we describe the impact of this infusion of dollars to the Medicare program.

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There have been a number of reports **that some states may be inappropriately preventing families from obtaining Medicaid coverage by imposing waiting periods for issuing an application or determining Medicaid eligibility.** This guidance makes it clear that these delays are impermissible and inconsistent with the law and underscores your long standing commitment to ensure that welfare reform does not reduce access to the Medicaid program. The letter and guidebook will be issued prior to the release of a report from George Washington University's Center for Health Policy Studies which implies that the welfare reform statute has created barriers to receiving Medicaid. While we believe the guidance is expected to be well received by advocates, we do not expect states to raise serious concerns about this communication.

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**President Clinton: Deterring and Reducing Gun Crime  
March 20, 1999**

In weekly radio address, President Clinton will direct the Secretary of the Treasury and Attorney General to develop a comprehensive firearms violence reduction strategy for the nation. Among other things, the strategy will specifically include: the intensive investigation and prosecution of gun criminals; expanded efforts to identify illegal gun markets and gun "hot spots"; and improved coordination with state and local law enforcement and other community-based efforts. The President will also release a new Justice Department report highlighting 60 promising strategies that have helped reduce gun violence in communities throughout the country.

**Stepping Up the Fight Against Gun Violence**

**Gun crimes down, but still too high.** Since 1993, the nation's crime rate has dropped by more than 20 percent, and to its lowest level in a generation. During this period gun-related crime has dropped even more: gun murders are down by 33 percent, and crimes committed with firearms are down by 27 percent. But gun-related crime and violence remain serious problems. In 1996, more than 34,000 people died from gunfire -- about 14,000 of which were homicides. And the youth gun murder rate remains especially high -- nearly twice what it was just 15 years ago.

**Taking the fight against gun violence nationwide.** To continue to reduce gun crime and violence, President Clinton will direct the Secretary of the Treasury and Attorney General -- working with U.S. Attorneys, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and all of state and local law enforcement -- to develop a comprehensive national firearms strategy that builds on the successful efforts already in place throughout the country. Specifically, the President will ask that the strategy contain elements to:

**Prosecute more gun criminals by expanding efforts such as Project Exile in Richmond, VA.** As part of Project Exile, U.S. Attorney Helen Fahey -- working closely with other state, local and federal law enforcement authorities -- targeted gun-carrying felons and other armed criminals for immediate federal prosecution and stiff mandatory sentences in federal prison. Fahey also reached out to the business community and launched an extensive media campaign to educate Richmond's residents about the lengthy, mandatory prison sentences associated with gun crimes. Gun-related homicides in Richmond fell by 41 percent after Project Exile was implemented.

**Target illegal gun markets and gun "hot spots" like the Boston Gun Project,** where the Boston Police Department and ATF work together to disrupt illegal gun markets by investigating illegal gun trafficking and referring cases for swift prosecution by the federal and state prosecutors. Through the Gun Project, every gun recovered by the police in a crime is traced through ATF's National Tracing Center to uncover sources of illegal weapons and gun trafficking patterns. Combined with other youth violence prevention efforts, the Boston Gun Project has helped contribute to the 75 percent decline in youth homicides since 1995.



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**Strengthen enforcement of gun laws and regulations** through programs like Oakland's Firearms Licenses Compliance Program. This joint effort by the Oakland Police Department and ATF ensures that prospective applicants for federal firearms licenses are subject to a complete and comprehensive background investigation. It also improves gun dealer compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws -- including local ordinances that prohibit gun dealers from operating in residential neighborhoods. The Oakland program has been credited with helping to reduce the overall number of gun dealers from 57 to 6 between 1994 to 1996.

**Enhance supervision of gun criminals** as is done by the Minnesota Anti-Violence Initiative (MAVI). Under MAVI, Minneapolis probation and police officers work together to closely monitor gang and gun criminals by making unannounced home visits to probationers at night to make sure they are sticking to the terms of their probation sentence. MAVI is credited with helping Minneapolis reduce its summertime homicides from 40 in 1996 to just 8 in 1997.

**Promote innovative local strategies** like the St. Louis Firearms Suppression Program (FSP) in Missouri. In response to a tripling of the number of **juvenile homicide suspects**, FSP was formed to get guns out of the hands of juveniles. Police officers approached parents in high-crime neighborhoods and asked for their consent to search for and seize illegal guns in their household. If parents agreed to the search, no one in the residence would be charged with a crime if illegal guns turned up. Between 1994 and 1997, FSP officers seized more than 1,300 guns.

To help communities learn more about these and other successful programs, the President will release a new Justice Department report -- *Promising Strategies to Reduce Gun Violence*. Designed as a "toolbox" for communities, the report details 60 successful strategies to reduce gun violence that were reviewed and recommended by more than 40 national experts from a range of disciplines. The report will be distributed to communities throughout the country.

### **New Resources for Firearms Enforcement**

The President's FY 2000 budget includes new resources to help implement the national strategy called for today. In particular, his budget includes:

**\$5 million** for more than 40 additional federal prosecutors to conduct intensive firearms prosecution projects targeting violent felons who possess guns, armed drug traffickers, and illegal gun markets;

**\$23.8 million** for more than 120 new ATF agents to support firearms investigations, arrest violent criminals and gun traffickers, and crack down on illegal gun sales

**\$1.3 billion** for a 21st Century Policing Initiative to help communities hire more police and prosecutors, and to allow them to target gun crime and other public safety priorities.



MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed  
Elena Kagan

SUBJECT: DPC Weekly Report

**1. Tobacco -- Specter Amendment.** On Thursday, the Senate firmly rejected an amendment to the supplemental appropriations bill that would have ensured states spend half of the tobacco settlement funds on programs to prevent tobacco use, promote public health, and protect farmers. The 29-71 vote leaves intact the Hutchison amendment giving up the federal share of the states' tobacco settlement without any commitment by the states to use these monies on shared national and state priorities. The vote came the day after we issued our SAP outlining your senior advisers' **recommendation that you veto the supplemental bill if it contains objectionable riders like the Hutchison tobacco provision.**

The amendment, offered by Senators Specter and Harkin, would have allowed the states to retain all of the tobacco settlement funds so long as they use 20 percent on programs to combat teen smoking and 30 percent for public health programs or assistance for tobacco farmers and their communities. Opponents of the amendment focused on the states' rights issue -- Senator Lott, for example, called the amendment an example of "typical federal government arrogance." Senators Daschle and Harkin are now in discussions with colleagues, like Hutchison supporter Bob Graham, in an attempt to gauge support for a watered-down version of the amendment that would ensure 50 percent of the funds be spent on a broad menu of purposes that include tobacco prevention, farmer assistance, education, public health, and children.

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**7. Welfare Reform -- TANF Rule: We have been working closely with HHS and OMB to complete the final welfare regulations and have reached consensus on the major issues. We have incorporated most of the suggestions made by the states and advocates while continuing to hold states accountable for work, time limits, and maintenance of effort requirements. The final rule provides states with more flexibility to use TANF funds to provide supports to working families such as child care, transportation, and job retention services. Because so many families have left welfare for work, many governors have told us they want to use TANF funds to support families who have gone to work to ensure they don't return to welfare. We propose to do so through the rule by defining such supports for working families as "non-assistance" and thus no longer subject to time limits and certain other**

**TANF requirements.** Without such a change many states have been reluctant to use TANF to provide these supports to working families, since such supports would count toward the federal five year time limit. We've also included work subsidies as "non-assistance" something that labor unions and anti-poverty advocates encouraged us to do and that we think will encourage more states to use such subsidies. (In 1997, only 1 percent of working welfare recipients were in subsidized jobs while 17 percent were in workfare.) The rule should be ready for release in mid-April. We expect a generally positive reaction and are exploring appropriate announcement opportunities.

**8. Welfare Reform -- Cuts in TANF Funds Restored:** On Thursday, the Senate agreed to an amendment by Senator Stevens to eliminate from the supplemental appropriations bill the \$350 million cut in TANF funds (the provision deferred funds from FY 1999 to FY 2002 and would have established a precedent for future TANF cuts). As you know, our SAP opposed the TANF cut and Governors lobbied hard against it. Stevens substituted a change to HUD's Section 8 housing program which OMB assures us has no adverse programmatic impact -- essentially it defers spending from FY 1999 to FY 2000, which is merely an accounting change since so many housing contracts straddle both years.

**9. Welfare Reform -- Urban Caseloads:** You sent us a note saying we should do more to strengthen welfare to work efforts in cities with slower caseload declines. We wanted to report on two efforts now underway. The Department of Labor just launched a two-year technical assistance initiative to help 10 large cities (Boston, Houston, Detroit, Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Seattle, New Orleans, and Minneapolis) develop strategies to move hard-to-employ welfare recipients into good jobs, with an emphasis on job retention and advancement and ensuring close coordination between the welfare and workforce systems. Teams from these cities are meeting together for the first time next week. The Welfare to Work Partnership has a targeted effort in 30 cities with high poverty rates and large concentrations of welfare recipients, including Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. In August, the Partnership is holding a major convention in Chicago for delegations from these cities; this could be a good opportunity to mark the third anniversary of the welfare law and Eli Segal hopes you will participate.

You also asked whether the slower rate of caseload decline in some cities is related to unemployment. In general, those cities with slower rates of caseload decline did have higher unemployment rates. For example, El Paso, Los Angeles, New York, and Philadelphia had the slowest caseload declines and three of the four had central city unemployment rates above 7% in August 1998 when the caseload decline was measured (Philadelphia's rate of 5.9% was also well above the national average of 4.5%). However, Baltimore and Cleveland had high unemployment, but also had somewhat greater caseload declines.

**10. Welfare -- Food Assistance:** You asked what we could do to ensure that families obtain food assistance, in light of reports that more working families are seeking help from private food banks. We are working to address these issues on two fronts: first to ensure states follow the food stamp law and provide assistance to all eligible individuals who seek assistance;

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and second, to develop and implement new initiatives to make the food stamp program more accessible to working families. We have taken numerous steps in recent months to ensure states follow the food stamp law. USDA has launched investigations of state and local practices, including an inquiry in New York City which found local welfare offices were not allowing individuals to apply for food stamps on their first visit to the office. (USDA has issued a formal warning and will impose penalties if these practices are not changed. Meanwhile, a U.S. District Court judge has issued an injunction and has required the city to provide a corrective action plan, which remains sealed.) At the same time, USDA issued formal guidelines to every state reminding them of their obligations to ensure that applicants are aware of their right to file an application for food stamps, process applications in a timely manner, and continue food stamp benefits when TANF benefits are denied or terminated.

In addition to these enforcement actions, we are working with USDA and others to develop and implement efforts to make food stamps more available to eligible families. Historically, individuals with earned income who are eligible for food stamps have been about half as likely to obtain them as individuals receiving cash assistance. There are several possible reasons for this. First, individuals with earnings are eligible for far less in food stamps and they may decide the amount is not worth it. For example, the monthly food stamp allotment for a family of three with a \$300 weekly income and \$500 monthly rent is \$40. When the same family reaches weekly earnings of \$342, the household is no longer eligible. Second, families need to follow somewhat cumbersome procedures to report their earnings to the food stamp office and it is often difficult for working families to get to this office during open hours.

We are currently working with USDA and OMB to devise administrative proposals to help address these and other potential barriers and we will provide you with an analysis of our options soon. While some of the options under consideration can be implemented through regulation, they may cost several hundred million dollars. In order to ensure we maintain our commitment to saving the surplus, we must enact other regulations saving a comparable amount -- a requirement OMB imposes on an agency-by-agency basis (e.g., USDA savings must pay for new USDA costs). These regulatory offsets could be difficult to obtain.

In addition to possible administrative actions, we will be working to enact the proposals in this year's budget to increase funds for food stamp outreach (the budget contains \$3.5 million to provide a 50 percent federal match for activities including media campaigns and distributing informational materials at various community locations such as shelters, senior centers, and churches) and to provide \$60 million for eligibility for an additional 15,000 legal immigrants who become elderly after their pre-1996 arrival. (The Agricultural Research Act restored benefits to those elderly as of 1996, as well as children, people with disabilities, and refugees.)

**11. Children and Families -- New Study on Early Intervention:** You asked that we consider how to take advantage of the findings of a new study showing that school-based early intervention can pay off in terms of reducing risky behavior and improving academic achievement in young people. The 12-year study, based in Seattle, showed that children in grades one through six and their parents who participated in a program designed to foster an interest in learning and bolster self-esteem involvement were, by age 18, 19 percent less likely to

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have committed violent acts, 13 percent less likely to engage in sexual intercourse, 19 percent less likely to have had multiple sex partners, and 35 percent less likely to have caused or to have become pregnant, as well as more likely to stay in school and achieve higher grades. **Currently, the federal government funds similar programs through** the \$50 million in abstinence education grants provided to states under the welfare reform law. In addition to bolstering this welfare reform initiative, these new findings may be especially effective in advancing our ESEA proposal to reform the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities program. As you'll recall, under our proposal, the program will be changed from a formula grant program to a competitive grant program, in which grant recipients will be required to use research-based drug and violence prevention programs, such as that described in the Seattle study. We are seeking \$591 million for FY 2000, a \$25 million increase over the prior year. Finally, these findings highlight strategies that should be explored seriously as part of our National Strategy to Prevent Teen Pregnancy to ensure continuation of the positive trends in reducing teen pregnancies and births. We will work with HHS and the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy to pursue this further.

**12. Political Reform--Campaign Finance Reform:** There have been some positive signs, albeit small, that some of the key opponents of campaign finance reform maybe willing to entertain some possible compromises. Specifically, Mitch McConnell indicated recently that a soft-money-hard-money trade-off is "worth discussing." Other Republicans have signaled at least a willingness to consider alternatives. Norm Ornstein believes there maybe a small window of opportunity to resurrect campaign finance reform if Democrats and Republicans can reach agreement on raising the \$1,000 contribution limit and indexing it for inflation. Ornstein has proposed a five-point plan that would 1) raise the contribution limit to \$3,000 and index it for inflation; 2) end soft money and increase limits on hard-money contributions to parties; 3) bring greater disclosure to issue advocacy as proposed in the Senators Snowe and Jeffords amendment which was passed in the Senate last year; 4) bring small donors back to politics by providing a tax credit for contributions of \$100 or \$200 (the credit was repealed in 1986). In addition, candidates who raise over a threshold of amount of small contributions -- like \$25,000 in \$100 contributions or less -- would become eligible for a voucher program for broadcast time, half to be paid for by the broadcasters and half by the Federal government. Under the Ornstein proposal, for every \$1,000 in small contributions raised, a candidate would receive a \$500 broadcast voucher. Ornstein is planning to discuss this proposal with the authors of last year's bipartisan finance reform bill, Senators McCain and Feingold and Representatives Shays and Meehan. We will be having discussions with Ornstein as well and will keep you apprised.

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CREATION DATE/TIME:19-MAR-1999 12:25:52.00

SUBJECT: crime spending cuts

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro ( CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

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TO: Bruce N. Reed ( CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

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12:23 PM -----

Michael Deich

03/19/99 12:06:55 PM

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To: Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: crime spending cuts

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TO: Bruce N. Reed ( CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

One more thought: Shouldn't we mention this in the radio address...that what we can't do is cut key state, local law enforcement (and federal law enforcement) that help us take on gun crime...especially programs like COPS that give communities the direct and flexible resources they need...etc.

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03/19/99 12:24:47 PM  
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CREATOR: Bruce N. Reed ( CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-MAR-1999 13:47:21.00

SUBJECT: gop bill

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READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Elena Kagan ( CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Leanne A. Shimabukuro ( CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

You may want to call this reporter and explain to her that the GOP budget cuts COPS

\$17.5B GOP Anti-Crime Bill Unveiled

By Laurie Kellman  
Associated Press Writer  
Friday, March 19, 1999; 1:36 p.m. EST

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Senate Republicans unveiled a \$17.5 billion anti-crime agenda today that would protect programs the Clinton administration wants to eliminate and impose harsher sentences on illegal drug users.

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Hatch clashed with Attorney General Janet Reno last week on her proposal to cut several anti-crime grants from her budget. Reno said crime was down significantly nationwide, and she wanted to shift money to other priorities.

But Hatch said today that crime in the United States is still "significantly high by historical standards," and violent crime rates here remain the highest of any industrialized nation.

Senate GOP leadership sources who demanded anonymity said the GOP bill marks a new willingness among some senior Republicans to take on legislative initiatives that approach the gun-control issue. Republicans,

many of whom have opposed such legislation in recent years, feared they would lose such a battle after nationally publicized firearms tragedies at schools and elsewhere.

Hatch's agenda, however, faces little risk of igniting a gun battle, GOP sources said. It would expand a Richmond, Va., program in which the U.S. attorney prosecutes as many local gun-related crimes in federal court as possible and seeks federal mandatory minimum sentences. Hatch said homicides in Richmond dropped 50 percent in that city after that program took effect. It also includes a media campaign to spread the message that ``an illegal gun will get you five years in federal prison.''

Aides close to Hatch said they anticipate the bill moving through the committee this spring and to the Senate floor during the summer.

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CREATOR: Karin Kullman ( CN=Karin Kullman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-MAR-1999 14:18:51.00

SUBJECT: 5pm

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro ( CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/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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TO: Jose Cerda III ( CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [ OPD ] )  
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TEXT:

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TO: Sarah A. Bianchi ( CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/O=OVP @ OVP [ OVP ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Folks, OA is on an absolute rampage about logging and turning off computers. Do not, do not, underestimate their anger, powertripping, and their willingness to punish those who do not obey their commands. I know we have all experienced this wrath. So let me strongly encourage you to make certain you turn and log off your computer EVERY night.

Don't mess up. I can't help you if you get in trouble on this one folks.

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CREATOR: Amy Weiss ( CN=Amy Weiss/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-MAR-1999 14:32:16.00

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CREATOR: June Shih ( CN=June Shih/OU=WHO/O=EOP [ WHO ] )

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-MAR-1999 14:37:40.00

SUBJECT: radio draft

TO: Loretta M. Ucelli ( CN=Loretta M. Ucelli/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [ WHO ] )  
READ:UNKNOWN

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Good Morning. Today I want to talk to you about the next important steps we can take to rid our streets of gun violence and to make America's communities even safer for our families. I am very proud to be joined in the Oval Office by Attorney General Janet Reno, Treasury Undersecretary Jim Johnson, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Director John McGaw, as well as some of the law enforcement officials who are leading this fight in communities all across America.

Over the past six years, we have worked hard to fight crime -- putting in place a strategy of more prevention, stricter enforcement and tougher punishment. We've made it possible for 11,000 communities to put more than 92,000 new police officers on the beat; taken more criminals and deadly assault weapons off the street, and with Brady background checks, stopped more than a quarter of a million handguns from falling into the hands of convicted felons.

As a result, the crime rate has dropped by more than 20 percent -- to the lowest level in a generation. Gun crimes have declined by more than a quarter. Gun murders have fallen by a third. Slowly, but surely, neighborhoods once abandoned to the crack of gunfire and the wail of

ambulance sirens are coming alive with the sounds of children playing freely in the streets.

This is indeed encouraging news. But we must do more. Every day, 93 people are killed -- and another 240 are injured -- by gunfire. While the numbers are declining, any story of a child caught in the crossfire of gang shootout, or a police officer struck down by a criminal's bullet, or a store clerk murdered in a robbery is one tragedy too many.

That is why today I am directing Attorney General Reno and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin to develop a comprehensive strategy to reduce gun violence in America even further. I am asking them to work closely with local, state and federal law enforcement officials -- and to report back to me with a plan to take proven local strategies to fight gun crime -- increasing the prosecution of gun criminals, targeting "hot spots" and shutting down illegal gun markets, and keeping closer tabs on gun offenders on probation -- nationwide.

Strategies such as Richmond, Virginia's Project Exile. Under the leadership of U.S. Attorney Helen Fahey, Project Exile has sent a strong message to would-be gun criminals all across the city: If you use a gun to commit a crime, you're going to prison. Project Exile has taken hundreds of gun criminals off the street by taking their cases to federal court, where stiff sentences are mandatory and bail is less likely. As a result, gun murders are down by a remarkable 41 percent.

After six years of hard work, America is winning the war against crime. But we can't quite declare victory yet. We must keep more guns from falling into the wrong hands by requiring background checks at gun shows and banning juvenile offenders from owning guns for life. We must hire more ATF agents and more federal prosecutors to crack down on gun criminals. And I ask you to support our 21st Century Policing Initiative to give law enforcement the manpower, the high tech tools, and prevention strategies they need to keep us safe. Unfortunately, the Republicans in Congress are threatening to decimate this crucial initiative. That would be a big mistake.

We must move forward in our fight for safer streets and safer families. Let no one rest until community in America is safe from crime and violence. Thanks for listening.

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**President Clinton: Deterring and Reducing Gun Crime  
March 20, 1999**

In weekly radio address, President Clinton will direct the Secretary of the Treasury and Attorney General to develop a national strategy to increase gun prosecutions and further reduce gun violence. Among other things, the strategy will specifically call for: the intensive investigation and prosecution of gun criminals; expanded efforts to identify illegal gun markets and gun "hot spots"; and improved coordination with state and local law enforcement and other community-based efforts. The President will also release a new Justice Department report highlighting 60 promising strategies that have helped reduce gun violence throughout the country.

**Stepping Up the Fight Against Gun Violence**

**Gun crimes down, but still too high.** Since 1993, the nation's crime rate has dropped by more than 20 percent, and to its lowest level in a generation. During this period gun-related crime has dropped even more: gun murders are down by 33 percent, and crimes committed with firearms are down by 27 percent. But gun-related crime and violence remain serious problems. In 1996, more than 34,000 people died from gunfire -- about 14,000 of which were homicides. And the youth gun murder rate remains especially high -- nearly twice what it was just 15 years ago.

**Taking the fight against gun violence nationwide.** To continue to reduce gun crime and violence, President Clinton will direct the Secretary of the Treasury and Attorney General -- working with U.S. Attorneys, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and all of state and local law enforcement -- to develop a comprehensive national strategy to prosecute more gun criminals and further reduce gun violence by building on the successful efforts already in place throughout the country.

**Prosecuting more gun criminals.** The President will ask that U.S. Attorneys and ATF to work with state and local law enforcement to investigate and prosecute more gun criminals by expanding efforts such as Project Exile in Richmond, VA. As part of Project Exile, the Richmond U.S. Attorney -- working closely with other state, local and federal law enforcement authorities -- targeted gun-carrying felons and other armed criminals for immediate federal prosecution and stiff mandatory sentences in federal prison. Law enforcement authorities also reached out to the business community and launched an extensive media campaign to educate Richmond's residents about the lengthy, mandatory prison sentences associated with gun crimes. Gun-related homicides in Richmond fell by 41 percent after Project Exile was implemented.

**Targeting illegal gun markets.** The President will also ask law enforcement authorities to target illegal gun markets and gun "hot spots," as is done in Boston. Through the Boston Gun Project, every gun recovered by Boston police at a crime scene is traced through ATF's National Tracing Center to its source. The Boston Police Department and ATF then work together to disrupt illegal gun markets by investigating illegal gun trafficking and referring cases for swift prosecution by both federal and state prosecutors. As a result of these and other youth violence

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prevention efforts, youth homicides in Boston have dropped 75 percent since 1995.

**Coordinating our strategy with state and local efforts.** Today's directive also calls for the Treasury and Justice Departments to develop a strategy that builds on the many successful strategies already in place around the country. To help communities learn more about such programs, the President will release a new Justice Department report -- *Promising Strategies to Reduce Gun Violence*. Designed as a "toolbox" for communities, the report details 60 successful strategies to reduce gun violence that were reviewed and recommended by more than 40 national experts, including: coordinated enforcement of all local, state, and federal gun laws and regulations; closer, tougher supervision of gun criminals on parole or probation; and increased efforts to keep guns out of the hands of juveniles. The report will be distributed to communities throughout the country next week.

**New Resources for Firearms Enforcement**

The President's FY 2000 budget includes new resources to help implement the national strategy called for today. In particular, his budget includes:

**\$5 million** for more than 40 additional federal prosecutors to conduct intensive firearms prosecution projects targeting violent felons who possess guns, armed drug traffickers, and illegal gun markets;

**\$23.8 million** for more than 120 new ATF agents to support firearms investigations, arrest violent criminals and gun traffickers, and crack down on illegal gun sales; and

**\$1.3 billion** for a 21st Century Policing Initiative to help communities hire more police and prosecutors, and to allow them to target gun crime and other public safety priorities.

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**STATEMENT OF CHARLES N. JEFFRESS  
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BEFORE  
THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE PROTECTIONS  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE**

**March 23, 1999**

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Subcommittee, I am pleased to come before you today to discuss OSHA's efforts to protect workers while forming partnerships with employees and employers. When I appeared before the subcommittee last April I described how OSHA is changing the way it does business. Today I shall discuss some highlights of the past twelve months as well as my priorities for next year.

OSHA's core mission is to provide a safe and healthy workplace for every working man and woman in the Nation. We are encouraged by the latest occupational injury and illness statistics. For the fifth consecutive year the rate of injuries and illness declined. In fact the rate for 1997 was the lowest since BLS began reporting this information in the early 1970s. The improvement is particularly impressive in a booming economy when many new and inexperienced workers have entered the workforce. Historically, new employees have been more likely to get hurt on the job than more experienced workers. Much of the credit for the improvement can be attributed to millions of employers and employees working every day to eliminate on-the-job hazards. I am proud that OSHA and its 25 State plan partners have been a catalyst for these private sector efforts, using results-driven enforcement efforts, compliance assistance and commonsense standards to bring about workplace improvements.

Many challenges remain. Even with the decline in rates there were more than 6 million workplace injuries and illnesses in our Nation in 1997. Almost 3 million injuries or illnesses required recuperation away from work or restricted duties on the job. More than 6,000 workers died from on-the-job injuries in 1997 and many thousands more die each year as result of chronic diseases related to occupational exposures to toxic substances.

### **Priorities for FY 2000**

In order to accomplish the goals of OSHA's Strategic Plan I have established four priorities for the agency for the next fiscal year. They are: (1) Creative partnership; (2) Strong enforcement; (3) Improved rulemaking; (4) Expanded education and outreach. These priorities are designed to enable OSHA to reach the primary FY 2002 goals of our Strategic Plan, which are: (1) a 20 percent reduction in injuries and illnesses in 100,000 workplaces; (2) a 15 percent reduction in injuries and illnesses among five high-hazard industries; (3) a 15 percent reduction in three specific injuries and illnesses--silicosis, amputations and lead poisoning.

**Creative Partnerships.** OSHA will continue to form partnerships with workers, employers, insurance companies, safety and health professional groups, trade associations and anyone else interested in improving workplace conditions. Partnerships may be local or nationwide. I have directed each area office to make a special effort to develop a partnership, and I will be asking for reports on their progress. I have also met with representatives of the insurance industry and others to talk about forming nationwide partnerships.

Earlier this month OSHA partnered with the Small Business Administration to hold a Small Business Forum here in Washington. The forum showcased information and services available

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to help small businesses improve safety and health. OSHA plans to follow-up on this conference by holding a series of similar conferences throughout the nation during National Small Business Week in May.

OSHA joined with industry last November to hold a partnership conference celebrating the positive impact of strategic partnerships on employee protection and lower workers' compensation costs for employers. Secretary of Labor Herman summed up the spirit of the conference when she said:

We've spent 6 years changing the way we do business in the Labor Department-- focusing on results, thinking outside the box, emphasizing cooperation. We've been telling you there's a different OSHA in town. This conference gives you a chance to observe first hand the new ways we've been working together to get results.

In one success highlighted during the conference, OSHA worked with the Steel Erectors' Safety Association of Colorado (SESAC) to enhance education and improve workplace safety. As a consequence, SESAC members have seen positive results. Calcon Constructors, for example, reduced its workers' compensation rate by almost two-thirds, saving sixty-three cents on every dollar in workers' compensation costs as a result of its partnership with OSHA. In addition, since the time Calcon initiated partnership efforts with OSHA in 1992, the company has reduced its rate of injuries and illnesses by over eighty percent.

Another successful partnership is happening in Port Arthur, Texas where the Huntsman Petrochemical Aromatics and Olefins Plant is a member of OSHA's Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP), our primary recognition program for employers. Workers at this site have repeatedly credited VPP participation as one vital factor contributing to improved management and employee relations. The plant's current three-year injury incidence rate is 74 percent below

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the industry average, and its lost workday rate is 99 percent below average.

OSHA's partnership efforts under VPP continue to increase. We have added 92 sites to the VPP since last year--an increase of 22 percent--for a total of 507 Federal and State VPP sites.

We also continue to work closely with our 23 State partners with OSHA-approved State Plans. We have requested funds from the Congress to enable New Jersey to join in that partnership by funding safety and health coverage for its public employees.

In addition, we are establishing partnerships with other Federal agencies. Last July, OSHA signed an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture on grain dust hazards, and more recently, we entered into an agreement with the National Park Service to provide assistance in improving safety and health programs for employees at 10 park sites. These sites will then serve as models for the entire park system.

**Strong enforcement.** OSHA's credibility requires balance. Not only is partnership important, but the agency must pursue employers who ignore the rules and endanger their employees. While the Cooperative Compliance Program has been stayed pending review by a federal appeals court, OSHA has implemented an interim plan, targeting the most dangerous workplaces, which is proving very effective at identifying significant cases. The Interim Targeting Program which OSHA instituted in April 1998 is identifying four times as many significant cases--those in which proposed penalties are \$100,000 or more--as our old inspection targeting methods. In the coming year we intend to bolster the agency's targeted enforcement efforts.

**Improved rulemaking** is another priority. OSHA is working smarter in developing

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standards. I have designated a single leader to be in charge of all standards activity and we will pilot test the use of teams for each project. Where appropriate, OSHA will use negotiated rulemaking and will utilize national consensus and international standards to speed up our rule-making process. Standards will emphasize outcomes and results rather than layers of requirements.

OSHA is continuing to eliminate outdated standards and re-write its rules into plain language. Last April we proposed a revision of overly detailed standards covering dipping and coating operations, which are designed to protect employees from fires and explosions. The new Rule will be published shortly. The text has been made much shorter and duplicative requirements have been eliminated. As of June 1998, the agency had eliminated over 1000 pages of outdated or redundant regulations, which will result in savings of almost \$10 million annually for employers. This year OSHA will continue to simplify regulations when we issue the final revised rule on exit routes. We will also be doing "lookback" reviews of significant standards to determine how effective they have been in saving lives and whether we should consider changes and revisions..

In December, with broad support, OSHA issued a standard which requires training for more than 1.5 million workers who operate powered industrial trucks. Evaluation of each operator's performance is required as part of initial and refresher training. The rule is expected to prevent 11 deaths and almost 10,000 injuries each year and to save employers \$118 million annually from reductions in medical costs, workers compensation and lost output.

This year OSHA plans to publish a proposed rule for safety and health programs and we will finalize a revision of the agency's recordkeeping regulations. These are what we call

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“building-block standards” because they are fundamental to workplace protection.

Ergonomics is the most important standard we intend to propose this year. Work-related musculoskeletal disorders account for 34% of all lost-workday injuries and illnesses. These disorders cost employers \$15- \$20 billion in workers compensation costs each year, amounting to \$1 out of every \$3 spent on workers’ compensation. Yet this problem is preventable. The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) has found compelling evidence that interventions can avert disabling injuries. The Nation’s leading professional society of occupational physicians, the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM), has urged us to move forward. In a letter to OSHA of February 15 ACOEM stated that there is “an adequate scientific foundation for OSHA to proceed with a Proposal and, therefore, no reason for OSHA to delay....” OSHA has spent the last several years talking to hundreds of business people who have responded to problems by implementing successful ergonomic programs in their workplaces. Clearly, as so many employers, workers, and scientists have already learned, ergonomics programs work. The draft ergonomics proposal OSHA released last month for the purposes of the SBREFA process incorporates the basic features of successful ergonomics programs already used by many businesses to reduce their musculoskeletal injuries/illnesses.

**Expanded education and outreach**

The largest single program increase in the budget which I requested last week is for compliance assistance. OSHA plans to place a compliance assistance specialist in each Federal area office, to provide advice and assistance to businesses, particularly small business employers.

This staff will be devoted exclusively to providing general advice on regulations and programs in response to requests by employers, employees, and others in their community. OSHA also

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seeks increased funding for the Susan Harwood Training Grant program to address priority areas in the Strategic Plan.

OSHA's interactive software advisors continue to be extremely popular. The advisors, which are available on OSHA's Web Page, offer instant assistance in complying with OSHA standards. The latest additions are the *Hazard Awareness Advisor*, which is designed to help employees and employers, especially small businesses, locate hazards in their workplace, and *Safety Pays*, which shows employers the impact that occupational injuries and illness can have on the company's bottom line.

We also released three new, major publications last year, to help employers understand OSHA's regulations. They include a guide to scaffold use in the construction industry; a guide for small business employers to assess the need for use of personal protective equipment in their workplaces; and a booklet on protection for healthcare workers who respond to emergencies involving chemical, biological, or radioactive hazards.

In another effort to expand our compliance assistance for employers OSHA issued a new directive on the Hazard Communication Standard allowing employers to provide Material Safety Data Sheets to their employees electronically so that they are aware of chemical hazards and protective measures.

**Enhanced Whistleblower Protection.** To ensure that Americas's workers can exercise their rights under the OSH Act without fear of retaliation, I have recommended that the Administration send to the Congress legislation that strengthens the OSH Act's whistleblower protection. There is a good deal of evidence that many workers do not feel free to complain about unsafe conditions and that some employers feel they can retaliate against whistleblowers

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with impunity. Increased whistleblower protection is an important priority for OSHA.

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Mr. Chairman, I believe that the "New OSHA" has an impressive story to tell. Since the agency was reinvented in 1995 we have seen injury/illness rates decline while OSHA has achieved a careful balance between enforcement and cooperation. OSHA's programs are combining tough enforcement, creative partnership and results-driven management. I appreciate the opportunity to testify today and to outline OSHA's success and its priorities for FY 2000.

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CREATOR: Tanya E. Martin ( CN=Tanya E. Martin/OU=OPD/O=EOP [ OPD ] )

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SUBJECT: Weekly Items -- Education

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Education-Ed-Flex/Class Size/Special Education. This week, the Senate appointed all the members of the Labor and Human Resources Committee as its conferees on Ed-Flex. The House will likely appoint conferees next week. When the House takes up appointment of its own conferees, Democrats (Clay) are expected to offer a motion to instruct House conferees. The "message" for the instruction would be that the conferees support the class size program as currently structured (i.e. dropping the provision allowing school districts to fund special education with class size appropriations) and also support increased funding for special education. Although congressional staff level discussions will begin as soon as House conferees are named, it is highly unlikely that the conference will get underway before the two week Easter break that begins next Friday. Both WH legislative affairs and the Education Dept's legislative affairs staff have heard from various sources that Lott, Frist, Hastert, Goodling and others have agreed to take the special ed/class size provision out of the Ed-Flex bill. However, no one has been able to confirm this (or find out where Jeffords is) and we are continuing to work to ensure the special ed/class size measure is deleted in conference. Meanwhile, Senate Democrats now have 26 of the 34 signatures that they are seeking on a letter calling for a veto if the conference fails to remove the special ed/class size provision. We are continuing to hold on the issuing a veto statement.

Education -- University Admissions Policy. The San Francisco Chronicle reported that today the University of California regents are expected to approve a plan to open UC's eight undergraduate campuses to students in the top 4 percent of each high school class in the state. To qualify under the proposal, current high school sophomores would have to rank in the top 4 percent of their junior year classes with no lower than a C in eleven college-prep courses. The students will still have to take the SATs as well as four other required courses in their senior year. About 12,000 students will receive inv



**President Clinton: Deterring and Reducing Gun Crime  
March 20, 1999**

In his weekly radio address, President Clinton will direct the Secretary of the Treasury and Attorney General to develop a national strategy to increase gun prosecutions and further reduce gun violence. The strategy will also call for: expanded efforts to identify illegal gun markets and gun "hot spots"; improved coordination with state and local law enforcement; closer supervision of gun criminals on parole or probation; and innovative, community-based efforts. The President will also release a new Justice Department report highlighting 60 promising strategies that have helped reduce gun violence throughout the country.

**Prosecuting More Gun Criminals**

To continue to reduce gun crime and violence, President Clinton will direct the Secretary of the Treasury and Attorney General -- working with U.S. Attorneys, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and all of state and local law enforcement -- to develop a comprehensive national strategy to investigate and prosecute more gun criminals.

**Project Exile.** The President will call for the expansion of programs like Project Exile in Richmond, VA. Under Project Exile, the Richmond U.S. Attorney -- working closely with other state, local and federal law enforcement authorities -- targeted gun-carrying felons and other armed criminals for immediate federal prosecution and stiff mandatory sentences in federal prison. As of last November, Project Exile had achieved the following results: 372 persons were indicted for federal gun violations; 440 guns were seized; 300 persons were arrested or held in state custody; 222 arrestees (or about 75 percent) were held without bond; 247 persons were convicted; and 196 persons were sentenced to an average of 55 months imprisonment. And gun-related homicides have dropped by more than 40 percent last year.

*"An illegal gun will get you 5 years in federal prison."* As part of Project Exile, law enforcement authorities also reached out to the community and launched an extensive media campaign to get a simple message across to Richmond's gun criminals: "An illegal gun will get you 5 years in federal prison." This message was advertised on 15 billboards throughout the city, a fully painted city bus (that changes routes daily and covers the entire city each week), and a series of radio and television promotional spots. Criminals in Richmond routinely testify that they did not carry a firearm because of their knowledge of the stiff federal penalties.

**Boston Gun Project.** The Boston Gun Project, is another example of enhance firearms prosecutions. After tracing all guns recovered at crime scenes to their source, the Boston Police Department and ATF work together to disrupt illegal gun markets by investigating illegal gun trafficking and referring cases for swift prosecution by both federal and state prosecutors. As a result of these and other youth violence prevention efforts, youth homicides in Boston have dropped 75 percent since 1995.

### **Building on the Success of Local Strategies**

Although crimes committed with firearms are down by 27 percent nationally, gun-related crime and violence remain serious problems. To help all communities benefit from the many successful strategies already in place throughout the country, the President's directive also calls for the Treasury and Justice Departments -- in developing their national strategy -- to specifically consider the follow elements:

- comprehensive crime gun tracing, analysis and mapping; increased use of ballistics identification technology; and coordinated use of crime gun information to identify illegal gun markets, gun "hot spots" and illegal gun traffickers;
- coordinated law enforcement and regulatory enforcement efforts to ensure compliance with all applicable laws by federally-licensed dealers and prospective gun sellers and purchasers;
- targeted deterrence of violent offenders through improved coordination of with probation and parole officials supervising such offenders and swift and certain punishment of for those found to have violated the conditions of their parole or probation; and
- problem-solving analysis and innovative strategies to work closely with the community members to identify gun criminals, remove weapons in the hands of juveniles, search for and seize crime guns, and increase the public's knowledge of their community's gun-related crime and violence problem.

The President will release a new Justice Department report -- *Promising Strategies to Reduce Gun Violence*. Designed as a "toolbox" for communities, the report details 60 successful strategies to reduce gun violence that were reviewed and recommended by more than 40 national experts. The report will be distributed to communities throughout the country next week.

### **New Resources for Firearms Enforcement**

The President's FY 2000 budget includes new resources to help implement the national strategy called for today. In particular, his budget includes:

- \$5 million** for more than 40 additional federal prosecutors to conduct intensive firearms prosecution projects targeting violent felons who possess guns, armed drug traffickers, and illegal gun markets;
- \$23.8 million** for more than 120 new ATF agents to support firearms investigations, arrest violent criminals and gun traffickers, and crack down on illegal gun sales; and

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**\$1.3 billion** for a 21st Century Policing Initiative to help communities hire more police and prosecutors, and to allow them to target gun crime and other public safety priorities.

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SUBJECT: pay data from Census -Reply

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Cordelia, this seems to make some sense in terms of providing a viable screening process that could be used by the EEOC without expenditure of significant new funds. The concerns may be two fold: the age of the census data given the dynamism of the 90's economy and the need of EEOC to have firm level data rather than individual data. The firm data would then provide a metric for evaluating individual complaints with regard to the specific firm. An aggregation of firm data by industry could then provide aggregate data that would show any substantial deviations

by the firm to industrial standards.

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EVENT: RADIO ADDRESS  
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TIME: 10:00 AM - 10:25AM  
LOCATION: OVAL OFFICE

CONFIRMED TO ATTEND:

Rep Anthony Weiner (D-NY)

INVITED BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND:

- Senator Joe Biden (D-DE)
- Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA)
- Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO)
- Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND)
- Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL)
- Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA)
- Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI)
- Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)
- Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
- Senator Chuck Robb (D-VA)
- Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
- Senator Robert Torricelli (D-NJ)

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**Reducing Gun Violence Radio Address  
March 20, 1999  
Questions and Answers**

**Q: The NRA has criticized this Administration for failing to support Project Exile in Richmond, Virginia. Isn't today a reversal on your position for this initiative?**

A: Not at all. It is important to keep in mind that Project Exile was launched by one of President Clinton's U.S. Attorneys, Helen Fahey, who is with us today. We support her efforts to collaborate with state and local law enforcement, ATF, FBI, and other community leaders to aggressively prosecute armed felons in federal court. Project Exile has received national attention for its success: by targeting criminals with guns for immediate federal prosecution and stiff mandatory federal prison sentences, they have helped to decrease gun homicides by 40 percent, seized over 400 guns, and sentenced nearly 200 offenders to an average of 55 months in prison. We believe it is a model that other U.S. Attorneys should consider as they assess how best to address their local gun violence problems.

**Q: Are you planning to mandate that all U.S. Attorneys prosecute all firearms cases in federal court, as they do in Project Exile?**

A: Project Exile is taking an aggressive approach to reducing gun crime and homicides in Richmond through increased federal gun prosecutions -- and we believe other U.S. Attorneys should work with their communities to consider whether a strategy like Project Exile's will help address their local gun crime problems. However, some federal prosecutors may find that their gun violence problems significantly differ from those in Richmond; for instance, they may have a bigger problem with illegal gun traffickers should be targeted who they should target for federal prosecution. Other jurisdictions may find that state laws carry tougher penalties than the federal laws for certain gun offenses, in which case it may make more sense to prosecute certain gun offenders in the state or local courts. The strategy called for today will focus on stepped up prosecutions to reduce and deter gun violence, but without mandating a one-size-fits-all solution.

**Q: Haven't federal gun prosecutions actually declined during this Administration?**

A: While the number of federal firearms prosecutions has decreased since 1992, we believe that this is in part because federal and state systems are now working better together and the federal system is concentrating its resources on significant gun criminals. As a result, the number of federal gun offenders that received prison sentences of 5 years or more has increased by 30 percent since 1992. Nearly all of the decline in federal firearms prosecutions since 1992 occurred among lower level offenders (those who receive probation up to 3 years of imprisonment).

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Moreover, combined federal and state prosecutions are up from 1992. Between 1992 and 1996-- when most of the decline in federal firearms prosecutions occurred -- state prosecutions of weapons offenders increased sharply, more than offsetting the federal decline.

It is also worth noting that a 1995 Supreme Court decision affected our ability to bring certain gun cases in federal court. This issue was resolved when the President signed into law a legislative fix to this decision last November.

**Q: Doesn't this directive to create a national strategy to reduce gun violence mean that you haven't had one to date?**

A: No. This Administration has taken some of the boldest, most comprehensive steps ever to keep guns off the streets and out of the hands of juveniles and criminals:

- Brady Law. The President stood up to the gun lobby and secured passage of the Brady Law, which has helped to prevent over a quarter of a million felons, fugitives, and stalkers from getting handguns nationwide.
- National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Last November, we put into place the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, which has already conducted 2.6 million background checks on gun purchasers, and stopped over 27,000 prohibited buyers from getting firearms.
- Assault Weapons. The President fought for and secured the 1994 assault weapons ban to bar the manufacture and importation of 19 of the deadliest assault weapons. Last year, President Clinton took executive action to ban the importation of over 50 models of deadly modified assault weapons.
- Crime Gun Tracing and Illegal Gun Trafficking. The President's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative (YCGII) is in place in 37 cities to crack down on the illegal gun markets that supply firearms to juveniles and criminals. As a result of YCGII, crime gun tracing by ATF has increased from about 50,000 traces to 200,000 traces annually.

These actions as well as the efforts of communities across the country to combat gun violence are having a significant impact: since 1992, the number of violent crimes committed with guns has dropped 27 percent.

**Q: How do you plan on paying for proposals that come out of the strategy once it is ready?**

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A: In his directive, the President asked the Secretary and Attorney General to make recommendations on how best to allocate federal resources to support the strategy. Our FY 2000 budget already proposes new resources at both the state/local and federal levels to help address gun violence and public safety: nearly \$1.3 billion is proposed to hire more local police and prosecutors, add new crime-fighting technologies, and promote community partnerships with law enforcement. And his budget provides a nearly \$30 million increase for ATF and U.S. Attorneys to step up their prosecution and enforcement efforts.

**Q: Earlier this week, the *Washington Post* reported that dozens of handguns were sold to felons and other prohibited purchasers without background checks in Maryland due to a State police backlog. The Maryland State Police blame their backlog in part on the FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System, which took effect last November. What is your response?**

A: We do not believe the NICS is responsible for the one to two-month backlog for background checks reported in Maryland. Over 70 percent of the background checks submitted to NICS are immediately processed; the vast majority of the remainder are processed within the day. Moreover, the NICS is currently operating without a backlog.

Since NICS took effect on November 30, 1999, it has handled nearly 2.6 million Brady background checks; of these, the FBI handled 1.3 million and stopped over 27,800 illegal gun sales to felons, fugitives, and other prohibited purchasers. The remaining 1.3 million were processed by states that have agreed to serve as NICS points-of-contact. We do not, at this time, have information on the number of denials at the state level.

**Q: What is your response to Representative Barr's NRA-supported legislation to block lawsuits that cities have filed against the gun manufacturers? Do you have a position on legislation proposed by Senator Boxer to give cities the right to sue gun manufacturers and distributors? And do you have a position on the bill introduced by Senator Schumer yesterday which would regulate the sale of guns on the Internet?**

A: The Barr legislation is an attempt by the gun lobby to avoid the very serious issues about gun trafficking and gun safety raised by the cities' lawsuits. We are watching these suits closely, and will do all we can to resist efforts that would prevent the cities from presenting their evidence. Similarly, we are supportive of efforts such as Senator Boxer's that specifically allow cities to put such evidence before the courts.

While we are still reviewing Senator Schumer's legislation, the President's policy continues to be: no background check, no handgun. That is why some of the President's top firearms-related priorities for the year are to extend the Brady waiting period and to ensure background checks at gun shows. We will review the Schumer legislation with

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this position in mind.

At the same time, we will continue to press forward on our other efforts to stop gun trafficking, ban violent juveniles from buying guns, and promote gun safety. We will not -- and we hope individual states and cities will not -- back down to the gun lobby on these issues.

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TEXT:

We have scheduled two ESEA Reauthorization meetings for next week:

1. Monday, March 22 at 5:00PM
2. Tuesday, March 23 at 2:30PM

Please hold these times on your schedule. I have confirmed these times with Mike Smith and Bruce Reed's schedules. I will get back to you with a room number and a complete list of attendees when I have them.

Tanya: Please let me know if there is anyone else I need to include from EOP. FYI -- Ann O'Leary is taking care getting the word out to the appropriate Ed folks. Thank you.

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In contrast, the Republicans, proposed budget would either cut the President's request for the 21st Century Policing Initiative by more than \$1 billion dollars, or reduce other law enforcement spending by an average of 6 percent.

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Here is the schedule for tomorrow morning:

9:40am	Briefing
10:00am	Oval Office Dining Room
10:06am	Live Radio Address
11:00am	Oval Office

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julia payne and mike hammer on this guidance? thanks.

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Subject: Your Favorite Thing -- A Cabinet "Retreat"

We are likely to have a series of cabinet gatherings in the coming weeks and want to have your input and participation, so pls give this some thought in your copious free time.

Phase 1 would be four to six smaller gatherings, by group -- probably domestic, economic, national security, plus some other cuts like education, enviro, etc.

Phase 2 would be the whole group in a more relaxed situation -- but not so relaxed that we repeat the weirdness of the January 1993 gathering.

My guess is that you would or should want to do some presenting so start thinking. More importantly, for the moment, I have promised to get Maria a list of options and would greatly appreciate any suggestions you may have.

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Melissa -- can you blast email.

These are additional one-pagers on Republican budget:



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## Republican Budget Shortchanges Urban America

March 19, 1999

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Building on the success of six years of fiscal discipline and the virtuous economic cycle it created, President Clinton has proposed a budget that includes a more than \$3.4 trillion debt reduction lock-box that extends the solvency of Social Security until 2055 and extends Medicare's solvency for more than a decade. It invests in education and a cleaner environment, and a stronger urban America.

To build on the President and Vice President's strong foundation of community empowerment initiatives -- which includes programs to promote greater access to capital and credit, more affordable housing, and spur the creation of private investment and job creation -- the FY2000 budget includes proposals to:

- \_ Expand the Low Income and Housing Tax Credit.
- \_ Make the brownfields tax expensing provision permanent.
- \_ Create Better America Bonds to allow communities to create parks and open spaces.
- \_ Spur private investment in distressed neighborhoods through a new markets initiative.
- \_ Expand the welfare-to-work housing voucher program.

The Republicans have responded with a proposal that puts top priority on a tax cut which explodes in cost and is targeted away from the middle class. Because the tax cut is so large and consumes the entire on-budget surplus, the funds available for critical investments in urban America are squeezed dramatically:

**The Republican budget would require a more than 10 percent cut in 2000 and over 20 percent cut in 2004 unprotected discretionary programs.** This would have a devastating impact on programs critical to our urban areas:

- **The cut to HUD's HOME program would deny tenant-based rental assistance to 1,300 families. Further, funds would be lost for new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of over 10,000 affordable housing units.**
- **The Republicans' reductions would wipe out the Administration's proposal of adding 100,000 new housing vouchers, including 25,000 to help move families from welfare to work, 18,000 for the homeless, and 15,000 for extremely low-income elderly.**
- **The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI) would be reduced by over \$11 million, with the result that 16 fewer community development institutions (CDFIs) would receive capital funding and 12 fewer financial institutions would receive Bank Enterprise Act grants. By 2004, the Republican budget would reduce CDFI's funding by \$26 million, eliminating federal assistance to 37 CDFIs and 28 commercial CDFI lenders.**

**A low priority in the Republican budget:** Programs critical to urban America would be at risk because of the squeeze on the overall discretionary funds proposed. The assumptions made in the Republican budget resolutions show that programs important to urban America would be a low priority in competition for those funds:

- **The Senate Budget Resolution proposes \$5.3 billion in 2000 for community and regional development, \$3.4 billion or 39.2 percent less than a freeze and \$3.6 billion or 40.7 percent less than the President's budget. This would mean a massive reduction to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), one of the most popular and flexible sources of funds that mayors and governors use to improve economic opportunity and housing in low-income communities. Thousands of local neighborhood improvement efforts would be jeopardized. Cuts of 40 percent in this set of HUD programs would translate into a loss of assistance to 82,000 homes and loss of support for 114,000 jobs in low-income areas.**

## **The Republican Budget: Sacrificing Our Environment and Public Health**

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***President Clinton is proposing a record \$33.9 billion in FY 2000 to protect our environment and public health, including major new initiatives to preserve America's lands legacy, combat air pollution and global warming, and help build livable communities for the 21st century.***

***The Republican budget not only fails to fund these environmental priorities, but imposes drastic cuts that would stop toxic waste cleanups, shut down national parks, cripple water quality programs, and heighten the risk of deadly wildfires.***

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***The Republican budget slashes funding for priority domestic programs 12 percent in FY 2000 and 28 percent in 2004. Across-the-board cuts would have these devastating impacts on public health and the environment:***

- ***Stopping 135 Toxic Waste Cleanups*** - The Republican budget would cut Superfund by a total of \$1.5 billion over the next five years, needlessly jeopardizing public health by preventing as many as 135 priority cleanups nationwide -- 92 percent of the federally led cleanups planned.
- ***Shutting Down National Parks*** - Cuts to the National Park Service would reduce services and hours of operation at 378 parks and other facilities serving almost 300 million visitors a year. In FY 2004, \$575 million in cuts would shut down many smaller parks and backcountry areas in larger parks, and jeopardize visitor safety by blocking vital maintenance and repairs.
- ***Squandering Our Lands Legacy*** - By failing to fund the President's Lands Legacy initiative, the Republican budget would block federal efforts to preserve natural treasures, and deny states and communities \$588 million to protect farmland, coastland, urban parks and other green spaces.
- ***Slashing Water and Public Health Protections*** - By FY 2004, cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency would eliminate funding for the Clean Water Action Plan, which helps communities clean up the 40 percent of surveyed waters still too polluted for fishing or swimming; and let polluters off the hook by crippling EPA's ability to enforce public health protections.
- ***Gambling with Global Warming*** - Cuts to the Department of Energy and EPA would gut efforts toward cleaner, more efficient energy for homes, transportation, and industry; and keep the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles from meeting its goal of new cars three times more fuel-efficient than today's models by 2004.
- ***Crippling Wildlife Protections*** - Cuts to the Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Army Corps of Engineers would hamper salmon restoration in the Pacific Northwest, shut down wildlife refuges, and halt efforts to restore endangered species.
- ***Raising the Risk of Deadly Wildfires*** - FY 2000 cuts to the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management would close some lands to the public and reduce firefighting capabilities. A total of \$700 million in FY 2004 cuts for these two agencies would cripple firefighting capabilities, jeopardizing lives and property throughout the West.

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## Republican Budget Shortchanges Education and Training March 19, 1999

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Building on the success of six years of fiscal discipline and the virtuous economic cycle it created, President Clinton has proposed a budget that includes a more than \$3.4 trillion debt reduction lock-box that extends the solvency of Social Security until 2055 and extends Medicare's solvency for more than a decade. The President's budget continues to place top priority on investments in education, including:

- **Performance Accountability:** \$200 million in Title I to hold States and school districts more accountable for raising student achievement.
- **21st Century Community Learning Centers/After-School and Summer School Programs:** \$600 million for the 21st Century/After-School program, an increase of \$400 million over the FY 1999 level to help schools end social promotion through extended learning time.
- **New Qualified Teachers and Smaller Class Sizes:** \$1.4 billion as the second installment of the President's plan to help schools recruit, hire, and train 100,000 new teachers by 2005 and reduce class size in the early grades.
- **Tax Credits to Build Modern Schools for Our Children.** A centerpiece of the President's tax cut agenda is to provide Federal tax credits to support nearly \$25 billion in bonds to build and renovate public schools at a cost of \$3.7 billion over 5 years.
- **A \$963 Million Three-Part Initiative To Close America's Skills Gap:** 1) \$190 million increase for adult education and family literacy initiative. 2) \$368 Million increase for a universal re-employment initiative. 3) \$405 million increase for a youth employment initiative.
- **Expanding Head Start:** A \$607 million increase that will add 42,000 new slots for young children, including 7,000 Early Head Start slots, for total enrollment of 877,000 and on track to meet the one million participation goal by 2002.

The Republicans have responded with a proposal that puts top priority on a tax cut which explodes in cost and is targeted away from the middle class. Republicans have talked about making education a higher priority, but the actions in this budget are in the other direction. Because the tax cut is so large and consumes the entire on-budget surplus, the funds available for critical investments in education would be squeezed dramatically.

**The Republican budget would require a more than 10 percent cut in 2000 and over 20 percent cut in 2004 unprotected discretionary programs.** This would have a devastating impact on critical education, training, and other programs for children:

- **Head Start** funding would be less than FY 1998 levels, a reduction of \$1.1 billion from the FY 2000 Budget. A reduction of this magnitude would roll back all expansion progress made under the Clinton Administration, cutting services to up to 100,000 children, and making it practically impossible to reach the goal of serving one million children in Head Start by 2002. By 2004, Head Start enrollment would drop below FY 1999 levels by over 230,000 children.
- **Work Study** would be cut by \$106 million from the FY 1999 level of \$870 million, to the lowest level since FY 1996. The number of students served would decrease by 112,000, from 930,000 in FY 1999. If the Republican plan were assumed to continue through FY 2004, over a quarter of a million fewer students (257,000) would have the chance to work their way through college than in FY 1999.

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- **TRIO** funding would decrease by \$73 million, from \$600 million in FY 1999. As a result, approximately 117,000 fewer students would receive college preparation and support services in FY 2000 than in FY 1999. By FY 2004, the Republican plan would cut 224,000 disadvantaged students from TRIO programs.
- **GEAR-UP** would be reduced \$15 million, from \$120 million in FY 1999. This funding level would not be sufficient to fund non-competing continuation awards from FY 1999. Approximately 5,900 fewer low-income students would receive early intervention services in FY 2000 than in FY 1999. The Republican plan would further cut GEAR-UP so that more than 36,000 fewer students would receive services in FY 2004 than in FY 1999.
- **Dislocated Worker Assistance** would be cut by \$171 million below FY 1999, denying training, job search assistance, and support services to about 90,200 dislocated workers. In FY 2004, the Republican plan would deny services to over 205,600 dislocated workers.
- About 73,100 **training and summer job opportunities for low-income youth** would be eliminated. In FY 2004, about 166,000 low-income youth would be denied training and summer job opportunities.
- This reduction could terminate **Jobs Corps'** planned 4-center expansion and/or force Job Corps to close 5-6 other centers in 2000. This could eliminate about 5,000 residential training slots for extremely disadvantaged youth in 2000. In 2004, this could result in over 11,000 students being denied the opportunity to participate in Job Corps.
- The **Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)** would be reduced by \$122 million, eliminating child care assistance for up to 34,000 low-income children. By 2004, the number of children receiving assistance would drop below FY 1999 levels by up to 79,000 children.
- **WIC** funding would be cut to below FY 1995 levels, a reduction of over \$480 million from the FY 1999 level of \$3.9 billion, eliminating nutrition assistance for over 875,000 low income women, infants, and children each month. Furthermore, if the Republican plan were assumed to continue through FY 2004, funding for the program would be reduced by \$1.1 billion below the FY 1999 funding level, cutting approximately 1.9 million participants from the program.



**Senate Republican Crime Bill  
Questions and Answers  
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**Q: Yesterday, Senate Hatch and other Republicans unveiled an omnibus crime bill, the 21st Century Justice Act, and accused the Administration of cutting funds to law enforcement. What is your reaction to it?**

A: While we have not had a chance to review Senator Hatch's bill, I understand we have seen a press release summarizing its major provisions. Most of the bill is not new. It reauthorizes a series of state and local crime programs -- some of which we support -- and includes Republican legislation on juvenile crime and drugs that have been making the rounds in Congress for some time now. These are priority issues for the Administration, and we welcome the opportunity to debate and discuss their merits.

But we have a serious and fundamental concern with Senator Hatch's bill -- and for that matter, with the Republican budget resolution: they both propose cutting the President's community policing program (COPS) by about \$1 billion. As you know, COPS has provided funds to over 11,000 communities to hire more than 92,000 police officers. It has helped spread community policing methods to thousands of police departments across the country, and it has been credited by countless law enforcement officials as one of the key reasons for the significant reduction in the crime rate over the past 6 years. Thus, we simply don't -- and won't -- agree with Senator Hatch and other Congressional Republicans that they way to fight crime in the 21st Century is by dismantling the successful COPS program.

By contrast, the President's budget and soon-to-be-introduced crime bill call for a \$1.3 billion 21st Century Policing Initiative that strengthens the current COPS program by: putting up to 50,000 more police on the street; funding new crime fighting technologies for police departments; hiring more local prosecutors to work with police; and helping to engage the entire community -- including principals, pastors, and parents -- in the fight against crime.

As for the recent criticisms by Senator Hatch and other Republicans on the President's law enforcement budget, we will let the record speak for itself. Since 1993, the Justice Department's budget has essentially doubled, and funding for state and local law enforcement has increased by more than 500%. There can be no question that this Administration has provided unprecedented support for law enforcement at all levels -- state, local and federal.