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President Clinton's Proposal To Cut Class Sizes And Modernize 5,000 Schools.

- ***School Modernization Proposal:*** In order for students to learn and to compete in the global economy, schools must be well-equipped and they must be able to accommodate smaller class sizes. To help rebuild, modernize and build over 5,000 public schools, President Clinton is fighting to ensure that this year's budget include Federal tax credits to pay interest on nearly \$22 billion in bonds at a cost of \$5 billion over five years.
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President Clinton and Vice President Gore Will Fight To Ensure That Class Size Reduction and School Modernization Are Included In This Year's Budget.

In his 1998 State of the Union Address, President Clinton said, "My balanced budget will help to hire 100,000 new teachers... to reduce class size in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades to an average of 18 students... a school construction tax cut to help communities modernize or build 5,000 schools." Since then, he has been fighting to enact his class size reduction initiative and his school modernization tax credit proposal. The Administration is eager to work with the Congress to get the job done -- and Republicans in Congress should agree with the President and parents that smaller classes and more modern schools are a top priority.

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- **Over The Next Seven Years, Alabama Would Receive \$212.3 Million To Cut Class Sizes.** President Clinton is fighting for a down-payment on his class size reduction proposal, which would provide \$212.3 million over seven years. This could fund about 2,161 teachers in 2005, helping Alabama cut class sizes in the early grades.
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- **Over The Next Seven Years, Arkansas Would Receive \$127.1 Million To Cut Class Sizes.** President Clinton is fighting for a down-payment on his class size reduction proposal, which would provide \$127.1 million over seven years. This could fund about 1,360 teachers in 2005, helping Arkansas cut class sizes in the early grades.
- **Arkansas Would Receive Tax Credits on \$145.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build or Modernize 45 Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would provide tax credits on \$145.9 million of bonds for Arkansas to help build or modernize an estimated 45 schools.

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- **Over The Next Seven Years, California Would Receive \$1,397.7 Million To Cut Class Sizes.** President Clinton is fighting for a down-payment on his class size reduction proposal, which would provide \$1,397.7 million over seven years. This could fund about 9,271 teachers in 2005, helping California cut class sizes in the early grades.
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- **Over The Next Seven Years, District of Columbia Would Receive \$36.2 Million To Cut Class Sizes.** President Clinton is fighting for a down-payment on his class size reduction proposal, which would provide \$36.2 million over seven years. This could fund about 230 teachers in 2005, helping District of Columbia cut class sizes in the early grades.
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**PRESIDENT CLINTON AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE:
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FACT SHEET: PRESIDENT CLINTON'S INITIATIVE FOR SMALLER CLASSES WITH BETTER TEACHERS

President Clinton is fighting for his smaller class size proposal to help communities and school districts reduce class size to a national average of 18 in grades one to three. The initiative would provide \$1.1 billion in fiscal year 1999 -- and \$12.4 billion over seven years -- to help make sure that every child receives personal attention, gets a solid foundation for further learning, and learns to read independently and well by the end of third grade. The initiative would reduce class size by providing funds to help local school districts hire and pay the salaries of an additional 100,000 teachers. States will receive funds to boost teacher quality through teacher training, recruitment, and testing, and new teachers will be required to pass state competency tests. The President's initiative would:

Help Hire an Additional 100,000 Teachers to Reduce Class Size. States will allocate funding under this initiative to school districts to pay salaries and benefits for additional teachers to reduce class size in the early grades. Up to 90 percent of the funds allocated to school districts would be used for hiring teachers.

Make Sure These Teachers Are Prepared to Teach Well. States would be required to implement competency testing for new teachers, with each state selecting the tests it believes most appropriate for this purpose. Participating states and school districts would also have to ensure that individuals hired to fill these new positions be either fully certified or making satisfactory progress toward full certification.

- At least 10% of the funds in this initiative would be used to promote high quality teaching by (1) training teachers in proven practices for teaching in small classes; (2) providing mentors or other support for newly hired teachers; and (3) providing incentives to recruit qualified teachers to high poverty schools. States could use a portion of their funds to toughen teacher certification requirements, as well as to develop more rigorous assessments of new teachers.

Hold Schools Accountable for Results. School districts receiving these funds would have to show that each school is making measurable progress in improving reading achievement within 3 years, or take necessary corrective actions such as providing additional teacher training, revising the curriculum, or implementing proven practices for teaching reading. School districts could lose funding if there is no subsequent improvement in reading achievement in those schools. School districts would also have to publish an annual school report card, providing parents and taxpayers with clear information on student achievement, class size, and teacher qualifications.

Target Funding to Areas of Greatest Need. The President's initiative would distribute funds to states on the basis of the Title 1 formula. Within the state, each high-poverty school district would receive the same share of these funds as it receives under Title 1; the remaining funds would be distributed within the state based on class size. Matching funds would be required from participating school districts, on a sliding scale ranging from 0-35%, with high-poverty districts contributing the least. Once a state has reached an average class size of 18 in grades 1-3, it could use these funds to further reduce class size in the early grades, or extend its efforts to other grades.

EVIDENCE THAT SMALLER CLASS SIZES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

According to a May 1998 Department of Education report -- which analyzed the data and findings from the most carefully designed research studies on class size -- the academic research shows that:

- **Smaller Class Size Increases Student Achievement.** The report found that reducing class size from substantially above 20 students per class to below 20 students leads to gains in student achievement with the performance of the average student moving from the 50th percentile to somewhere above the 60th percentile. According to studies, students from smaller classes in North Carolina, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Tennessee outperformed their peers in larger classes. According to a follow-up study, students from smaller classes in Tennessee continued to outperform their peers in all academic subjects even after returning to larger classes in the 4th grade. An analysis of data on 10,000 4th graders in 203 school districts and 10,000 8th graders in 182 school districts across the United States shows that students in smaller classes performed better in 4th grade and 8th grade than comparable students in larger classes.
- **Smaller Classes Reduce Discipline Problems and Increase Instruction Time for Teachers.** In Burke County, North Carolina, the percentage of classroom time devoted to instruction increased from 80 percent to 86 percent, while the time devoted to non-instructional activities such as discipline decreased from 20 percent to 14 percent when class size was reduced. Students from Tennessee's STAR program worked harder and caused fewer discipline problems than students from larger classes even after the STAR students returned to large classrooms.
- **Smaller Classes with Well-Prepared Teachers Make a Difference.** Smaller classes will boost student achievement the most when teachers are prepared to teach well in these classes. A review of more than 100 research studies indicates that positive effects of smaller classes were more likely if teachers change their instructional methods and classroom procedures in the smaller classes. Class size reduction efforts resulting in student achievement gains in Wisconsin and North Carolina included a strong focus on professional development for teachers.
- **Smaller Classes Make the Greatest Impact in the Early Grades, and for Disadvantaged and Minority Students.** The clearest evidence of positive effects of smaller classes on student performance are in the primary grades, particularly kindergarten through third grade. Research on class size reduction efforts in Tennessee, Indiana, Wisconsin, and North Carolina show clear academic gains for students in smaller classes through the third grade, while studies questioning the impact of class size have often focused on class size variation across all grade levels. The national study of 10,000 4th graders and 10,000 8th graders found the greatest impact of smaller classes on inner-city youth.

FACT SHEET: PRESIDENT CLINTON'S TAX CUT TO MODERNIZE SCHOOLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

In order for students to learn and to compete in the global economy, schools must be well-equipped and they must be able to accommodate smaller class sizes. To address these and other critical needs, President Clinton is fighting for Federal tax credits to pay interest on nearly \$22 billion in bonds to build and renovate public schools. This new initiative provides tax credits in lieu of interest payments for investors in two types of School Modernization Bonds: Qualified School Construction Bonds and an expansion of the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (which were created last year). The Department of the Treasury estimates that the revenue loss associated with the bonds would be \$5 billion over 5 years and over \$11 billion over 10 years.

QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS:

\$19.4 billion in zero-interest bonds (\$9.7 billion in 1999 and \$9.7 billion in 2000) is proposed for construction and renovation of public school facilities. The Department of the Treasury would allocate the rights to offer these special 15-year bonds to States, territories, and certain school districts that have submitted school construction plans to the Secretary of Education.

- Half of the bond authority would be allocated to the 100 school districts with the largest number of low-income children, in proportion to their share of funds under the Title I Basic Grant formula in the preceding year. In addition, up to 25 additional school districts that are in particular need of assistance, such as districts with a low level of resources for school construction or a high level of enrollment growth, could receive these allocations. These funds would be spent in accordance with the school district's plans.
- The other half would be allocated to States and territories to provide to school districts in need of assistance in accordance with each State's plan. The bond authority would be allocated in proportion to each State's share of funds under the Title I Basic Grant formula in the preceding year, after subtracting the Title I shares of the 100-125 school districts.

School Construction Plans: In order to receive a bond allocation, States, territories, and the eligible 100-125 school districts would be required to submit a plan to the Secretary of Education. The plans would (1) demonstrate that a comprehensive survey has been undertaken of the construction and renovation needs, such as the need to provide access to students with disabilities, in the jurisdiction and (2) describe how the jurisdiction will ensure that the bond funds are used for the purposes intended by this proposal, including the requirement that they will supplement, not supplant, amounts that would have been spent on construction and renovation in the absence of the bonds. State plans would also describe how they will ensure that localities with the greatest need -- as demonstrated by inadequate facilities coupled with a low level of resources to meet the needs -- would be served.

QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS:

This program, created by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, provides a tax credit to pay interest on bonds for a variety of expenses (including building renovation) related to certain public school-business partnerships. The FY 99 Budget would expand these bonds to cover school construction, and would increase and extend the bond authority by \$2.4 billion (an additional \$1 billion, to \$1.4 billion, in 1999, and \$1.4 billion in 2000). This bond authority is allocated to States on the basis of their respective populations of individuals with incomes below the poverty line.

WHY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

President Clinton's school modernization initiative is designed to address a nationwide school facilities crisis. These funds are necessary because: (1) the cost to repair existing schools is high, and States and communities can stretch their efforts and dollars further with these interest-free bonds; (2) enrollment growth is surging; and (3) better school facilities lead to better academic achievement.

THE COST TO REPAIR EXISTING SCHOOLS IS HIGH:

- In a 1996 report, the General Accounting Office (GAO) estimated that the cost of bringing the Nation's schools into good overall condition was \$112 billion. GAO's report revealed:
 - One-third of all schools, serving 14 million students, need extensive repair or replacement;
 - About 60 percent (including some schools in generally adequate condition) of all schools report needing at least one major building feature to be replaced or extensively repaired.
- According to GAO: 28,100 schools serving 15 million students have less-than-adequate heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems; 23,100 schools serving 12 million students have less-than-adequate plumbing; and 21,100 schools serving 12 million students have less-than-adequate roofs.
- GAO cited horrific examples of the need for school repairs:
 - Heating depends on a fireman's stoking a coal furnace by hand at a high school;
 - Raw sewage was backed up on the front lawn of a junior high school because of defective plumbing
 - At an elementary school, a ceiling weakened by leaking water collapsed just 40 minutes after students had left for the day; and
 - Another elementary school had asbestos, chipping and peeling lead paint, and boarded windows.

ENROLLMENT GROWTH IS SURGING:

- The National Center for Education Statistics projects that elementary and secondary enrollments will swell from 52.2 million in 1997 to 54.4 million in 2006. State and localities will need to build some 6,000 new schools to serve additional students in the next decade.

THE CONDITION OF SCHOOLS IS RELATED TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

- Several research studies indicate that the condition of school buildings affects student achievement. For instance, one study found that students in school buildings that were in poor condition had achievement 6 percent below students in schools that were in fair condition and 11 percent below students in schools in excellent condition.

School Conditions By State

	Share of Schools With At Least One Building In Need of <u>Extensive Repair</u>	Share of Schools With At Least One Unsatisfactory Environmental <u>Condition*</u>	Share of Schools That Need To Spend Over The National Average To Bring Their Facilities <u>Into Good Condition</u>	Share of Schools That Lack Telephone Lines For Modems
NATION	33%	58%	21%	56%
Alabama	39.1%	57.7%	20.9%	55.4%
Alaska	44.6	72.5	42.6	53.8
Arizona	40.8	56.8	29.7	58.1
Arkansas	24.9	51.5	8.3	56.4
California	42.9	77.0	25.7	68.1
Colorado	32.2	53.2	20.2	56.8
Connecticut	30.0	60.0	29.7	51.9
Delaware	40.5	52.8	31.7	82.9
District of Columbia	49.3	68.3	48.8	52.7
Florida	31.2	71.6	33.8	63.2
Georgia	26.2	39.5	14.6	53.0
Hawaii	21.4	65.6	18.7	79.5
Idaho	31.9	53.2	13.3	58.8
Illinois	31.0	57.6	28.2	63.4
Indiana	29.2	55.6	36.3	55.0
Iowa	18.8	51.4	12.6	43.8
Kansas	38.3	67.0	17.2	44.4
Kentucky	30.9	53.0	26.2	55.7
Louisiana	38.6	56.5	23.6	65.5
Maine	37.5	59.0	11.8	63.8
Maryland	30.7	63.3	34.1	66.7
Massachusetts	40.8	71.3	18.4	66.9
Michigan	21.6	56.6	8.8	58.1
Minnesota	38.5	55.2	19.3	41.0
Mississippi	28.5	49.1	7.2	55.8
Missouri	27.3	51.2	13.7	59.1
Montana	20.4	55.1	6.0	37.5
Nebraska	35.2	55.5	18.4	45.7
Nevada	23.2	39.5	13.1	26.2
New Hampshire	38.4	70.6	15.4	58.6
New Jersey	19.1	46.1	16.4	33.5
New Mexico	29.9	63.2	25.8	58.5
New York	32.8	60.4	38.6	55.3
North Carolina	36.1	58.7	16.6	62.6
North Dakota	23.0	54.9	6.7	36.5
Ohio	38.0	68.0	22.8	70.5
Oklahoma	30.5	53.4	8.4	57.7
Oregon	38.9	73.8	16.9	65.1
Pennsylvania	21.0	48.3	21.2	44.2
Rhode Island	29.3	61.1	9.9	52.1
South Carolina	36.9	46.5	28.0	50.3
South Dakota	21.3	40.5	9.4	35.4
Tennessee	27.2	52.4	12.5	65.6
Texas	27.1	49.5	15.8	38.4
Utah	34.1	58.2	19.8	71.0
Vermont	21.4	51.3	13.3	61.4
Virginia	27.4	48.1	28.9	52.9
Washington	44.2	65.5	42.3	61.1
West Virginia	41.9	71.8	18.1	51.5
Wisconsin	32.8	50.5	13.2	46.4
Wyoming	24.4	54.8	8.5	33.8

*Environmental conditions include lighting, heating, ventilation, indoor air quality, acoustics for noise control, and physical security.

Source: General Accounting Office, June 14, 1996

HOW PRESIDENT CLINTON'S SCHOOL MODERNIZATION TAX CUT COULD HELP SCHOOLS IN YOUR AREA

President Clinton's school modernization tax cut would work differently in various communities. Below are three examples that illustrate differences among communities based on their: (1) school construction needs; (2) authority to issue bonds; and (3) ability to issue bonds.

SCHOOL DISTRICT A -- A RAPIDLY GROWING SCHOOL DISTRICT

- School District A needs funds to construct additional schools to educate its rapidly growing enrollment. The State would allocate bond authority to School District A. When this community passes a bond initiative, it would then enter into an agreement with a financial company to sell the bonds to bond holders in order to raise funds to build schools in the community. The school district would use these funds to plan, design, and build additional schools. The community would repay the principal on the bonds to the bond holders, but it would not have to pay interest on the School Modernization Bonds. The bond holders would receive a tax credit equivalent to the amount of interest they would ordinarily have received on the loan.

SCHOOL DISTRICT B -- SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN NEED OF RENOVATION

- School District B needs funds to renovate its aging school buildings. This school district would receive a direct allocation of bond authority from the Federal Government because it is one of the 100 school districts with the largest number of students in poverty. This community has already passed a bond initiative, so it does not have to go to its citizens to gain the authority to issue bonds. The district is still eligible to issue School Modernization Bonds because it has not yet issued all of the bonds its citizens authorized it to issue. It would issue the bonds through a financial company to raise the funds necessary to renovate its schools. School District B would use these funds to renovate its facilities taking into account the need to accommodate modern educational technologies; provide access to individuals with disabilities; improve the energy efficiency of its buildings; and to bring its buildings, including its roofs and boilers, into good overall condition. The bond holders would be repaid as they would under the example for School District A. One difference would be that School District B would be able to use money saved from its energy bill to help it repay the principal on the loan.

SCHOOL DISTRICT C -- POOR INDIAN RESERVATION

- This poor public school district needs funds to renovate a school and build a new school but is unable to issue bonds itself because of its small tax base. School District C would receive a heavily subsidized loan from the State. The State would subsidize the loan either by contributing the State's own funds toward the loan or by decreasing the amount of the subsidy other communities would receive under School Modernization Bonds in the State. School District C would not issue the bond itself; the State would issue it on behalf of School District C and several other school districts. School District C would use the funds to plan, design, and construct its new building and to renovate its existing school. The State could guarantee that School District C would repay the loan by retaining State aid in event that the school district stopped making payments. School District C would pay only a portion of the principal on the loan to the State because the loan is subsidized. The bond holders would be repaid as described in the above examples, except the State rather than the community would repay the principal to the bond holders.

IMPACT OF INADEQUATE SCHOOL FACILITIES ON STUDENT LEARNING

A number of studies have shown that many school systems, particularly those in urban and high-poverty areas, are plagued by decaying buildings that threaten the health, safety, and learning opportunities of students. Good facilities appear to be an important precondition for student learning, provided that other conditions are present that support a strong academic program in the school. A growing body of research has linked student achievement and behavior to the physical building conditions and overcrowding.

PHYSICAL BUILDING CONDITIONS

Decaying environmental conditions such as peeling paint, crumbling plaster, non-functioning toilets, poor lighting, inadequate ventilation, and inoperative heating and cooling systems can affect the learning as well as the health and the morale of staff and students.

Impact on Student Achievement:

- A study of the District of Columbia school system found, after controlling for other variables such as a student's socioeconomic status, that students' standardized achievement scores were lower in schools with poor building conditions. Students in school buildings in poor condition had achievement that was 6% below schools in fair condition and 11% below schools in excellent condition. (Edwards, 1991)
- Cash (1993) examined the relationship between building condition and student achievement in small, rural Virginia high schools. Student scores on achievement tests, adjusted for socioeconomic status, was found to be up to 5 percentile points lower in buildings with lower quality ratings. Achievement also appeared to be more directly related to cosmetic factors than to structural ones. Poorer achievement was associated with specific building condition factors such as substandard science facilities, air conditioning, locker conditions, classroom furniture, more graffiti, and noisy external environments.
- Similarly, Hines' (1996) study of large, urban high schools in Virginia also found a relationship between building condition and student achievement. Indeed, Hines found that student achievement was as much as 11 percentile points lower in substandard buildings as compared to above-standard buildings.
- A study of North Dakota high schools, a state selected in part because of its relatively homogeneous, rural population, also found a positive relationship between school condition (as measured by principals' survey responses) and both student achievement and student behavior. (Earthman, 1995)
- McGuffey (1982) concluded that heating and air conditioning systems appeared to be very important, along with special instructional facilities (i.e., science laboratories or equipment) and color and interior painting, in contributing to student achievement. Proper building maintenance was also found to be related to better attitudes and fewer disciplinary problems in one cited study.
- Research indicates that the quality of air inside public school facilities may significantly affect students' ability to concentrate. The evidence suggests that youth, especially those under ten years of age, are more vulnerable than adults to the types of contaminants (asbestos, radon, and formaldehyde) found in some school facilities (Andrews and Neuroth, 1988).

Impact on Teaching:

- Lowe (1988) interviewed State Teachers of the Year to determine which aspects of the physical environment affected their teaching the most, and these teachers pointed to the availability and quality of classroom equipment and furnishings, as well as ambient features such as climate control and acoustics as the most important environmental factors. In particular, the teachers emphasized that the ability to control classroom temperature is crucial to the effective performance of both students and teachers.
- A study of working conditions in urban schools concluded that "physical conditions have direct positive and negative effects on teacher morale, sense of personal safety, feelings of effectiveness in the classroom, and on the general learning environment." Building renovations in one district led teachers to feel "a renewed sense of hope, of commitment, a belief that the district cared about what went on that building." In dilapidated buildings in another district, the atmosphere was punctuated more by despair and frustration, with teachers reporting that leaking roofs, burned out lights, and broken toilets were the typical backdrop for teaching and learning." (Corcoran et al., 1988)
- Corcoran et al. (1988) also found that "where the problems with working conditions are serious enough to impinge on the work of teachers, they result in higher absenteeism, reduced levels of effort, lower effectiveness in the classroom, low morale, and reduced job satisfaction. Where working conditions are good, they result in enthusiasm, high morale, cooperation, and acceptance of responsibility."

A Carnegie Foundation (1988) report on urban schools concluded that "the tacit message of the physical indignities in many urban schools is not lost on students. It bespeaks neglect, and students' conduct seems simply an extension of the physical environment that surrounds them." Similarly, Poplin and Weeres (1992) reported that, based on an intensive study of teachers, administrators, and students in four schools, "the depressed physical environment of many schools... is believed to reflect society's lack of priority for these children and their education."

OVERCROWDING:

Overcrowded schools are a serious problem in many school systems, particularly in the inner cities, where space for new construction is at a premium and funding for such construction is limited. As a result, students find themselves trying to learn while jammed into spaces never intended as classrooms, such as libraries, gymnasiums, laboratories, lunchrooms, and even closets. Although research on the relationship between overcrowding and student learning has been limited, there is some evidence, particularly in high-poverty schools, that overcrowding can have an adverse impact on learning.

- A study of overcrowded schools in New York City found that students in such schools scored significantly lower on both mathematics and reading exams than did similar students in underutilized schools. In addition, when asked, students and teachers in overcrowded schools agreed that overcrowding negatively affected both classroom activities and instructional techniques. (Rivera-Batiz and Marti, 1995)
- Corcoran et al. (1988) found that overcrowding and heavy teacher workloads created stressful working conditions for teachers and led to higher teacher absenteeism.

Crowded classroom conditions not only make it difficult for students to concentrate on their lessons, but inevitably limit the amount of time teachers can spend on innovative teaching methods such as cooperative learning and group work or, indeed on teaching anything beyond the barest minimum of required material. In addition, because teachers must constantly struggle simply to maintain order in an overcrowded classroom, the likelihood increases that they will suffer from burnout earlier than might otherwise be the case.

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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Alabama, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Alabama, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$285.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Alabama Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Alabama, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$285.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 88 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,050,000 People -- Including 1,040,000 Women -- in Alabama.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,050,000 people -- including 1,040,000 women -- in Alabama are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Alabama has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Alabama. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 17,000 Young People in Alabama from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Alabama, this legislation would have stopped 50,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 17,000 young people in Alabama from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 252,000 Workers in Alabama.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Alabama, this increase would have raised the wages of 252,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Alabama.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Alabama. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Alabama making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Alabama would have received \$17.2 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$36.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Alaska Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Alaska, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$36.9 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 11 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 210,000 People -- Including 100,000 Women -- in Alaska.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 210,000 people -- including 100,000 women -- in Alaska are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Alaska has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Alaska. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 3,000 Young People in Alaska from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Alaska, this legislation would have stopped 9,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 3,000 young people in Alaska from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 7,000 Workers in Alaska.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. Because Alaska has a minimum wage higher than the Federal minimum wage, only 7,000 workers in Alaska would benefit from this increase. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Alaska.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Alaska. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Alaska making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Alaska would have received \$3.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Arizona, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Arizona, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$258.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Arizona Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Arizona, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$258.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 80 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,720,000 People -- Including 830,000 Women -- in Arizona.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,720,000 people -- including 830,000 women -- in Arizona are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Arizona has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Arizona. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 16,000 Young People in Arizona from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Arizona, this legislation would have stopped 49,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 16,000 young people in Arizona from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 214,000 Workers in Arizona.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Arizona, this increase would have raised the wages of 214,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Arizona.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Arizona. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Arizona making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Arizona would have received \$19.1 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Arkansas, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Arkansas, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$145.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Arkansas Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Arkansas, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$145.9 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 45 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,000,000 People -- Including 500,000 Women -- in Arkansas.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,000,000 people -- including 500,000 women -- in Arkansas are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Arkansas has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Arkansas. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor].

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 9,000 Young People in Arkansas from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Arkansas, this legislation would have stopped 28,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 9,000 young people in Arkansas from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 145,000 Workers in Arkansas.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Arkansas, this increase would have raised the wages of 145,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Arkansas.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Arkansas. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Arkansas making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Arkansas would have received \$10.5 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

CALIFORNIA:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in California, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of California, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$2,281.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize California Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In California, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$2,281.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 705 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 13,090,000 People -- Including 6,230,000 Women -- in California.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 13,090,000 people -- including 6,230,000 women -- in California are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if California has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in California. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 83,000 Young People in California from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in California, this legislation would have stopped 248,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 83,000 young people in California from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 1,612,000 Workers in California:** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. Even though California has a minimum wage higher than the Federal minimum wage, this increase would have raised the wages of 1,612,000 California workers. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in California.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in California. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in California making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And California would have received \$150.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

COLORADO:
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FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Colorado, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Colorado, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$165.8 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Colorado Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Colorado, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$165.8 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 51 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,810,000 People -- Including 890,000 Women -- in Colorado.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,810,000 people -- including 890,000 women -- in Colorado are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Colorado has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Colorado. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 17,000 Young People in Colorado from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Colorado, this legislation would have stopped 51,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 17,000 young people in Colorado from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 121,000 Workers in Colorado.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Colorado, this increase would have raised the wages of 121,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Colorado.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Colorado. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Colorado making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Colorado would have received \$16.2 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

CONNECTICUT:
PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
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FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Connecticut, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Connecticut, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$205.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Connecticut Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Connecticut, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$205.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 63 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,740,000 People -- Including 910,000 Women -- in Connecticut.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,740,000 people -- including 910,000 women -- in Connecticut are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Connecticut has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Connecticut. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 10,000 Young People in Connecticut from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Connecticut, this legislation would have stopped 29,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 10,000 young people in Connecticut from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 12 Million Workers Nationally.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase for America's workers. Connecticut's state minimum wage is scheduled to rise to the level proposed by President Clinton, so Connecticut's workers will soon benefit from a higher minimum wage. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Connecticut.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer, and more affordable for working families in Connecticut. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Connecticut making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Connecticut would have received \$13.3 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

DELAWARE:
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FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Delaware, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Delaware, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$36.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Delaware Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Delaware, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$36.9 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 11 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 370,000 People -- Including 190,000 Women -- in Delaware.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 370,000 people -- including 190,000 women -- in Delaware are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Delaware has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Delaware. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 3,000 Young People in Delaware from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Delaware, this legislation would have stopped 10,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 3,000 young people in Delaware from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 26,000 Workers in Delaware.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Delaware, this increase would have raised the wages of 26,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Delaware.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Delaware. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Delaware making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Delaware would have received \$2.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:
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FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in District of Columbia, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of District of Columbia, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$75.4 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize District of Columbia Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In District of Columbia, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$75.4 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 23 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 160,000 People -- Including 80,000 Women -- in District of Columbia.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 160,000 people -- including 80,000 women -- in District of Columbia are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if District of Columbia has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in District of Columbia. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 1,000 Young People in District of Columbia from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in District of Columbia, this legislation would have stopped 2,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 1,000 young people in District of Columbia from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Treasury Department]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 12 Million Workers Nationwide.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. The District of Columbia's minimum wage is automatically set at one dollar above the federal minimum wage, so workers in the District already benefit from a higher minimum wage. [Source: Based on data from the DLS.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in District of Columbia.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in District of Columbia. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in District of Columbia making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And District of Columbia would have received \$1.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of HHS.]

FLORIDA:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Florida, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Florida, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$1,047.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Florida Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Florida, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$1,047.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 324 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 5,470,000 People -- Including 2,710,000 Women -- in Florida.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 5,470,000 people -- including 2,710,000 women -- in Florida are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Florida has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Florida. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 56,000 Young People in Florida from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Florida, this legislation would have stopped 168,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 56,000 young people in Florida from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 586,000 Workers in Florida.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Florida, this increase would have raised the wages of 586,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Florida.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Florida. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Florida making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Florida would have received \$56.6 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

GEORGIA:
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FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Georgia, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Georgia, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$476.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Georgia Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Georgia, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$476.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 147 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,440,000 People -- Including 1,700,000 Women -- in Georgia.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,440,000 people -- including 1,700,000 women -- in Georgia are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Georgia has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Georgia. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 27,000 Young People in Georgia from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Georgia, this legislation would have stopped 81,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 27,000 young people in Georgia from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 309,000 Workers in Georgia.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Georgia, this increase would have raised the wages of 309,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Georgia.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Georgia. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Georgia making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Georgia would have received \$31.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

HAWAII:
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FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Hawaii, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Hawaii, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$41.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Hawaii Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Hawaii, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$41.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 13 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 500,000 People -- Including 250,000 Women -- in Hawaii.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 500,000 people -- including 250,000 women -- in Hawaii are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Hawaii has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Hawaii. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 3,000 Young People in Hawaii from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Hawaii, this legislation would have stopped 10,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 3,000 young people in Hawaii from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 71,000 Workers in Hawaii.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. Even though Hawaii has a minimum wage higher than the Federal minimum wage, this increase would have raised the wages of 71,000 Hawaii workers. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Hawaii.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Hawaii. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Hawaii making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Hawaii would have received \$5.1 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

IDAHO:
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FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Idaho, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Idaho, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$43.5 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Idaho Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Idaho, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$43.5 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 13 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 500,000 People -- Including 240,000 Women -- in Idaho.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 500,000 people -- including 240,000 women -- in Idaho are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Idaho has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Idaho. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 5,000 Young People in Idaho from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Idaho, this legislation would have stopped 14,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 5,000 young people in Idaho from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 68,000 Workers in Idaho.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Idaho, this increase would have raised the wages of 68,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Idaho.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Idaho. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Idaho making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Idaho would have received \$5.4 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

ILLINOIS:
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DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Illinois, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Illinois, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$911.5 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Illinois Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Illinois, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$911.5 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 282 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 6,220,000 People -- Including 3,120,000 Women -- in Illinois.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 6,220,000 people -- including 3,120,000 women -- in Illinois are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Illinois has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Illinois. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 46,000 Young People in Illinois from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Illinois, this legislation would have stopped 139,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 46,000 young people in Illinois from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 489,000 Workers in Illinois.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Illinois, this increase would have raised the wages of 489,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Illinois.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Illinois. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Illinois making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Illinois would have received \$51.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

INDIANA:
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DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Indiana, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Indiana, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$276.4 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Indiana Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Indiana, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$276.4 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 85 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,330,000 People -- Including 1,600,000 Women -- in Indiana.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,330,000 people -- including 1,600,000 women -- in Indiana are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Indiana has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Indiana. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 30,000 Young People in Indiana from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Indiana, this legislation would have stopped 90,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 30,000 young people in Indiana from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 171,000 Workers in Indiana.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Indiana, this increase would have raised the wages of 171,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Indiana.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Indiana. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Indiana making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Indiana would have received \$24.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

IOWA:
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FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Iowa, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Iowa, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$103.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Iowa Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Iowa, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$103.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 32 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,420,000 People -- Including 700,000 Women -- in Iowa.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,420,000 people -- including 700,000 women -- in Iowa are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Iowa has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Iowa. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 10,000 Young People in Iowa from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Iowa, this legislation would have stopped 30,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 10,000 young people in Iowa from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 119,000 Workers in Iowa.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Iowa, this increase would have raised the wages of 119,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Iowa.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Iowa. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Iowa making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Iowa would have received \$11.2 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

KANSAS:
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 FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Kansas, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Kansas, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$126.8 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Kansas Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Kansas, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$126.8 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 39 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,250,000 People -- Including 600,000 Women -- in Kansas.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,250,000 people -- including 600,000 women -- in Kansas are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Kansas has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Kansas. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 10,000 Young People in Kansas from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Kansas, this legislation would have stopped 29,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 10,000 young people in Kansas from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 93,000 Workers in Kansas.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Kansas, this increase would have raised the wages of 93,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Kansas.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Kansas. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Kansas making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Kansas would have received \$11.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

KENTUCKY:
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FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Kentucky, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Kentucky, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$277.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Kentucky Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Kentucky, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$277.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 86 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,730,000 People -- Including 860,000 Women -- in Kentucky.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,730,000 people -- including 860,000 women -- in Kentucky are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Kentucky has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Kentucky. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 19,000 Young People in Kentucky from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Kentucky, this legislation would have stopped 58,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 19,000 young people in Kentucky from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 211,000 Workers in Kentucky.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Kentucky, this increase would have raised the wages of 211,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Kentucky.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Kentucky: The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Kentucky making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Kentucky would have received \$15.3 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

LOUISIANA:
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 FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Louisiana, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Louisiana, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$463.2 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Louisiana Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Louisiana, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$463.2 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 143 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,700,000 People -- Including 830,000 Women -- in Louisiana.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,700,000 people -- including 830,000 women -- in Louisiana are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Louisiana has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Louisiana. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 21,000 Young People in Louisiana from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Louisiana, this legislation would have stopped 64,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 21,000 young people in Louisiana from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 244,000 Workers in Louisiana.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Louisiana, this increase would have raised the wages of 244,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Louisiana.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Louisiana. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Louisiana making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Louisiana would have received \$19.6 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MAINE:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Maine, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Maine, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$61.6 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Maine Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Maine, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$61.6 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 19 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 630,000 People -- Including 310,000 Women -- in Maine.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 630,000 people -- including 310,000 women -- in Maine are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Maine has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Maine. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 6,000 Young People in Maine from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Maine, this legislation would have stopped 17,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 6,000 young people in Maine from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 44,000 Workers in Maine.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Maine, this increase would have raised the wages of 44,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Maine.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Maine. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Maine making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Maine would have received \$4.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MARYLAND:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Maryland, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Maryland, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$306.5 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Maryland Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Maryland, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$306.5 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 95 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,230,000 People -- Including 1,130,000 Women -- in Maryland.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,230,000 people -- including 1,130,000 women -- in Maryland are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Maryland has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Maryland. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 16,000 Young People in Maryland from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Maryland, this legislation would have stopped 47,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 16,000 young people in Maryland from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 155,000 Workers in Maryland.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Maryland, this increase would have raised the wages of 155,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Maryland.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Maryland. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Maryland making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Maryland would have received \$21.4 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MASSACHUSETTS:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Massachusetts, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Massachusetts, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$355.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Massachusetts Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Massachusetts, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$355.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 110 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,300,000 People -- Including 1,600,000 Women -- in Massachusetts.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,300,000 people -- including 1,600,000 women -- in Massachusetts are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Massachusetts has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Massachusetts. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 16,000 Young People in Massachusetts from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Massachusetts, this legislation would have stopped 49,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 16,000 young people in Massachusetts from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 135,000 Workers in Massachusetts.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12-million workers nationwide. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. Even though Massachusetts has a minimum wage higher than the Federal minimum wage, this increase would have raised the wages of 135,000 Massachusetts workers. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Massachusetts.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Massachusetts. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Massachusetts making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Massachusetts would have received \$23.6 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MICHIGAN:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Michigan, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Michigan, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$857.3 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Michigan Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Michigan, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$857.3 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 265 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 5,320,000 People -- Including 2,560,000 Women -- in Michigan.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 5,320,000 people -- including 2,560,000 women -- in Michigan are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Michigan has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Michigan. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 37,000 Young People in Michigan from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Michigan, this legislation would have stopped 111,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 37,000 young people in Michigan from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 383,000 Workers in Michigan.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Michigan, this increase would have raised the wages of 383,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Michigan.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Michigan. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Michigan making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Michigan would have received \$41.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MINNESOTA:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Minnesota, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Minnesota, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$220.8 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Minnesota Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Minnesota, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$220.8 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 68 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,390,000 People -- Including 1,120,000 Women -- in Minnesota.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,390,000 people -- including 1,120,000 women -- in Minnesota are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Minnesota has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Minnesota. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 16,000 Young People in Minnesota from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Minnesota, this legislation would have stopped 49,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 16,000 young people in Minnesota from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 187,000 Workers in Minnesota.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Minnesota, this increase would have raised the wages of 187,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Minnesota.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Minnesota. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Minnesota making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Minnesota would have received \$19.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MISSISSIPPI:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Mississippi, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Mississippi, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$253.5 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Mississippi Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Mississippi, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$253.5 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 78 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,130,000 People -- Including 570,000 Women -- in Mississippi.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,130,000 people -- including 570,000 women -- in Mississippi are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Mississippi has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Mississippi. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 10,000 Young People in Mississippi from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Mississippi, this legislation would have stopped 29,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 10,000 young people in Mississippi from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 187,000 Workers in Mississippi.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one-dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Mississippi, this increase would have raised the wages of 187,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Mississippi.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Mississippi. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Mississippi making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Mississippi would have received \$12.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MISSOURI:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Missouri, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Missouri, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$314.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Missouri Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Missouri, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$314.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 97 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,360,000 People -- Including 1,160,000 Women -- in Missouri.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,360,000 people -- including 1,160,000 women -- in Missouri are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Missouri has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Missouri. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 24,000 Young People in Missouri from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Missouri, this legislation would have stopped 73,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 24,000 young people in Missouri from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 273,000 Workers in Missouri.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Missouri, this increase would have raised the wages of 273,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Missouri.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Missouri. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Missouri making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Missouri would have received \$22.3 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

MONTANA:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Montana, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Montana, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$52.3 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Montana Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Montana, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$52.3 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 16 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 340,000 People -- Including 170,000 Women -- in Montana.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 340,000 people -- including 170,000 women -- in Montana are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Montana has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Montana. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 3,000 Young People in Montana from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Montana, this legislation would have stopped 9,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 3,000 young people in Montana from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 60,000 Workers in Montana.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Montana, this increase would have raised the wages of 60,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Montana.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Montana. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Montana making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Montana would have received \$3.6 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

NEBRASKA:
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FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Nebraska, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Nebraska, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$79.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Nebraska Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Nebraska, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$79.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 24 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 740,000 People -- Including 340,000 Women -- in Nebraska.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 740,000 people -- including 340,000 women -- in Nebraska are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Nebraska has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Nebraska. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 7,000 Young People in Nebraska from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Nebraska, this legislation would have stopped 20,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 7,000 young people in Nebraska from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 81,000 Workers in Nebraska.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Nebraska, this increase would have raised the wages of 81,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Nebraska.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Nebraska. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Nebraska making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Nebraska would have received \$7.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

NEVADA:
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 DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
 FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Nevada, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Nevada, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$71.8 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Nevada Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Nevada, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$71.8 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 22 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 860,000 People -- Including 400,000 Women -- in Nevada.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 860,000 people -- including 400,000 women -- in Nevada are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Nevada has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Nevada. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 6,000 Young People in Nevada from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Nevada, this legislation would have stopped 17,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 6,000 young people in Nevada from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 61,000 Workers in Nevada.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Nevada, this increase would have raised the wages of 61,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Nevada.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Nevada. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Nevada making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Nevada would have received \$7.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

NEW HAMPSHIRE:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in New Hampshire, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of New Hampshire, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$36.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize New Hampshire Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In New Hampshire, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$36.9 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 11 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 610,000 People -- Including 290,000 Women -- in New Hampshire.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 610,000 people -- including 290,000 women -- in New Hampshire are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if New Hampshire has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in New Hampshire. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 5,000 Young People in New Hampshire from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in New Hampshire, this legislation would have stopped 14,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 5,000 young people in New Hampshire from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 48,000 Workers in New Hampshire.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In New Hampshire, this increase would have raised the wages of 48,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in New Hampshire.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in New Hampshire. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in New Hampshire making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And New Hampshire would have received \$4.8 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

NEW JERSEY:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in New Jersey, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of New Jersey, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$414.3 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize New Jersey Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In New Jersey, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$414.3 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 128 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,820,000 People -- Including 1,920,000 Women -- in New Jersey.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,820,000 people -- including 1,920,000 women -- in New Jersey are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if New Jersey has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in New Jersey. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 25,000 Young People in New Jersey from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in New Jersey, this legislation would have stopped 74,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 25,000 young people in New Jersey from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 253,000 Workers in New Jersey.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In New Jersey, this increase would have raised the wages of 253,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in New Jersey.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in New Jersey. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in New Jersey making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And New Jersey would have received \$33.1 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

NEW MEXICO:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in New Mexico, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of New Mexico, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$145.6 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize New Mexico Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In New Mexico, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$145.6 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 45 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 540,000 People -- Including 260,000 Women -- in New Mexico.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 540,000 people -- including 260,000 women -- in New Mexico are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if New Mexico has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in New Mexico. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 6,000 Young People in New Mexico from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in New Mexico, this legislation would have stopped 19,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 6,000 young people in New Mexico from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 111,000 Workers in New Mexico.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In New Mexico, this increase would have raised the wages of 111,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in New Mexico.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in New Mexico. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in New Mexico making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And New Mexico would have received \$8.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

NEW YORK:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
 DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
 FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in New York, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of New York, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$2,166.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize New York Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In New York, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$2,166.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 670 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 7,570,000 People -- Including 3,800,000 Women -- in New York.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 7,570,000 people -- including 3,800,000 women -- in New York are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if New York has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in New York. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 63,000 Young People in New York from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in New York, this legislation would have stopped 188,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 63,000 young people in New York from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 646,000 Workers in New York.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In New York, this increase would have raised the wages of 646,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in New York.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in New York. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in New York making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And New York would have received \$75.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

**NORTH CAROLINA:
PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES; BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in North Carolina, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of North Carolina, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$297.4 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize North Carolina Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In North Carolina, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$297.4 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 92 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,470,000 People -- Including 1,730,000 Women -- in North Carolina.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,470,000 people -- including 1,730,000 women -- in North Carolina are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if North Carolina has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in North Carolina. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 35,000 Young People in North Carolina from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in North Carolina, this legislation would have stopped 106,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 35,000 young people in North Carolina from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 342,000 Workers in North Carolina.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In North Carolina, this increase would have raised the wages of 342,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in North Carolina.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in North Carolina. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in North Carolina making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And North Carolina would have received \$30.1 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

NORTH DAKOTA:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in North Dakota, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of North Dakota, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$36.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize North Dakota Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single federal employee. In North Dakota, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$36.9 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 11 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 280,000 People -- Including 130,000 Women -- in North Dakota.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 280,000 people -- including 130,000 women -- in North Dakota are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if North Dakota has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in North Dakota. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 2,000 Young People in North Dakota from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in North Dakota, this legislation would have stopped 7,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 2,000 young people in North Dakota from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 37,000 Workers in North Dakota.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In North Dakota, this increase would have raised the wages of 37,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in North Dakota.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in North Dakota. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in North Dakota making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And North Dakota would have received \$2.6 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

OHIO:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Ohio, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Ohio, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$783.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Ohio Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Ohio, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$783.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 242 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 5,960,000 People -- Including 2,940,000 Women -- in Ohio.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 5,960,000 people -- including 2,940,000 women -- in Ohio are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Ohio has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Ohio. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 57,000 Young People in Ohio from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Ohio, this legislation would have stopped 172,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 57,000 young people in Ohio from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 550,000 Workers in Ohio.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Ohio, this increase would have raised the wages of 550,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Ohio.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Ohio. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Ohio making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Ohio would have received \$45.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

OKLAHOMA:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Oklahoma, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Oklahoma, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$203.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Oklahoma Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Oklahoma, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$203.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 63 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,240,000 People -- Including 630,000 Women -- in Oklahoma.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,240,000 people -- including 630,000 women -- in Oklahoma are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Oklahoma has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Oklahoma. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 13,000 Young People in Oklahoma from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Oklahoma, this legislation would have stopped 38,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 13,000 young people in Oklahoma from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 209,000 Workers in Oklahoma.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Oklahoma, this increase would have raised the wages of 209,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Oklahoma.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Oklahoma. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Oklahoma making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Oklahoma would have received \$13.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

OREGON:
PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Oregon, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Oregon, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$155.4 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Oregon Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Oregon, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$155.4 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 48 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,520,000 People -- Including 750,000 Women -- in Oregon.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,520,000 people -- including 750,000 women -- in Oregon are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Oregon has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Oregon. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 11,000 Young People in Oregon from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Oregon, this legislation would have stopped 33,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 11,000 young people in Oregon from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 12 Million Workers Nationwide.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. Workers in Oregon already benefit from a higher minimum wage. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Oregon.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Oregon. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Oregon making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Oregon would have received \$12.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

PENNSYLVANIA:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Pennsylvania, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Pennsylvania, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$852.2 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Pennsylvania Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Pennsylvania, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$852.2 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 264 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 6,160,000 People -- Including 3,120,000 Women -- in Pennsylvania.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 6,160,000 people -- including 3,120,000 women -- in Pennsylvania are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Pennsylvania has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Pennsylvania. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 53,000 Young People in Pennsylvania from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Pennsylvania, this legislation would have stopped 159,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 53,000 young people in Pennsylvania from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 547,000 Workers in Pennsylvania.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Pennsylvania, this increase would have raised the wages of 547,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Pennsylvania.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Pennsylvania. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Pennsylvania making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Pennsylvania would have received \$46.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

**RHODE ISLAND:
PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Rhode Island, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Rhode Island, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$72.2 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Rhode Island Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Rhode Island, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$72.2 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 153 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 460,000 People -- Including 230,000 Women -- in Rhode Island.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 460,000 people -- including 230,000 women -- in Rhode Island are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Rhode Island has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Rhode Island. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 4,000 Young People in Rhode Island from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Rhode Island, this legislation would have stopped 12,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 4,000 young people in Rhode Island from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 53,000 Workers in Rhode Island.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Rhode Island, this increase would have raised the wages of 53,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Rhode Island.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Rhode Island. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Rhode Island making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Rhode Island would have received \$3.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

SOUTH CAROLINA:
PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in South Carolina, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of South Carolina, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$198.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize South Carolina Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In South Carolina, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$198.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 61 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,690,000 People -- Including 840,000 Women -- in South Carolina.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,690,000 people -- including 840,000 women -- in South Carolina are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if South Carolina has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in South Carolina. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 14,000 Young People in South Carolina from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in South Carolina, this legislation would have stopped 42,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 14,000 young people in South Carolina from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 169,000 Workers in South Carolina.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In South Carolina, this increase would have raised the wages of 169,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in South Carolina.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in South Carolina. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in South Carolina making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And South Carolina would have received \$15.1 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

SOUTH DAKOTA:
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DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in South Dakota, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of South Dakota, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$38.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize South Dakota Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In South Dakota, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$38.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 12 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 300,000 People -- Including 150,000 Women -- in South Dakota.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 300,000 people -- including 150,000 women -- in South Dakota are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if South Dakota has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in South Dakota. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 3,000 Young People in South Dakota from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in South Dakota, this legislation would have stopped 8,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 3,000 young people in South Dakota from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 40,000 Workers in South Dakota.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In South Dakota, this increase would have raised the wages of 40,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in South Dakota.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in South Dakota. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in South Dakota making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And South Dakota would have received \$3.2 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

TENNESSEE:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Tennessee, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Tennessee, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$331.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Tennessee Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Tennessee, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$331.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 102 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,300,000 People -- Including 1,180,000 Women -- in Tennessee.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,300,000 people -- including 1,180,000 women -- in Tennessee are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Tennessee has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Tennessee. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 22,000 Young People in Tennessee from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Tennessee, this legislation would have stopped 65,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 22,000 young people in Tennessee from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 197,000 Workers in Tennessee.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Tennessee, this increase would have raised the wages of 197,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Tennessee.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Tennessee. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Tennessee making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Tennessee would have received \$21.3 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

TEXAS:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Texas, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Texas, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$1,614.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Texas Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Texas, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$1,614.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 499 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 8,060,000 People -- Including 3,900,000 Women -- in Texas.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 8,060,000 people -- including 3,900,000 women -- in Texas are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Texas has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Texas. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 68,000 Young People in Texas from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority; in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Texas, this legislation would have stopped 205,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 68,000 young people in Texas from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 965,000 Workers in Texas.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Texas, this increase would have raised the wages of 965,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Texas.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Texas. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Texas making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Texas would have received \$89.4 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

UTAH:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Utah, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Utah, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$66.8 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Utah Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Utah, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$66.8 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 21 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 950,000 People -- Including 470,000 Women -- in Utah.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 950,000 people -- including 470,000 women -- in Utah are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Utah has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Utah. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 6,000 Young People in Utah from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Utah, this legislation would have stopped 19,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 6,000 young people in Utah from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 79,000 Workers in Utah.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Utah, this increase would have raised the wages of 79,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Utah.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Utah. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Utah making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Utah would have received \$10.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

VERMONT:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Vermont, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Vermont, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$36.2 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Vermont Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Vermont, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$36.2 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 11 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 290,000 People -- Including 140,000 Women -- in Vermont.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 290,000 people -- including 140,000 women -- in Vermont are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Vermont has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Vermont. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 2,000 Young People in Vermont from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Vermont, this legislation would have stopped 7,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 2,000 young people in Vermont from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 24,000 Workers in Vermont.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. Even though Vermont has a minimum wage higher than the Federal minimum wage, this increase would have raised the wages of 24,000 Vermont workers. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Vermont.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Vermont. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Vermont making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Vermont would have received \$2.3 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Virginia, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Virginia, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$258.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Virginia Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Virginia, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$258.9 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 80 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,060,000 People -- Including 1,540,000 Women -- in Virginia.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,060,000 people -- including 1,540,000 women -- in Virginia are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Virginia has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Virginia. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 28,000 Young People in Virginia from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Virginia, this legislation would have stopped 84,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 28,000 young people in Virginia from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 311,000 Workers in Virginia.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Virginia, this increase would have raised the wages of 311,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Virginia.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Virginia. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Virginia making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Virginia would have received \$26.8 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Washington, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Washington, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$236.6 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Washington Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Washington, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$236.6 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 73 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,550,000 People -- Including 1,240,000 Women -- in Washington.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,550,000 people -- including 1,240,000 women -- in Washington are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Washington has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Washington. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 16,000 Young People in Washington from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Washington, this legislation would have stopped 48,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 16,000 young people in Washington from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 270,000 Workers in Washington.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Washington, this increase would have raised the wages of 270,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Washington.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Washington. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Washington making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Washington would have received \$23.2 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

WEST VIRGINIA:
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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in West Virginia, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of West Virginia, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$142.6 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize West Virginia Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In West Virginia, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$142.6 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 44 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 670,000 People -- Including 350,000 Women -- in West Virginia.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 670,000 people -- including 350,000 women -- in West Virginia are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if West Virginia has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in West Virginia. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 8,000 Young People in West Virginia from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in West Virginia, this legislation would have stopped 24,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 8,000 young people in West Virginia from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 103,000 Workers in West Virginia.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In West Virginia, this increase would have raised the wages of 103,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in West Virginia.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in West Virginia. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in West Virginia making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And West Virginia would have received \$6.5 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Wisconsin, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Wisconsin, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$332.4 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Wisconsin Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Wisconsin, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$332.4 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 103 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,900,000 People -- Including 1,440,000 Women -- in Wisconsin.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,900,000 people -- including 1,440,000 women -- in Wisconsin are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Wisconsin has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Wisconsin. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 21,000 Young People in Wisconsin from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Wisconsin; this legislation would have stopped 62,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 21,000 young people in Wisconsin from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 225,000 Workers in Wisconsin.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Wisconsin, this increase would have raised the wages of 225,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Wisconsin.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Wisconsin. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Wisconsin making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Wisconsin would have received \$21.3 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

WYOMING:
**PRESIDENT CLINTON, VICE PRESIDENT GORE, AND CONGRESSIONAL
 DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR POLICIES THAT HELP WORKING
 FAMILIES, BUT CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS SAID "NO"**

Throughout 1998, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats fought for policies that help working families in Wyoming, from more modern schools to higher quality health care. On each of these policies, the Republican Congressional majority said "no" to the families of Wyoming, blocking school modernization, a Patients Bill of Rights, comprehensive tobacco legislation, an increase in the minimum wage, and child care investments. In addition, Republicans in Congress killed our best hope for real campaign finance reform in a generation.

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$33.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Wyoming Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Wyoming, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$33.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 10 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 190,000 People -- Including 100,000 Women -- in Wyoming.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 190,000 people -- including 100,000 women -- in Wyoming are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Wyoming has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Wyoming. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 2,000 Young People in Wyoming from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Wyoming, this legislation would have stopped 6,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 2,000 young people in Wyoming from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 26 Workers in Wyoming.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Wyoming, this increase would have raised the wages of 26 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

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