

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON  
MEETING AMERICA'S CHALLENGE OF  
CHERISHING OUR CHILDREN  
AND STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S FAMILIES

*"Our first challenge is to cherish our children and strengthen America's families. Family is the foundation of American life. If we have stronger families, we will have a stronger America."*

***Cherishing Our Children***

- Announced a breakthrough agreement with the media and entertainment industry to develop a **television ratings system**.
- Gave parents greater control over what their children watch on television by requiring the installation of **V-chips** in all new televisions.
- Proposed targeted measures to cut off **children's access to tobacco products** and reduce their appeal to children.
- Established a Childhood Immunization Initiative to ensure **vaccinations and healthy futures** for all children.

***Strengthening Our Families***

- Enabled workers to take up to **12 weeks off** to care for a family member without fear of losing their jobs.  
(Family and Medical Leave Act)
- Provided **tax relief for 15 million working families**.  
(Earned Income Tax Credit)
- Helped families move from **welfare to work** by authorizing 37 states to set time limits on benefits and require recipients to work.

***Ensuring Responsibility***

- Collected a record **\$11 billion in child support** in 1995 — almost a 40% increase over 1992.
- Issued an Executive Order to track down **federal workers who fail to pay child support**.
- Worked with community, business and religious leaders to form a **national campaign to reduce teen pregnancy**.
- Breaking the cycle of **welfare dependency** by requiring teenage mothers to live at home, stay in school and turn their lives around.

### *Making Communities and Schools Safer*

- The Crime Bill puts **100,000 cops** on the streets.
- More than **60,000** criminals have been blocked from buying handguns due to the **Brady Bill**.
- Banned **19 of the deadliest assault weapons**.
- Keeping dangerous weapons out of our children's classrooms by enforcing a **"Zero Tolerance" gun policy in schools**.
- Reducing **violence and drug abuse in our schools** by investing in school security, drug prevention programs and counseling. (Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act)
- Encouraged schools to adopt **school uniform policies**.

### *Investing in Education*

- Increased **Head Start** funding by almost **\$800 million** to provide early education to tens of thousands of additional children in need.
- Supported development of **voluntary standards of excellence** while encouraging grassroots reforms to improve our schools. (Goals 2000: Educate America Act)
- Making college more affordable for **5.5 million students** this year alone. (Student Loan Reform Act)
- Enabled **45,000 volunteers** to **earn money for college** by serving their communities in the AmeriCorps program.

### **THE CHALLENGES AHEAD:**

America is moving in the right direction, but we still have more work to do to ensure the health, safety and futures of our families. That is why President Clinton has issued the following challenges:

- Congress should pass a **bipartisan welfare reform bill** that reinforces work, responsibility and family.
- Congress should pass **meaningful health insurance reforms** that allows people to keep coverage when they change jobs and prevents insurance companies from denying coverage due to pre-existing conditions.
- Families must **end domestic violence** and work harder at staying together.
- Media and entertainment industries must create movies, CD's and television shows more suitable for children.

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MEETING AMERICA'S CHALLENGE OF  
PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR THE NEW CENTURY

*"People who work hard still need support to get ahead in the new economy. They need education and training for a lifetime. . ."*

*Investing in Education*

- Increased **Head Start** funding by almost \$800 million to provide early education to tens of thousands of additional children in need.
- Supported development of **voluntary standards of excellence** while encouraging grassroots reforms to improve our schools. (Goals 2000: Educate America Act)
- Enabled students to move from the classroom to a **job with a future**. (School-to-Work Opportunity Act)
- Ensured economically disadvantaged students can achieve their full potential. (Improving America's Schools Act)

*Preparing Schools for the 21st Century*

- Proposed a \$2 billion **Technology Literacy Challenge Fund** to help communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- Launched an **Educational Technology Initiative** to connect every classroom to the Information Superhighway and provide all students with access to computers by the dawn of the next century.

*Opening the Door to College*

- Reformed the student loan program, making college more affordable this year for **5.5 million students** and saving taxpayers billions of dollars by cutting red tape and providing loans with flexible repayment options. (Student Loan Reform Act)
- Enabled **45,000 volunteers to earn money for college** by serving their communities in the **AmeriCorps** program. (National Service Act)

## THE CHALLENGES AHEAD:

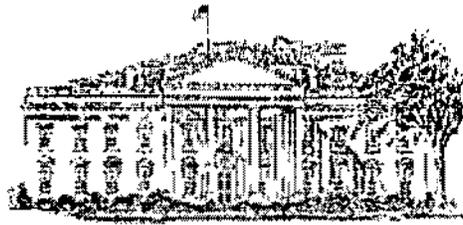
President Clinton will continue to lead the effort to reform education and training to prepare every American for the new economy and our schools for the new century. That is why the President has challenged Congress to open the doors to college to more Americans by:

- Making **\$10,000** of college tuition tax-deductible each year; expanding **work-study** to help 1 million young Americans work their way through college by the year 2000; providing **\$1,000 merit scholarships** for the top 5% of graduates in every high school; and increasing the number of **Pell Grants** for students who need financial help.

Perhaps no challenge is more central to ensuring America's competitive strength in the 21st century than renewing our schools. In response, President Clinton has challenged:

- Every state, community and school to adopt **national standards of excellence**; cut **red tape**; and give schools and teachers more flexibility for **grassroots reform**;
- Each state to give **parents the right to choose** the public school their children will attend and to allow parents, teachers and administrators to form new charter schools.
- All parents to become **more involved** in their children's education.

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## PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON: MEETING AMERICA'S CHALLENGES IN AN AGE OF POSSIBILITY

*May 1996*

*"Now it is time for us to look also to the challenges of today and tomorrow, beyond the burdens of yesterday. The challenges are significant. But America was built on challenges, not promises.... I am confident. When Americans work together in their homes, their schools, their churches, their synagogues, their civic groups, their workplace, they can meet any challenge."*

— President Clinton, State of the Union Address  
January 23, 1996

### *First Challenge: To Cherish Our Children and Strengthen America's Families*

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#### **Cherishing Our Children**

- Announced a breakthrough agreement with the media and entertainment industry to develop a **television ratings system** to enable parents to protect their children from violence and adult content.
- Gave parents greater control over what their children watch on television by requiring the installation of anti-violence screening chips ("**V-chips**") in all new televisions.
- Proposed targeted measures to cut off **children's access to tobacco products** and to ban **advertising directed at children**.
- Established a Childhood Immunization Initiative to ensure **vaccinations and healthy futures for all children**. The President's initiative contributed to the immunization of 75% of two-year-old children in 1995, an historic high.

#### **Strengthening Our Families**

- Enabled **workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave** to care for a family member without fear of losing their jobs. (Family and Medical Leave Act)
- Provided **tax relief for 15 million working families** by increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit to allow more families to qualify for tax rebates.
- Helped families move from **welfare to work** by authorizing 37 states to bypass existing welfare rules and set time limits on benefits, require recipients to work or stay in school, provide child care and give employers incentives to hire welfare recipients. These waivers are making work and responsibility a way of life for 75% of all welfare recipients

## Ensuring Responsibility

- Collected a **record \$11 billion in child support** in 1995 through tougher enforcement, almost a 40% increase over 1992.
- Issued an Executive Order to help track down **federal workers who fail to pay child support**.
- Worked with community, business and religious leaders to form a **national campaign to reduce teen pregnancy**.

## Second Challenge: To Provide Educational Opportunities for the New Century

### Making the Necessary Investments in Education

- Increased **Head Start funding by almost \$800 million** to provide early education to tens of thousands of additional children in need.
- Supported the development of the **nation's first system of voluntary standards of excellence** for students while encouraging grassroots reforms to improve our schools. (Goals 2000: Educate America Act)
- Encouraged schools, colleges and employers to join in creating **school-to-work opportunities**, providing students with work-based learning and giving them new pathways from high school to good jobs and post-secondary education. (School-to-Work Opportunities Act)
- Gave schools **greater flexibility to use federal aid** and develop **effective teaching innovations** to help economically disadvantaged students achieve their full potential. (Improving America's Schools Act)

### Preparing Our Schools for the 21st Century

- Proposed a **\$2 billion Technology Literacy Challenge Fund** to help communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- Launched an **Educational Technology Initiative** to connect every classroom to the Information Superhighway and provide all students with access to computers by the dawn of the next century.
- Challenged the technology industry to connect 20% of California's public schools to the **Information Superhighway** by the end of this school year. This challenge became a reality in March during Net Day '96.

### Opening the Door to College

- Reformed the **student loan program**, making college more affordable this year for **5.5 million students** and saving taxpayers billions of dollars by cutting red tape and providing loans with flexible repayment options, including pay-as-you-earn plans. (Student Loan Reform Act)
- Enabled **45,000 volunteers to earn money for college** by serving their communities and their country in the **AmeriCorps** program. (National Service Act)
- Challenged Congress to make **\$10,000 of college tuition tax-deductible each year**; expand **work-study** to help 1 million young Americans work their way through college by the year 2000; provide **\$1,000 merit scholarships** for the top 5% percent of graduates in every high school; and increase the number of **Pell Grants** for students who need financial help.

## *Third Challenge: To Help Every American Achieve Security in the New Economy*

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### Strengthening America's Economy

- Submitted to Congress the *first genuine balanced budget in 17 years* — balancing the budget in seven years based on both Administration and Congressional Budget Office estimates while protecting our fundamental priorities of Medicare, Medicaid, education and the environment.
- Won enactment of the *largest deficit-cutting plan in history* — cutting the deficit in half within four years, after it quadrupled during the previous two Administrations.
- Oversaw the creation of more than *8.5 million new jobs in just over three years* — a faster annual rate of job growth than any Republican Administration since the 1920's.
- *Unemployment rate has fallen to 5.4%* — down from over 7% when President Clinton took office.
- *93% of all new jobs created are in the private sector* — higher than the average percentage during any Administration since the Truman Administration.
- More than *3.5 million new jobs in high-wage industries* have been created since January 1993 — by contrast, 200,000 high-wage industry jobs were lost in the previous four years.
- *One million new manufacturing, automotive and construction jobs* have been added since January 1993.
- Highest annual number of *new business incorporations* since World War II.
- Real median *family income has increased* during the Clinton Administration — after falling 4% during the previous four years.
- The combined unemployment, inflation and mortgage rate is at its *lowest level since 1968*.

### Creating Economic Security

- Proposed a *\$2,600 job-training voucher* program to allow unemployed workers the freedom to choose the training programs that are right for them.
- Fought for meaningful *health insurance reform* to allow people to keep coverage when they change jobs and prevent denial of coverage due to pre-existing conditions.
- Challenged Congress to *raise the minimum wage* to provide the opportunity for working Americans to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.
- Protected the pensions of more than 40 million workers and retirees by *reforming the federal pension insurance system* and requiring companies to keep their retirement plans sufficiently funded. (Retirement Protection Act)
- Challenged Congress to enable Americans to *save for their retirements* by increasing pension portability, enhancing pension protection and expanding coverage.

### Opening New Markets to Create Jobs for U.S. Workers

- Exports have surged *31% over the last three years* because President Clinton stood up for American workers and opened more markets to U.S. goods and services.
- *More than 1 million new export-related jobs* have been created under the Clinton Administration — jobs supported by exports pay on average 15% more than other jobs.
- America is once again the *world's number one manufacturer of automobiles* — overtaking Japan for the first time since the 1970's.

- American goods exported in sectors covered by Clinton Administration trade agreements with Japan have grown over 85% — *three times faster* than growth in other U.S. goods exported to Japan.
- The United States was named the *most competitive economy in the world* for the second year in a row.

## ***Fourth Challenge: To Take Back Our Streets From Crime, Gangs and Drugs***

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### **Won Passage of the Toughest and Smartest Crime Bill Ever**

- Puts **100,000 more police officers** on the street — more than 34,000 officers have already been funded.
- Imposed a targeted **"Three-Strikes-and-You're-Out"** provision to put career violent offenders behind bars for life.
- Expanded the **death penalty** to include drug kingpins, murderers of federal law enforcement officers and nearly 60 additional categories of violent felons.
- Provided funding for **100,000 more prison cells** to help states ensure that violent offenders serve their full sentences.
- The number of **murders fell 8%** in 1995 — one of the largest decreases in more than 30 years. The nation's largest cities saw their **overall crime fall 6%** during the same period.

### **Keeping Guns Out of the Hands of Criminals**

- Stood up to the gun lobby and won passage of the **Brady Bill** — as a result, more than **60,000 fugitives, felons and other criminals** have already been blocked from buying handguns.
- Banned the manufacture and importation of **19 of the deadliest assault weapons** while specifically protecting more than 650 legitimate sporting weapons. (Assault Weapons Ban)

### **Combatting Drug Use**

- Developed a comprehensive **National Drug Control Strategy** that will reduce illegal drug use through law enforcement, prevention, treatment and interdiction.
- Breaking the cycle of drugs and crime through **universal drug testing** in the criminal justice system and by providing funding for **drug courts**.
- The number of Americans who use cocaine has **declined 30% since 1992**.

### **Fighting to End Domestic Violence**

- Tripled funding for **battered women's shelters** and provided **\$26 million in state grants** to bolster local law enforcement, prosecution and victims' services to better address violence against women. (Violence Against Women Act)
- Established nationwide 24-hour **domestic violence hotline** providing immediate crisis intervention, counseling and referrals for those in need.

### **Making Our Schools Safer**

- Keeping dangerous weapons out of our children's classrooms by enforcing a **"Zero Tolerance" gun policy in schools**.
- Reducing **violence and drug abuse in our schools** by investing in school security, drug prevention programs and counseling. (Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act)
- Encouraged schools to adopt **school uniform policies** to help reduce violence while promoting discipline and respect.

## Securing America's Borders

- Stood firm against illegal immigration and deported a record *51,600 illegal and criminal aliens* in 1995 — a 15% increase over 1994.
- Increasing the number of *Border Patrol agents* along the southwestern border by 50% to stem the flow of illegal aliens into the United States.

## Fifth Challenge: To Leave Our Environment Safe and Clean for the Next Generation

### Ensuring Public Health

- Made the air we breathe cleaner by issuing *new standards to cut toxic pollution* from chemical plants by 90% and dangerous incinerator emissions by 98%.
- Fought *attempts in Congress to roll back* the progress made in ensuring safe food and water for our families.
- Issued new policy to *control E. coli bacteria* contamination in meat.
- Expanded the public's *right-to-know* about toxic releases and required polluters to disclose information to the public.
- Ensured compliance with environmental safeguards by *toughening EPA's enforcement programs*.

### Protecting Our Natural Resources

- Fought attempts to close *national parks* and lift the ban on offshore oil drilling.
- Committed \$1.5 billion over seven years to help restore the unique *Florida Everglades*.
- Broke through decades of conflict and negotiated a consensus plan to protect and allocate *California Bay-Delta water*.

### Common Sense Reforms to Environmental Programs

- Changed EPA rules and procedures to *reduce paperwork requirements* for businesses by 10 million hours.
- Reformed wetlands and endangered species programs to better protect the environment while lessening any adverse impact on homeowners.
- Launched a *Brownfields Initiative* to return land to productive use by providing tax incentives to clean-up old industrial waste sites.

## Sixth Challenge: To Maintain America's Leadership in the Fight for Freedom and Peace

### Leading the Fight for Peace

- Ended four years of bloodshed and destruction in *Bosnia* by brokering the Dayton peace accords.
- Championed peace efforts in the *Middle East* by negotiating the Israel-Jordan peace treaty and helping Israelis and Palestinians fulfill their historic peace agreement.
- Organized historic March 1996 *Summit of the Peacemakers* in Egypt, gathering 29 world and regional leaders to support the Middle East peace process and counter terrorism.

- Negotiated written *agreement between Israel and Syria* to end Hezbollah attacks on Israel and provide restoration of calm and protection of civilians on both sides of the Lebanon-Israel border.
- Restored democracy to *Haiti*, stopping the flow of refugees to the U.S. and accomplishing the first transfer of power from one democratically-elected president to another in Haitian history.
- Became the first American President to visit *Northern Ireland* in the pursuit of a just and lasting peace.

### Making a Difference in America and Around the World

- *Russian nuclear missiles* are no longer pointed at America's children.
- Poised to reduce *nuclear stockpiles* by another 25% by successfully securing bipartisan Senate ratification of the Start II Treaty with Russia.
- Imposed the *toughest sanctions ever* on Castro's Cuba following the brutal killing of U.S. nationals over international waters.
- Shaped new American military for post-Cold War challenges to peace, ensuring America remains the *best-equipped, best-trained and best-prepared fighting force in the world*.
- Intensified the *fight against terrorism and organized crime* at home and abroad by enacting anti-terrorism legislation giving law enforcement officials tough new tools to stop terrorists before they strike.

## *Seventh Challenge: To Reform Our Political System and Make Government Work for People*

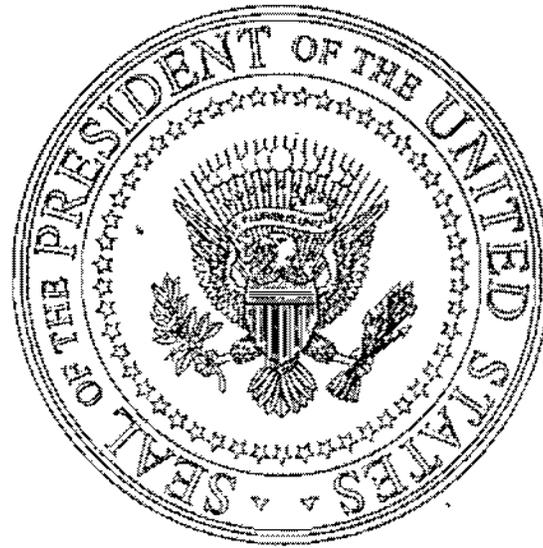
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### Reforming Our Political System

- Made voting easier for more than 11 million Americans by creating more accessible "*motor-voter*" registration locations. (National Voter Registration Act)
- Enacted the *first major overhaul of lobbying rules in 50 years* — now lobbyists must disclose the organizations for which they work. (Lobbying Disclosure Act)
- Fought for passage of *comprehensive campaign finance reform* to curb the influence of money in our political system.
- Imposed the strictest Administration *ethics guidelines* ever, including a five-year ban on top officials lobbying their former agencies and a lifetime ban against lobbying for foreign governments.
- Ensured that the *same laws apply to Congress* as to the rest of America. (Congressional Accountability Act)

### Making Government Work Better and Cost Less

- Cut the federal civilian workforce by *more than 200,000 positions* — the size of the federal government is now at its *lowest level in 30 years*.
- Eliminating *16,000 pages of unnecessary regulations*.
- Saved taxpayers *\$58 billion* by cutting wasteful government practices and spending through Reinventing Government efforts. Additional recommendations will save another *\$116 billion*.
- Prohibited Congress from imposing new requirements on state and local governments without paying for them. (Unfunded Mandates Reform Act)
- Fought for and signed into law *line-item veto* legislation to change the way Washington works by *cutting spending* on wasteful special-interest projects.



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**CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

*May 1996*

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CLINTON RECORD MATERIALS

I. Accomplishments Overview

- A. Accomplishments cards -- folder & wallet versions
  - B. Challenge-by-challenge accomplishments cards/booklet
- under final review; ready for distribution by 3/1

II. State-by-state Accomplishments

- A. "Moving in the right direction" version
  - B. Economic progress version
- ready for distribution; updated monthly

Top 30 states

III. Issue Fact Briefs

- A. Economic and domestic policy areas
  - B. Foreign policy areas
- new format for 1995 versions; to be updated by policy shops; additional topic areas to be determined

IV. Constituency Documents

- A. African-Americans, Hispanics and Asian-Americans
  - B. Women, labor, seniors, Catholics and veterans
- current versions to be redrafted by OPL; additional constituencies to be determined

V. Other Materials

- A. "Promises made/promises kept" card and back-up
- draft in process
- B. "Doing what's right for America" card
- draft in process
- C. "Attack & response" documents
- collecting attacks; responses to build on NEC work

Position Papers  
Q'aires  
Platform  
Debate Prep  
Attack/Response  
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**PRESIDENT CLINTON:  
MEETING THE CHALLENGES IN AN AGE OF POSSIBILITY**

We live in an age of possibility, but also a time of challenge and change. We must face those challenges together. The era of big government is over, but we cannot go back to the time when our citizens were left on their own to deal with our common problems. President Clinton has challenged all Americans to work together -- to strengthen families, increase educational opportunities, achieve economic security, reduce crime, safeguard our environment, maintain our leadership in the world and renew our democracy. In the three years since President Clinton took office, he has worked hard to help all Americans seize the promise of our age of possibility.

***Strengthening our Families***

**Helping Working Families**

- Enacted the **Family and Medical Leave Act** so workers do not have to choose between family and work.
- Expanded the **Earned Income Tax Credit** to provide **tax relief for 15 million working families.**
- **Increased Head Start funding** by almost \$760 million.

**Protecting our Children**

- Ensured vaccinations and healthy futures for all children by enacting the **Childhood Immunization Plan** -- a record number of pre-school children were immunized in 1995.
- Gave parents **greater control** over what their children watch on television by requiring **V-chips** to be installed in every new television.
- Proposed targeted measures to **cut off children's access to tobacco products** and to reduce the appeal of tobacco products.

**Ensuring Responsibility**

- Collected a record **\$10 billion in child support** through tougher enforcement in 1994, an 11% increase over the previous year.
- Issued an Executive Order to help **track down federal workers who fail to pay child support.**
- Issued a call to community, business and religious leaders to form a **national campaign to reduce teen pregnancy.**

***Providing Educational Opportunity***

**Investing in Education to Build a Better Future**

- **Increased Head Start funding** by almost \$760 million to provide comprehensive services to thousands of disadvantaged children and their families.
- Broadened economic opportunities for career-minded students by winning passage of the **School to Work Opportunities Act.**

- **Raising academic standards**, improving teaching and expanding the use of technology by working with state and community leaders through the **Goals 2000** program.
- Gave schools greater flexibility and **supporting effective innovations** through reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
- Ensured access of schools and libraries to advanced telecommunication services through enactment of the **Telecommunications Act**.
- Called for the creation of an **Educational Technology Initiative** to help ensure that every student has access to computers and every teacher has the skills to use the best available technology.

#### **Opening the Door to College**

- **Enacted the Student Loan Reform Act** which cuts red-tape and saved taxpayers and students almost \$7 billion by providing loans with flexible repayment options.
- **Enabled thousands to further their education** through the Americorps program which allows students to earn money for school while volunteering in schools, neighborhoods and hospitals.

### ***Creating Economic Opportunity***

#### **Creating High Wage Jobs in the Private Sector**

- **7.7 million jobs have been created** -- three times as many new jobs as during the entire previous Administration.
- **93% of all new jobs created are in the private sector** -- higher than the average during any Administration since President Truman.
- **Unemployment rate is at 5.8%** -- down from 7% when President Clinton first took office.
- **Nearly 1 million new manufacturing and construction jobs** have been added since President Clinton took office.
- **Highest annual number of new business incorporations** since World War II.

#### **Keeping Unemployment and Inflation Low**

- The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its **lowest level since 1968**.
- **Consumer Price Index inflation has averaged just 2.6% per year** since President Clinton took office -- the lowest since John Kennedy was President.

#### **Opening New Markets**

- **President Clinton has stood up for American workers** and opened more markets for U.S. goods and services -- 167,000 jobs have been created as a result of our exports to Japan and **our trade deficit with Japan is at a 12-year low**.
- **1.6 million high paying jobs** have been created as a direct result of increased exports.

## ***Making our Communities Safe from Crime***

### **Won Passage of the Most Comprehensive Crime Bill Ever**

- The death penalty for drug kingpins and murder of federal law enforcement officers.
- A targeted "three-strikes-and-you're-out" provision to keep career violent offenders behind bars for life.
- \$7.9 billion for 100,000 more prison cells to help states make sure that violent offenders serve their full sentences.

### **More Police and Community Policing**

- The President's plan to put 100,000 more police officers on the street through community policing represents the federal government's biggest commitment ever to local law enforcement.

### **Enacted the Assault Weapons Ban**

- Bans 19 of the deadliest assault weapons and their copies, and specifically protects more than 650 legitimate sporting weapons.

### **Passed the Brady Bill**

- In two years, the Brady Law has stopped more than 45,000 fugitives and felons from purchasing handguns.

### **Signed the Violence Against Women Act**

- Tripled funding for battered women's shelters.
- Announced \$26 million in state grants to bolster local law enforcement, prosecution and victims services to better address violence against women.
- Established nationwide 24-hour domestic violence hotline providing immediate crisis intervention, counseling and referrals to those in need.

### **Making our Schools Safer**

- Signed the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act helping schools fight violence and drug abuse.
- Issued a Presidential Directive enforcing a "Zero Tolerance" gun policy in schools.

## ***Protecting our Environment***

### **Common Sense Reforms to Environmental Programs**

- Improving environmental regulations to cut paperwork requirements by 25%.
- Eliminating 16,000 pages of unnecessary regulations.
- Reinvented wetlands and endangered species laws to lessen their impact on homeowners.

### **Ensuring Public Health**

- Expanded the public's right-to-know about toxic releases.
- Issued new standards to cut pollution for chemical plants by 90% and emissions of dangerous chemicals from municipal incinerators by 95%.
- Issued new standards to prevent *E. coli* contamination in meat.
- Taking dangerous pesticides off the market.
- Introduced comprehensive Safe Drinking Water and Superfund reforms.

### **Protecting our Natural Resources**

- Formed a partnership with the State of Florida to restore unique Everglades.
- Consolidated and toughened EPA's enforcement programs to ensure compliance with environmental laws.
- Withdrew land from new mining claims to protect Yellowstone National Park.
- Continued to fight attempts to close National Parks and lift the ban on offshore oil drilling.
- Broke through decades of conflict and negotiated a consensus plan to protect and allocate California Bay-Delta water.

### ***American Leadership***

#### **Lifting the Cloud of Nuclear Fear**

- Assured that Russian nuclear missiles are no longer pointed at our cities.
- Successfully secured bipartisan Senate ratification of the Start II Treaty with Russia -- reducing nuclear stockpiles by another 25%.

#### **Working for Peace.**

- **Standing firm in Bosnia.** Today, ethnic cleansing, rape and destruction have given way to peace because of decisive American leadership.
- Because we are working persistently for peace in the **Middle East** and in **Northern Ireland**, Jews and Arabs, Catholics and Protestants can hope to live with less fear of bombs and violence.
- We gave **Haiti** another chance at democracy -- the Haitian people are no longer being gunned down in the streets of Port au Prince.
- **We are fighting terrorism** to make Americans safer -- waging a tough counter-terrorism campaign with stronger laws and more training for law enforcement.

### ***Reinventing our Government and Renewing our Democracy***

#### **Restoring Trust in our Government**

- Fought for and signed into law the **Lobbyist Disclosure Act of 1995** -- the first overhaul of lobbying rules in 50 years.
- Eliminated the tax deductibility of cost of lobbying expenses for corporations.
- Imposed the strictest Administration **ethics guidelines** in history.
- Signed into law the **National Voter Registration Act (Motor-Voter)**, which expands voting rights by creating more accessible voter registration locations.

#### **Making our Government Work Better and Cost Less**

- Already cut the federal workforce by over **200,000 positions** -- the government is now at its lowest level in 30 years.
- **\$58 billion** has already been saved through the Vice President's **Reinventing Government** efforts. Another **\$116 billion** in savings is still to come.
- Reducing regulatory and administrative burdens on the public by **\$28 billion**.
- Signed the **Unfunded Mandates Reform Act**, which restricts Congress from passing on new mandates to state and local governments without paying for them.

## AN AGE OF POSSIBILITY

### President Clinton Challenges America

*America has great challenges as it looks to the next century. We must realize our potential as a nation by working together as a community. Already, America is coming together and on the move under President Clinton's leadership.*

#### *Meeting the Challenge on Families*

- Provided tax relief for 15 million working families (Earned Income Tax Credit).
- Welfare caseloads have fallen 5% since taking office -- 700,000 fewer recipients each month.
- Collected a record \$10 billion in child support in 1994 -- an 11% increase over previous year.
- Passed Family and Medical Leave -- workers will never have to choose b/w work and family.

#### *Meeting the Challenge on Education*

- Enacted Direct Lending making it easier and more affordable for 16 million students to attend college.
- Helping states implement school improvements through academic achievement and parental involvement -- since 1991, the high school dropout rate has fallen 16%.
- Implemented School-to-Work Opportunity Act -- helping students move from the classroom to a job with a future.
- Signed the National Service Act -- last year, 25,000 volunteers served their communities.

#### *Meeting the Challenge on the Economy*

- Lowest combined rate of unemployment and inflation since 1968.
- Nearly 8 million new jobs in three years.
- After a decade of losses, nearly 1 million new jobs in auto, manufacturing, and construction.
- Largest deficit-cutting plan in history -- lowered deficit in each of the last three years.

## MEETING AMERICA'S CHALLENGES

#### *Meeting the Challenge on Crime*

- The Crime Bill puts 100,000 cops on the streets.
- The crime rate is falling -- reported murders dropped 12%, robberies 10% and car theft 5%.
- 44,000 criminals have been blocked from buying handguns because of the Brady Bill.
- Passed Assault Weapons Ban which outlaws 19 of the deadliest assault weapons.

#### *Meeting the Challenge on Environment*

- Expanded public's right-to-know about toxic releases & increased public-private partnerships.
- Lowered air pollution for 50 million Americans.
- Cut toxic emissions from factories in half.
- Providing incentives for businesses to do their part to help clean up the environment.

#### *Meeting the Challenge on American Leadership for Peace and Freedom*

- Helped Israel/Palestinians fulfill historic accord.
- Contributed to Israel/Jordan peace agreement.
- Led effort to conclude Bosnian peace agreement.
- Restored democracy in Haiti.
- Worked for peace in Northern Ireland.

#### *Meeting the Challenge on Government and Democracy*

- Cut federal workforce by over 200,000 -- its lowest level in 30 years.
- Eliminating 16,000 pages of obsolete regulations.
- Saved \$58 billion because of Reinventing Govt. efforts; another \$116 billion in savings projected.
- Reducing regulatory and administrative burdens on the public by \$28 billion.
- Passed Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.
- Enacted Motor-Voter Registration Act.
- Imposed strictest ethics guidelines in history.

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**PRESIDENT CLINTON:  
MEETING THE CHALLENGES IN AN  
AGE OF POSSIBILITY**

## **PRESIDENT CLINTON: MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF STRENGTHENING OUR FAMILIES**

Families are the foundation of American life. If we have stronger families, we will have a stronger America. That is why President Clinton is committed to helping working families, protecting our children, making our communities safer, securing a future of opportunity for families and ensuring responsibility.

### **A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

#### **Helping Working Families**

- **Enacted the Family and Medical Leave Act** so workers do not have to choose between family and work.
- **Expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit** to provide **tax relief for 15 million working families.**
- **Increased Head Start funding** by almost \$760 million.

#### **Protecting our Children**

- **Ensured vaccinations and healthy futures** for all children by enacting the **Childhood Immunization Plan** -- a record number of pre-school children were immunized in 1995.
- **Gave parents greater control** over what their children watch on television by requiring **V-chips** to be installed in every new television.
- **Proposed targeted measures to cut off children's access to tobacco products** and to reduce the appeal of tobacco products.

#### **Making our Communities and Schools Safer**

- **Enacted the toughest Crime Bill** in our nation's history which puts **100,000 more police** on the streets, **bans 19 types of the deadliest assault weapons**, and keeps career violent offenders behind bars through the **"three strikes and you're out"** provision.
- **Fought for passage of the Brady Bill** which has stopped more than **45,000 fugitives and felons from buying handguns.**
- **Fought violence and drug abuse in our children's schools** through the **Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act** which provides for additional security and drug prevention programs.
- **Created a domestic violence hotline** to provide crisis assistance, counseling, and local shelter referrals to women and men across the country.

## Securing a Future of Opportunity

- **Broadened educational and economic opportunities** for students not bound for four-year colleges by winning passage of the School to Work Opportunities Act.
- Enabled thousands to further their education by **making student loans more affordable** through the Student Loan Reform Act and by allowing students to earn money for school while volunteering in our communities through the Americorps program.
- **Improved the teaching of basic and advanced skills** for thousands of disadvantaged students by increasing the flexibility for schools and supporting effective innovations through reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

## Ensuring Responsibility

- Collected a record \$10 billion in child support through tougher enforcement in 1994, an 11% increase over the previous year.
- Issued an Executive Order to help track down federal workers **who fail to pay child support.**
- Issued a call to community, business and religious leaders to form a **national campaign to reduce teen pregnancy.**

## WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE:

America is moving in the right direction. The crime rate is down, welfare rolls and food stamp participation are falling, and the teen pregnancy rate has dropped. But we still have more work to do to ensure the health, safety and futures of our families. That is why President Clinton has issued the following challenges:

- Congress should pass a **bipartisan welfare reform bill** that reinforces basic American values -- work, responsibility and family;
- Media and entertainment industries must create movies, CD's and television shows **more suitable for children;**
- Families must **end the deadly scourge of domestic violence** and work harder at staying together;
- Congress needs to pass **meaningful health insurance reform** that allows people to keep coverage when they change jobs and prevents insurance companies from denying coverage due to pre-existing conditions.

**PRESIDENT CLINTON:  
MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF PROVIDING  
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

In a world where what we earn increasingly depends on what we learn, President Clinton is committed to providing all Americans with the educational opportunities they need to succeed in the new economy. The President's policies make the necessary investments and reforms in education and training to provide better futures for ourselves and our families.

**A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

**Investing in Education to Build a Better Future**

- **Increased Head Start funding by almost \$760 million to provide comprehensive services to thousands of disadvantaged children and their families.**
- **Broadened economic opportunities for career-minded students by winning passage of the School to Work Opportunities Act.**
- **Raising academic standards, improving teaching and expanding the use of technology by working with state and community leaders through the Goals 2000 program.**
- **Gave schools greater flexibility and supporting effective innovations through reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.**
- **Ensured access of schools and libraries to advanced telecommunication services through enactment of the Telecommunications Act.**
- **Called for an Educational Technology Initiative to help ensure that every student has access to computers and every teacher has the skills to use the best available technology.**

**Opening the Door to College**

- **Enacted the Student Loan Reform Act which cut red tape and saved taxpayers and students almost \$7 billion by providing loans with flexible repayment options.**
- **Enabled thousands to further their education through the Americorps program which allows students to earn money for school while volunteering in schools, neighborhoods and hospitals.**

## **WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE:**

President Clinton will continue to lead the effort to reform education and training to prepare every American for the new economy and our schools for the new century. That is why the President has challenged Congress to:

- **Open the doors to college to more Americans by expanding college work study programs; providing merit-based scholarships to the top five percent of graduates in every high school; expanding Pell Grant scholarships for deserving and needy students; and making up to \$10,000 a year of college tuition tax-deductible.**
- **Support the Education Technology Initiative and the Education Technology Fund to ensure every classroom and every library in the nation is connected to the information superhighway by the year 2000.**

Perhaps no challenge is more central to ensuring America's competitive strength in the 21st century than renewing our schools. In response, President Clinton has challenged:

- **Every state, community and school to adopt national standards of excellence; to cut bureaucratic red tape; and to give schools and teachers more flexibility for grass-roots reform;**
- **Every state to give parents the right to choose the public school their children will attend and to allow teachers to form new charter schools;**
- **Every parent to become more involved in his or her child's education.**

## **PRESIDENT CLINTON: MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF CREATING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

America's economy is strong. The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level in 27 years. Home ownership is at its highest rate in 15 years. The President's 1993 economic plan has helped cut the deficit nearly in half. Taxes have been lowered for 15 million working families. But Americans are working harder than ever, and they deserve to succeed in the new economy. That is why President Clinton is committed to expanding opportunity by creating high-wage jobs, keeping inflation low, and opening foreign markets to American products.

### **A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

#### **Creating High-Wage Jobs in the Private Sector**

- **7.7 million jobs have been created -- three times as many new jobs as during the entire previous Administration.**
- **93% of all new jobs created are in the private sector -- higher than the average during any Administration since President Truman.**
- **Unemployment rate is at 5.8% -- down from 7% when President Clinton first took office.**
- **Nearly 1 million new manufacturing and construction jobs have been added since President Clinton took office.**
- **Highest annual number of new business incorporations since World War II.**

#### **Keeping Unemployment and Inflation Low**

- **The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.**
- **Consumer Price Index inflation has averaged just 2.6% per year since President Clinton took office -- the lowest since John Kennedy was President.**

#### **Opening New Markets**

- **President Clinton has stood up for American workers and opened more markets for U.S. goods and services -- 167,000 jobs have been created as a result of our exports to Japan and our trade deficit with Japan is at a 12-year low.**
- **1.6 million high paying jobs have been created as a direct result of increased exports.**

## **WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE:**

People who work hard in the new economy still need support to get ahead. American workers need to realize higher wages, more job security and greater opportunity to provide for their families. President Clinton will continue to fight for the economic policies that enable hard-working American families to make the most of their lives by challenging Congress to:

- **Reform the federal job-training program by consolidating overlapping, antiquated job-training programs into a simple voucher system that cuts red tape and maximizes individual choice;**
- **Help working families make ends meet by raising the minimum wage;**
- **Make it easier for small businesses and farmers to establish their own pension plans.**

If working families are to succeed in the new economy, they must be able to buy affordable health insurance. President Clinton will continue to:

- **Challenge Congress to pass meaningful health insurance reform to allow people to keep coverage when they change jobs and prevents insurance companies from denying coverage due to pre-existing conditions;**
- **Preserve and strengthen Medicare and Medicaid;**
- **Fight health care fraud and abuse.**

**PRESIDENT CLINTON:  
MEETING THE CHALLENGE TO MAKE OUR  
COMMUNITIES SAFE FROM CRIME**

Our neighborhoods and schools are the common thread of American life. President Clinton is committed to creating an environment in which all of us can live and work without fear. Through community partnerships and tough legislation, we are beginning to reclaim our streets back from crime and gangs. The crime rate across the country is falling, thousands of criminals have been prevented from buying guns and more police are on the street. President Clinton is leading the fight to make America's communities and families safe from crime.

**A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

**Won Passage of the Most Comprehensive Crime Bill Ever**

In 1994, after more than six years of gridlock, a bipartisan majority in Congress passed the toughest, smartest Crime Bill in the nation's history. It passed with the strong support of every major law enforcement organization in the country, as well as prosecutors, mayors, and state and local officials. The new law now provides:

- The **death penalty** for drug kingpins and murder of federal law enforcement officers.
- A targeted "**three-strikes-and-you're-out**" provision to keep career violent offenders behind bars for life.
- Increased penalties for **sex offenders** and a registration requirement for violent sexual offenders.
- **\$7.9 billion** for **100,000 more prison cells** to help states make sure that violent offenders serve their full sentences.

**More Police and Community Policing**

- The President's plan to put **100,000 more police** officers on the street through community policing represents the federal government's biggest commitment ever to local law enforcement. The funding of **\$8.8 billion** will result in an almost **20%** increase in the nation's police force levels. In just over one year, **31,000** more officers have been funded.
- The **homicide rate** fell **12%** in the first half of 1995 -- the lowest level in more than three decades. The nation's largest cities saw their overall **crime rate** fall **6%** during the same period.

### **Enacted the Assault Weapons Ban**

- Bans 19 of the deadliest assault weapons and their copies, and specifically protects more than 650 legitimate sporting weapons. Cop-killing assault weapons, like the Uzi, are the weapons of choice for drug dealers and gangs -- not hunters and sportsmen.

### **Passed the Brady Bill**

- Provides for a 5-day waiting period and background check of prospective handgun buyers. In two years, the Brady Law has stopped more than 45,000 fugitives and felons from purchasing handguns.

### **Signed the Violence Against Women Act**

- Tripled funding for battered women's shelters.
- Announced \$26 million in state grants to bolster local law enforcement, prosecution and victims services to better address violence against women.
- Improved the responses of police, prosecutors and judges to domestic violence and other violence against women; enhances lighting at bus stops and other dark public places; forces sex offenders to pay restitution to their victims.
- Established nationwide 24-hour domestic violence hotline providing immediate crisis intervention, counseling and referrals to those in need.

### **Making our Schools Safer**

- Signed the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act helping schools fight violence and drug abuse through after-school programs, drug prevention programs, counseling and additional school security.
- Issued a presidential directive enforcing a "zero tolerance" gun policy in schools.
- Encouraging schools to be able to require their students to wear school uniforms to reduce violence, while promoting discipline and respect.

### **WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE:**

Although overall crime rates have been dropping, juveniles today are increasingly the perpetrators -- and the victims -- of some of society's most violent crimes. That is why reducing juvenile crime is a key components of President Clinton's continuing crime-fighting agenda. The President is getting tough with juvenile criminals by:

- Directing the FBI to wage a coordinated war on gang violence;
- Submitting to Congress legislation that gives prosecutors the discretion to prosecute juvenile offenders as adults. Juveniles who commit adult crimes should face adult consequences.
- Calling on state and local authorities to ensure that prisoners serve at least 85% of their sentences, and to follow the federal lead in requiring all those arrested to be drug-tested as they enter the criminal justice system

## **PRESIDENT CLINTON: MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT**

During the last generation, we have made great progress in protecting our environment. We now have cleaner, safer air and water. Lead levels in children's blood have been cut 70 percent, and toxic emissions from factories have been cut in half. We must continue to move forward. A third of us still breathe air that endangers our health, and in too many communities, the water is not safe to drink. President Clinton is committed to stopping any attempts to roll back the environmental and public health progress that has been achieved, while making the common-sense reforms that will provide lasting economic opportunities.

### **RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

#### **Common-Sense Reforms to Environmental Programs**

- Improving environmental regulations to cut paperwork requirements by 25% and allowing businesses to put aside the EPA rulebook and write their own if they could do it cleaner and cheaper.
- Eliminating 16,000 pages of unnecessary regulations.
- Reinvented wetlands and endangered species laws to lessen their impact on homeowners.

#### **Ensuring Public Health**

- Issued an Executive Order to require polluters to disclose information about toxic releases to the public and expanded the public's right-to-know about toxic releases.
- Issued new standards to cut pollution for chemical plants by 90% and emissions of dangerous chemicals from municipal incinerators by 95%.
- Issued new standards to prevent *E. coli* contamination in meat.
- Taking dangerous pesticides off the market
- Required drinking water systems to test for and eliminate dangerous contaminants.
- Introduced comprehensive Safe Drinking Water and Superfund reforms.

#### **Protecting our Natural Resources**

- Formed a partnership with the State of Florida to restore unique Everglades.
- Consolidated and toughened EPA's enforcement programs to ensure compliance with environmental laws.
- Withdrew land from new mining claims to protect Yellowstone National Park.
- Continued to fight attempts to close National Parks and lift the ban on offshore oil drilling.
- Broke through decades of conflict and negotiated a consensus plan to protect and allocate California Bay-Delta water.

## **WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE:**

President Clinton will continue to support policies that protect our health and natural resources while continuing to make common-sense reforms to environmental programs by:

- **Challenging Congress to abandon proposals to force taxpayers to pickup the tab for environmental cleanup -- polluters should have to pay;**
- **Challenging Congress to re-examine and reverse those policies that would endanger our health and safety by weakening health and safety programs such as safe drinking water and clean air;**
- **Replacing one-size-fits-all regulations with result-focused programs;**
- **Challenging American businesses to take greater initiative in protecting the environment;**
- **Continuing to work with state and community leaders and businesses to find better ways to protect our natural resources and provide economic opportunities.**

## **PRESIDENT CLINTON: MEETING THE CHALLENGE ON AMERICAN LEADERSHIP**

President Clinton believes that our challenge at the dawn of a new century is to make the future safer and more prosperous for every American. America's ideals -- liberty, democracy and peace -- are more and more the aspirations of people everywhere in the world. It is the power of our ideas and our deeds that makes America a uniquely trusted nation.

The United States cannot be the world's policeman because our reach and resources are limited. Instead, where our interests and values demand it -- and where we can make a difference -- America must take the lead. That's why President Clinton is leading the fight to: reduce the nuclear threat, spread democracy, support those who take risks for peace, maintain the best-trained, best equipped, most ready fighting force in the world, and create high wage jobs at home by opening markets abroad.

### **A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

**President Clinton's Leadership is Making a Difference Around the World.** Children from Belfast to Jerusalem can now hope to grow up and live in peace instead of fearing war:

- **Lifting the cloud of nuclear fear and making every American safer:**
  - Assured that Russian nuclear missiles are no longer pointed at our cities.
  - Successfully secured bipartisan Senate ratification of the Start II Treaty with Russia -- reducing nuclear stockpiles by another 25%.
  - Persuaded Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan to give up the nuclear weapons left on their land when the Soviet Union collapsed.
  - Convinced North Korea to end its nuclear weapons program.
  - Making sure nuclear weapons do not end up in the hands of terrorists or international criminals.
  
- **Standing firm in Bosnia.** Today, ethnic cleansing, rape and destruction have given way to peace because of decisive American leadership. We led the effort to conclude a comprehensive peace in war-ravaged Bosnia -- now, continued American leadership is ending the death and suffering and securing our national interests.
  
- **Restoring democracy to Haiti.** Because we gave Haiti another chance at democracy, the Haitian people are no longer being gunned down in the streets of Port au Prince.
  
- **Working for Peace.** Because we are working persistently for peace in the Middle East and in Northern Ireland, Jews and Arabs, Catholics and Protestants can hope to live with less fear of bombs and violence.

- **We are bringing the nations of Europe closer --** modernizing NATO, working with Russia, and reforming the former Soviet economies -- to help secure the peace we fought so hard to win.
- **We are fighting terrorism to make Americans safer --** waging a tough counter-terrorism campaign with stronger laws and more training for law enforcement.
- **We have opened more foreign markets to U.S. goods with more trade agreements than any other administration .** Since 1993, **167,000 U.S. jobs** have been created as a result of our exports to Japan. As a whole, **total exports have grown 34%**, creating **1.6 million high-quality, high wage jobs**. For the second year in a row, the U.S. was named the **most competitive economy in the world**.
- **Making Kuwait Safe.** The people of Kuwait are safer because we sent American planes, ships and troops to turn back a new Iraqi threat to the Persian Gulf.
- **Supporting Democracy in Central Europe.** Because we helped the newly free nations of Central Europe develop democratic societies, they look to the West with hope, not to the East with fear.

#### **WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE:**

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

- Intensify the fight against terrorists and organized criminals at home and abroad by passing anti-terrorism legislation;
- Pass a truly comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty;
- Outlaw poison gas forever by ratifying the **Chemical Weapons Convention**.

## **PRESIDENT CLINTON: MEETING THE CHALLENGE TO REINVENT OUR GOVERNMENT AND RENEW OUR DEMOCRACY**

From day one, President Clinton has worked to give the American people a government that is smaller, less costly, more efficient and more responsive. After three years, the size of our government is at its lowest level in 30 years, thousands of pages of unnecessary regulations are being cut, and billions of dollars have already been saved. That's only half the job. President Clinton is committed to curbing special interest influence and giving Americans a stronger voice in the legislative process.

Because of the progress made in changing how government operates, we're giving the government back to the American people. That's why President Clinton has fought for: comprehensive political reform; a leaner, not meaner federal government; and dramatic cuts of intrusive rules and regulations.

### **A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

#### **Restoring Trust in our Government**

- Fought for and signed into law the **Lobbyist Disclosure Act of 1995** -- the first overhaul of lobbying rules in 50 years. This bill requires **lobbyists to disclose** for whom they work for and **eliminates loopholes** that have allowed lobbying organizations to avoid disclosure.
- Eliminated the tax deductibility of cost of **lobbying** expenses for corporations.
- Imposed the strictest **Administration ethics guidelines** in history and barred top officials from becoming **foreign lobbyists** after leaving government.
- Signed into law the **National Voter Registration Act (Motor-Voter)**, which expands voting rights for all by creating more accessible voter registration locations.

#### **Making Government Work Better and Cost Less**

- Already cut the federal workforce by over **200,000 positions** -- the government is now at its lowest level in 30 years.
- Eliminating more than **16,000 pages of obsolete regulations** affecting the public and **rewriting 31,000 more**. Agencies are cutting half of their internal regulations. This is saving millions in administrative duties, allowing employees to devote more time to their customer, the American public.

- **\$58 billion** has already been saved through the Vice President's **Reinventing Government** effort. Another **\$116 billion in savings** is still to come.
- Reducing regulatory and administrative burdens on the public by **\$28 billion**.
- Won passage of the **Unfunded Mandates Reform Act**, which restricts Congress from passing on new mandates to state and local governments without paying for them.

#### **WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE:**

President Clinton will continue to challenge government to reward performance -- to make the laws more attentive to all Americans, not just the small block of Washington special interests. This government can, once again, become of the people, by the people, and for the people. That is why President Clinton is challenging Congress to:

- Pass the first truly bipartisan **campaign finance reform bill** in a generation that will limit campaign spending and open the airwaves to all candidates;
- Follow through on its promise to pass the **line-item veto** to provide the opportunity for further cuts federal spending.

# MAKING CALIFORNIA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK **DRAFT**

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## *America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton*

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- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate more than 7 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

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## *California Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton*

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- **Unemployment Rate in California Has Dropped from 9.4% to 7.7%.**
- **293,900 New Jobs Added in 35 Months -- After 63,200 Lost During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 42%, After Falling During the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Los Angeles*, the number of robberies reported fell by 8% in the first half of 1995. In *San Diego*, the reported number of murders dropped by 25% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in California.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **2,146,915 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 2,146,915 working families make ends meet.
- **4,513 New Police Officers in California.** The President's Crime Bill puts 4,513 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **298,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 297,914 workers in California.

President Clinton's strategy to strengthen the economy is based on reducing the federal budget deficit, lowering trade barriers, and empowering workers, families, businesses and communities to succeed. Here are some of the results the nation and California after the first 36 months of the Clinton Administration:

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***Improved Economic and Fiscal Conditions in the United States:***

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- Under the Clinton Economic Plan, the deficit will be lowered by more than \$1 trillion over 7 years -- the deficit has been cut for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President.
- 7.7 million new jobs created. Private sector job growth rate over 7 times faster than during previous Administration.
- Federal government workforce will drop by 272,900 -- creating lowest workforce since the Kennedy Administration.

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***Improved Economic Conditions in California:***

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- The unemployment rate has dropped from 9.4% at the beginning of the Clinton Administration to 8.8%.
- 274,900 new jobs added in 34 months -- after 63,200 lost during the previous 4 years.
- 257,700 new private sector jobs added in 34 months -- after 172,400 lost during the previous 4 years.
- New business incorporations have increased 7% per year -- after decreasing 11% during the previous 4 years.
- Business failures have dropped 6% per year -- after increasing 22% per year during the previous 12 years.
- Consumer confidence has increased 42%.

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***What President Clinton's Accomplishments Have Achieved for the People of California:***

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**\$15,000 OF REDUCED FEDERAL DEBT FOR EVERY FAMILY OF FOUR IN CALIFORNIA:** The national debt will be more than \$1 trillion lower over 7 years than was projected before the passage of the President's economic plan. That's about \$15,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in California.

**10 TIMES MORE CALIFORNIA FAMILIES RECEIVE A TAX CUT THAN A TAX INCREASE:** As a result of the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit, 2,146,915 working families in California will receive a tax cut. This compares to an increase in the income tax rate for only the 218,777 wealthiest taxpayers in California.

**TAX CUT FOR 178,917 SMALL BUSINESSES IN CALIFORNIA:** The President helped entrepreneurs, proprietors, and other small businessmen and women by expanding the annual expensing allowance from \$10,000 to \$17,500. About 178,917 small businesses in California are likely to benefit from the expansion of the expensing allowance this year alone *and many more will benefit over the coming years.*

**4,959,000 CALIFORNIA WORKERS PROTECTED BY FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT:** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child, to care for a sick family member, or if they become too sick to work. This law covers about 4,959,089 workers in California, and protects the jobs of 297,914 workers in California who are likely to use unpaid leave this year alone.

**1.65 MILLION STUDENTS AND FORMER STUDENTS IN CALIFORNIA WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM STUDENT LOAN REFORMS:** Approximately 1.65 million California borrowers -- 1.16 million current borrowers and 490,000 new borrowers in the next few years -- can take advantage of the new direct student loan program by participating directly in the program or by consolidating guaranteed loans into direct loans. Some will benefit from lower interest rates, and all will benefit from more repayment options, including income contingent repayment.

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### Overview:

Narrative description of the President's general view of the issue, the context or challenge of the issue, and his vision.

### Accomplishments:

Listing of the Administration's accomplishments on the issue with full description of the purpose and expected results of the legislation/initiative/program.

### Statistical Backup:

Listing of numerical facts and figures showing the impact and results of the accomplishments.

### Agenda:

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## THE ENVIRONMENT UNDER PRESIDENT CLINTON: AN OVERVIEW

*"We must ask more of ourselves, we must expect more of each other, and we must face our challenges together...Our fifth challenge: to leave our environment safe and clean for the next generation...People do have a right to know that their air and their water are safe."*

President Clinton  
State of the Union Address  
January 23, 1996

**Overview.** During the last generation, we have made great progress in protecting the environment. We now have cleaner, safer air and water. Lead levels in children's blood have been cut 70 percent, and toxic emissions from factories have been cut in half. We must continue to move forward. A third of us still breathe air that endangers our health, and in too many communities, the water is not safe to drink. President Clinton is committed to stopping attempts to roll back the progress made to provide safe food and water for our families while making the common-sense reforms that provide lasting economic opportunities.

### Accomplishments

- **Community Right to Know.** Issued a "Pollution Disclosure" Executive Order to require industry to disclose information about toxic releases to their neighbors, countering GOP attempts to allow polluters to keep people in the dark.
- **Safe Drinking Water.** Required drinking water systems to test for and eliminate dangerous contaminants, while the GOP Congress moved to block funds to help communities upgrade treatment and keep harmful pollutants out of drinking water.
- **Reinventing Environmental Regulation.** Cutting paperwork by 25% and allowing businesses to throw out the EPA rulebook and write their own if they can do it cleaner and cheaper. Issued an executive order to make health, safety and environmental programs more fair, efficient and effective.
- **Clean Air.** Issued new rule to reduce by 90% the toxic air pollutants released from chemical plants by 1997.
- **Clean Water.** Vowed to veto the lobbyist-written GOP bill to roll back the Clean Water Act that keeps billions of pounds of toxic pollutants and sewage out of our rivers, lakes and streams. Stopped the bill dead in its tracks.
- **Meat Safety.** Issued new standard to prevent *E. coli* contamination in meat, fighting off GOP attempts to block the rule and have fought off misguided "regulatory reform" legislation that would put food safety at risk.

### Statistical Backup

- Cut paperwork requirements by 25%.
- Eliminating 16,000 pages of unnecessary regulations.
- 50 million Americans breath cleaner air.

**Agenda** President Clinton will continue to support policies that protect our health and natural resources while continuing to make common sense reforms to environmental programs by:

- Expanding community right-to-know laws and challenging communities to use the information to work with business to cut pollution;
- Challenging Congress to drop proposals to force taxpayers to pickup the tab for environmental cleanup. The President strongly believes the polluters must pay;
- Replacing one-size-fits-all regulations with result focused programs;
- Challenging American businesses to take more initiative in protecting the environment;
- Challenging Congress to re-examine and reverse those policies that would endanger our health and safety by weakening health and safety programs such as safe drinking water and clean air;
- Continuing to work with state and community leaders and businesses to find better ways to protect our natural resources and provide economic opportunities.

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# CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON BEHALF OF AFRICAN AMERICANS

# DRAFT

## CREATING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND SECURITY

- The economy created 7.7 million new jobs in the first three years of this Administration.
- For adult African Americans, the unemployment rate dipped to 9.0% in January -- one of the lowest rates in twenty years. This is the 20th consecutive month that the unemployment rate for adult African Americans has been in the single digits. (When President Clinton took office in January 1993, the unemployment rate for African American adults was 12.6%.)
- In the year after the President's Economic Plan, the incomes of African American households increased 5 percent -- the first real increase since 1988.
- Lowest combined rate of unemployment and inflation since 1968.
- Made new tax cuts available to 90% of small businesses.
- Since 1992, nearly 100,000 new African American businesses have been created.

## PROMOTING A FUTURE OF OPPORTUNITY

- Increased Head Start funding by \$760 million.
- Signed into law the Student Loan Reform Act, August 10, 1993.
- Signed into law the National Service Act, with African Americans comprising one-third of all participants, September 21, 1993.
- Enacted the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, March 31, 1994.
- Implemented the School-to-Work Act on May 4, 1994.
- Signed into law the Improving America's School Act, September 28, 1994.

## FIGHTING FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

- Ordered a review of the government's affirmative action programs which concluded that affirmative action is still an effective and important tool to expand educational and economic opportunity.
- The Administration argued in federal court to expand interpretation of the Voting Rights Act.
- The Justice Department Civil Rights Division filed a record 189 cases in the last fiscal year to enforce fair housing laws, a 125% increase from the number of cases filed in FY 1992.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development actively intervened and desegregated a Vidor, Texas public housing complex.
- The Treasury Department, working with the Justice Department, ordered a Mississippi bank to implement remedial lending plans for minority customers once denied loans by the bank.
- The Justice Department settled the Denny's Restaurant racial discrimination lawsuit brought by six U.S. Secret Service agents. The suit against Denny's was decided in favor of the plaintiffs.

## MAKING COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS SAFE FOR OUR FAMILIES

- Signed into law the toughest most comprehensive Crime Bill ever, Sept. 13, 1994
- Signed into law the Brady Bill, November 30, 1993.
- Signed into law the Assault Weapons Ban, as part of the Crime Bill.
- Put 100,000 new police on the street -- over 31,000 more officers have been funded.
- Signed Police Hiring Supplement -- awards \$200 million for community policing.
- Signed Presidential Directive enforcing a "Zero Tolerance" gun policy in schools.
- Introduced Operation Safe Home to fight crime in public housing.

## MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK BETTER AND COST LESS

- Appointed the most diverse Cabinet and Administration in history.
- Members of the Clinton cabinet include 3 African Americans, two Hispanics and six women.
- 14% of total Administration appointees are African American.
- President Clinton has to date nominated 36 African Americans to the Federal bench -- 19.5% of his total Federal bench nominations.
- More African Americans (45) serving in the White House than at any time in history.
- Already cut the Federal Workforce by over 200,000 -- it's lowest level in 30 years.
- \$58 billion in savings are already in the bank. \$116 billion in savings still to come.

## PROMOTING HEALTH CARE FOR ALL AMERICANS

- Signed into law the Family and Medical Leave Act, February 5, 1993.
- Introduced the Health Care Security Act, November 20, 1993.
- Signed into law a comprehensive Child Immunization Plan.
- Put the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) on a full-funding path.

## CREATING OPPORTUNITY IN AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES

- Created nine Economic Empowerment Zones and 95 Enterprise Communities.
- Signed into law the Community Development Banking Bill, September 23, 1994.
- Made Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and Mortgage Revenue Bond Program permanent.
- Reformed the Community Reinvestment Act, helping increase the number of mortgage loans to African Americans by 55% from 1993 to 1994.

## PRESERVING AND STRENGTHENING OUR FAMILIES

- Expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit providing tax relief for 15 million working families. In 1994, the EITC lifted over 350,000 African Americans out of poverty.
- Passed the Family Support and Preservation Program.
- Passed major funding increases for homeless programs in both Houses.
- Increased adoption and foster care funds by almost \$600 million from 1994-1995.
- Approved 35 waivers to states permitting comprehensive welfare reform demonstrations.
- Helped reduce welfare rolls 5% since taking office -- 700,000 fewer recipients each month.
- Working to reduce the number of recipients in the Food Stamp Program -- today nearly one million fewer people need food stamps than in Oct. 1994, saving taxpayers over \$800 million.
- Collected a record \$10 billion in child support through enforcement in 1994 -- an 11% increase over the previous year.

## RESTORING TRUST IN OUR GOVERNMENT

- Signed into law the National Voter Registration Act (Motor-Voter), May 20, 1993. This expands voting rights for all, including the poor and the young, by creating new, more accessible voter registration locations.

## PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND OUR PUBLIC HEALTH

- The EPA identified 20 environmental justice pilot projects to be undertaken across the country to redevelop contaminated sites in low-income communities and turn them into useable space, creating jobs and enhancing community development.
- Issued an Executive Order on Environmental Justice, ensuring that low income citizens and minorities do not suffer a disproportionate burden of industrial pollution.

## AMERICAN LEADERSHIP

- Restored democracy to Haiti and did it without losing American lives.
- Hosted first ever White House Conference on Africa.

# DRAFT

## PROMISES MADE

**Budget:** Halve the federal deficit from projected \$296 billion in 1993 to \$141 billion in 1996.

**Economy:** Create 8 million new jobs in 4 years.

**National Service:** Make money for college available to every American, to be paid back of earnings or through community service.

**Taxes:** Cutting taxes for America's working families.

**Crime:** Put 100,000 new police officers on the street and ban assault-style weapons. Pass the Brady handgun purchase bill.

**Education:** Overhaul America's public schools to make sure every child has a chance for a world-class education by establishing tough standards and making schools safe again. Create national direct lending program.

**Government Waste:** Reduce White House staff by 25%, eliminate 100,000 unnecessary positions in the federal government and require 3% across-the-board savings.

**Trade:** Supported NAFTA and called for conclusion of world-trade talks.

**Bosnia:** urged air strikes on Serb targets; called for more decisive policy.

**Middle East:** Said U.S. should serve as broker, or even catalyst, for Arab Israeli peace talks.

## PROMISES KEPT

**Balanced Budget:** The federal deficit for 1995 was \$164 billion, down almost 40% from 1993. The President has proposed a balanced budget in 7 years, using CBO numbers.

**Economy:** The economy has created nearly 8 million jobs in 3 years.

**National Service:** Since 1993, 45,000 AmeriCorps participants have served their communities while earning money for college.

**Taxes:** President Clinton expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit providing tax relief for 15 million families.

**Crime:** Congress passed the Crime Bill in 1994 which puts 100,000 new cops on the street and bans 19 of the deadliest assault weapons. President Clinton signed the Brady Bill into law in 1993.

**Education:** President Clinton signed into law GOALS 2000 assisting communities and states to implement their own school improvements. The President signed the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act and the Student Loan Reform Act providing direct lending to more than 16 million students.

**Government Waste:** The White House has been reduced by 25%. We have eliminated over 200,000 positions in the federal government and instituted a 3% across-the-board cut for the government.

**Trade:** President Clinton signed both NAFTA and GATT into law.

**Bosnia:** The Clinton Administration concluded a comprehensive peace agreement in Bosnia.

**Middle East:** Both Israel and the Palestinians and Israel and Jordan have signed historic peace agreements.

# CLINTON GORE '96

## THE TOP TEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE CLINTON/GORE ADMINISTRATION

1. Strengthened and expanded America's economy; 10.5 million new jobs; the deficit cut by 60%; lower interest rates on car loans, business loans, and home mortgages; and the lowest unemployment in 7.5 years.
2. Increased public safety, reduced crime; adding 100,000 more police to the streets, banning 19 kinds of assault weapons, and preventing over 60,000 fugitive, felons and stalkers from purchasing handguns.
3. Strengthened America's families; signed the Family and Medical Leave Act giving working Americans the opportunity to take up 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a sick family member without fear of losing their jobs.
4. Protected access to affordable, quality health insurance; by making health insurance more portable, protecting mothers and newborns from being rushed out of the hospital in less than 48 hours, and moving toward equal treatment of mental illness.
5. Opened the doors to higher education for more Americans: by expanding student loans and lowering their cost; expanding scholarships; and establishing the national service initiative, AmeriCorps.
6. Protected clean water and food: by increasing safeguards for meat and poultry, requiring expanded testing of contaminants, and expanding right-to-know laws.
7. Made work pay by increasing the minimum wage for 10 million working Americans; expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit to provide tax relief for 15 million working families.
8. Ended welfare as we know it: by granting waivers to 43 states -- resulting in 1.9 million fewer people on welfare -- and signing national welfare reform legislation that includes time limits, work requirements, and increased funding for child care.
9. Made government smaller and more responsive: by reducing the size of the federal workforce by more than 230,000 and saving \$118 billion.
10. Maintained American leadership around the world; by fighting terrorism; reducing nuclear weapons and keeping them out of the wrong hands; and working to bring peace to Bosnia, Northern Ireland, and the Middle East.

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# CLINTON GORE '96

## *President Clinton Creating Economic Opportunity*

*"We have an obligation, you and I, to leave our children a legacy of opportunity, not a legacy of debt."*

*President Bill Clinton*

Four years ago, the economy was failing. The record-breaking federal deficit reached \$290 billion. Unemployment rose to 7.5 percent. Job growth was anemic. In 1991, our economy actually lost jobs, many of these in high-wage industries. During the Bush years alone, nearly 200,000 high wage jobs were lost. Our basic industries, including the automobile and construction industries, were falling behind.

President Clinton changed the country's course by making tough choices -- choices made tougher by Republican brinkmanship. President Clinton took **responsibility** and expanded economic **opportunity** when he:

- **Cut spending** by \$255 billion over five years;
- **Reduced the size of the government** by nearly 250,000 workers -- during the Reagan and Bush years the number of federal workers increased;
- **Expanded exports** by negotiating over 200 trade agreements; and
- Invested in our people and their skills by **expanding access to higher education**, promoting **worker training** through tax credits, encouraging charter schools and other reforms, and signing the **Goals 2000 Act**.

Since President Clinton took office, **the deficit has been cut in half** -- going from \$290 billion in 1992 to \$116 billion this year. The private sector economy is now growing by 3.2 percent annually -- stronger than it was during the Reagan and Bush administration.

- **Real wages are rising** for the first time in a decade.
- **The typical family's annual income is up \$1,600.**
- **10.5 million new jobs** have been created -- 92 percent created by the private sector and more than 50 percent in high-wage industries.
- The combined rate of unemployment, interest, and mortgage rates is at the lowest level since 1968.
- **Unemployment has dropped** to 5.1 percent -- a 7.5-year low and the 24th consecutive month below 6 percent.
- **Our basic industries are back.** 900,000 new construction jobs have been created, and our automobile industry and high-tech industries like semi-conductors and biotech lead the world.
- **Exports are up one-third.**

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President Clinton's program has helped strengthen our economy AND expand economic opportunity.

- **Home ownership** is at a 15-year high -- there are 4.5 million new homeowners under President Clinton.
- **Welfare rolls** have dropped 1.8 million.
- The number of **Americans living in poverty** dropped 1.6 million in 1995 -- the largest drop in 27 years.
- **Income inequality** dropped more in 1995 than in any year since 1968.
- The **African-American** poverty rate is at its lowest level in history.

**This is a record to build on, not to rest on -- and certainly not to gamble on.** President Clinton and Senator Dole have two very different approaches to building a strong economy:

- **Bob Dole** has proposed a **risky** \$548 billion in tax cuts that will force even deeper cuts to the very investments in Medicare, Medicaid, education, and the environment that have helped strengthen the economy and expand economic opportunity under President Clinton.
- President **Clinton** has proposed a **responsible** \$110 billion in tax cuts targeted to education and child-rearing that will keep the country on the right track.
- **Dole's plan could explode the deficit.** *Business Week*: "[A] 15% tax cut...would cause the annual budget deficit to balloon." (8/12/96)
- **President Clinton's plan is fully paid for within a balanced budget.** "The President deserves praise -- not Dole's knee-jerk political sneering -- for spelling out precisely how he would pay for the plan without increasing the deficit." (*San Francisco Chronicle*, 6/5/96)
- **Dole admits that he does not know how to pay for his plan:** "We don't have every dollar worked out." (CBS This Morning, 8/12/96)
- President **Clinton** has spelled out in his balanced budget plan exactly how the tax cuts targeted to the middle class are offset by new savings.
- **Dole's Campaign Co-Chair Senator D'Amato** admits that deep cuts to Medicare will be hidden during the election. D'Amato: "You can't just be cutting all of discretionary spending.... You're gonna have to look at Medicare.... I would never say it if I were him [Dole] until after the election... Absolutely. I mean I'm not running this year so I can say it and tell the truth." (Don Imus Show, 8/12/96)

# CLINTON GORE '96

## *President Clinton Keeping Our Economy on the Right Track*

*"I want to build a bridge to the 21st century that end the permanent underclass, that lifts up the poor and ends their isolation, their exile, and they're not forgotten anymore."*

*President Bill Clinton*

The U.S. Census report released confirms that President Clinton's leadership has put our economy on the right track. Nationwide, household income is up, income inequality is down, and the number of people living in poverty has taken its biggest drop in 27 years.

### *Rising Family Income*

- The typical family's income is up \$1,600 since passage of President Clinton's 1993 economic plan.
- The typical household income grew more in 1995 than in any year in a decade. In 1995, median household income increased 2.7 percent -- or \$898 -- after adjusting for inflation, from \$33,178 in 1993 to \$34,076 in 1995.
- The typical African-American family income has increased over \$3,000 since 1992 -- adjusted for inflation, from \$22,923 in 1992 to \$25,970 in 1995.

### *Income Inequality Going Down*

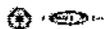
- The gap between our riches and poorest Americans is down. In 1995, household income inequality fell more than in any year since 1968.

### *Declining Poverty Rates*

- The number of people living in poverty dropped 1.6 million in 1995. That's the largest drop in 27 years.
- The poverty rate for African-Americans is the lowest in history. The African-American poverty rate fell to 29.3 percent -- its lowest level since data were first collected in 1959.
- The child poverty rate is down. It dropped more in 1995 than in any other year since 1976.

• **Elderly poverty has dropped to its lowest level ever.** (over)  
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*President Clinton's Responsible Leadership  
Is Creating Greater Opportunity For All Americans*

- 10.5 Million New Jobs
- Consumer Confidence at its Highest Level in Six Years
- Home ownership at a 15-Year High
- Real Wages Rising for the First Time in a Decade
- Unemployment at its Lowest Level in 7.5 years

# CLINTON GORE '96

## *President Clinton Strengthening Families*

*"Opportunity alone is not enough...I want our nation to take responsibility to make sure that every single child can look out the window in the morning and see a whole community getting up and going to work."*

*President Bill Clinton*

Strong families are vital to our children and our nation, and President Clinton governs on the side of families. President Clinton is working to strengthen our families by providing tax relief to working families, investing in our children's education, reducing crime, and strengthening parents' capacity to nurture healthy families. President Clinton has:

- **Strengthened and expanded the economy** by creating 10.5 million new jobs, cutting the deficit by 60 percent, lowering interest rates on car loans, business loans, credit cards, and home mortgages, and securing the lowest levels of unemployment in 7.5 years.
- Made work pay by increasing the **minimum wage** for 10 million working Americans, and expanded the **Earned Income Tax Credit** to provide tax relief for 15 million working families.
- Signed the **Family and Medical Leave Act**, giving working Americans the opportunity to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a sick family member without fear of losing their jobs.
- Insisted on a **balanced budget** that protects Medicare, Medicaid, and our investments in education and the environment.
- Opened the doors to **higher education** for more Americans by expanding student loans and lowering their cost, expanding scholarships, and establishing the national service initiative, AmeriCorps.
- Pushed for common sense **reforms to environmental programs** while blocking attempts to roll back safeguards for our families' food, water, and air supplies.
- Stood up to the **tobacco and gun lobbies** to protect our children's safety.
- Fought to give parents greater control over what their children watch on television by requiring the **"V-chip"** in all new televisions.

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- Strengthened the laws enforcing the **collection of child support**. By 1995, \$11 billion in unpaid child support was collected -- a 40 percent increase over 1992.
- Signed the **Kennedy-Kassebaum Health Bill** to make sure all Americans can keep their health insurance if they have to change jobs, even if someone in their family has been sick; guaranteeing that mothers and newborns are not forced out of the hospital in less than 48 hours; and moving toward equal treatment of the mentally ill in insurance coverage.
- Increased public safety by winning passage of a bill that **banned 19 of the deadliest assault weapons** and prevented over 60,000 fugitives, felons, and other criminals from buying **handguns**.
- Signed the historic Crime Bill which keeps career violent offenders behind bars for life with a **"Three-Strikes-and-You're-Out"** policy and puts 100,000 new police officers on the streets.
- Promoted safe schools by encouraging **school uniform policies** to foster unity, discipline and respect, and enacting the Gun-Free Schools Act, which expels students for one year if they bring guns to school.
- Made **government smaller and more responsive** by reducing the size of the federal workforce by 230,000, eliminating 16,000 pages of unnecessary regulations, and publishing customer service standards so that taxpayers know what to expect from government.

# CLINTON GORE

## STRENGTHENING FAMILIES Contrast The Public Records

### President Clinton:

**Signed the Family and Medical Leave Act** which allows workers up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a sick family member without fear of losing their jobs.

**Signed the Kennedy-Kassebaum Bill** to make sure Americans can keep their health insurance if they have to change jobs, even if someone in their family has been sick; guaranteeing that mothers and newborns are not forced out of the hospital in less than 48 hours; and moving toward equal treatment of the mentally ill in insurance coverage.

**Fought for and signed the Brady Bill** which provides for a five-day waiting period and background checks of prospective handgun buyers. Since passage, the law has stopped more than 60,000 fugitives, felons and other criminals from buying handguns

**Banned 19 of the deadliest assault weapons** when he signed the tough Crime Bill.

**Signed the Violence Against Women Act**, which increased funding for battered women's shelters and is providing \$156 million in state "STOP Grants" to bolster local law enforcement, prosecution and victims' services to better address violence against women.

### Senator Dole:

**Led the opposition to the FMLA** in 1988 and 1993. "I don't think [the FMLA] has anything to do with family values..." Dole explained.

**Claimed he supports the bill**, but said that he would not delay his retirement a single day to pass it, and admitted that his departure would diminish the bill's chances. Yet when he left the Senate, all obstacles were removed, and the bill was passed.

**Led and supported Republican filibusters** against the Brady Bill in 1992 and 1993.

**Blocked the Assault Weapons Ban** and pledged to the National Rifle Association that repealing the ban would be "one of my legislative priorities." (1993 CQ Almanac)

**Filibustered and voted against the Crime Bill**, including the \$1.6 billion in funding for the Violence Against Women Act.

In his 1995 State of the Union address, President Clinton said we should raise the minimum wage. In August 1996, the **President increased the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.15 an hour** -- a 90¢ raise for 10 million working families. The measure was originally opposed by the Republicans.

**Fought for voluntary ratings system** when he convened a meeting of the country's top media executives and secured from them a commitment to establish a voluntary ratings system to provide parents with the tools they need to control what their children are exposed to on television.

**Fought for "V-chip" technology.** V-chips installed in televisions will allow parents to screen violent and indecent programming for their children.

Proposed regulations that **reduce easy access by minors to cigarettes** by requiring age verification for cigarette purchases and face-to-face sale of cigarettes -- banning vending machines and mail-order sales.

Proposed regulations **banning tobacco advertisements aimed at children.** President Clinton's proposal bans outdoor advertising of cigarettes within 1,000 feet of schools and playgrounds. It also permits black-and-white text-only advertising in publications with significant youth readership.

During his final months as Senate Majority Leader, **Dole blocked attempts by Democrats to raise the minimum wage.** When the issue came up, Dole said, "I assume that sooner or later the issue will be debated and voted on, directly or indirectly...but not today, not tomorrow, and not next week." (*The New York Times*, 3/27/96)

**Senator Dole just talked.** Since his well-known speech denouncing Hollywood, Bob Dole has done nothing to help improve the quality of entertainment programming for our children.

**Opposed the V-chip** and voted against the telecommunications bill that required it.

**Dole said he "didn't mind" banning vending machines, but never sponsored legislation to actually do anything about it.**

Dole never sponsored any legislation to ban tobacco ads aimed at children. Dole said, regarding smoking by young people, "...We know it's not good for kids. But a lot of other things aren't good. Drinking's not good. Some would say milk's not good."

# CLINTON GORE '96

## *President Clinton Making Government Work Better*

*"Our Administration is working hard to give the American people a government that works better and costs less ... [We] are eliminating 16,000 pages of unnecessary rules and regulations, shifting more decision-making out of Washington, back to states and local communities."*

*President Bill Clinton*

Americans expect and deserve common-sense government -- a government that performs well for them, uses their tax dollars wisely, views them as valued customers, does not impose excessive burdens, and makes a positive impact on their lives. Under the leadership of President Clinton and Vice President Gore, the Administration has created a smaller government that works better and costs less. The President has:

- **Reduced the federal workforce** by nearly 240,000 positions to the smallest federal civilian workforce since John F. Kennedy was President.
- **Saved taxpayers \$118 billion by cutting wasteful government practices and spending** through Vice President Gore's National Performance Review.
- **Eliminated 16,000 pages of unnecessary government regulations.**
- **Signed into law the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994**, dramatically improving how the federal government purchases items and saving taxpayers \$12.3 billion over the next five years.
- **Published customer service standards** at more than 200 departments and agencies so the federal government's customers, the American taxpayers, know what to expect and how to give feedback on the service they have received. Savings over five years (1995 to 1999) from the common-sense government initiative will total \$108 billion, with an additional \$70 billion in savings over the period of 1996 to 2000.
- **Consolidated, eliminated, and privatized government.** The Interstate Commerce Commission, the Bureau of Mines, and the Office of Territorial Affairs were all eliminated. President Clinton and Vice President Gore consolidated hundreds of job training, public health, and environmental programs to allow states and localities to serve their residents better. President Clinton and Vice President Gore also privatized such government functions as the Naval Petroleum Reserve and the Alaska Power Administration.

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- Formed **partnerships with America's businesses** and with state and local governments to change the way government works. For example, the Small Business Administration loan form has been cut from a one-inch thick manual to a one-page document.
- Signed legislation **restricting unfunded mandates** so Congress can't pass on new costs to state and local governments without paying for them.
- Signed the **Line-Item Veto**, which greatly increases presidential authority to eliminate wasteful spending by allowing the President to cancel wasteful special interest projects and targeted tax breaks that benefit special interests.

### ***Building on Our Progress***

Vice President Gore, under President Clinton's leadership, has taken significant steps toward creating a government that not only is smaller, but also is more responsive to the needs of the American people. The Clinton Administration is bringing the federal government into the Information Age, cutting red tape and providing quicker and easier access for all Americans. The President's commitment to balancing the budget requires that we expand our reinvention successes. These initiatives will provide significant benefits to Americans in improved services and reduced costs by:

- Continuing to reduce the size of the federal workforce by **cutting overhead and unnecessary bureaucracy.**
- Creating performance-based organizations with executives hired to get results; tossing out restrictive government rules, and making the executives personally accountable for delivering results.
- Increasing the use of regulatory partnerships with the private sector, abandoning the old way of doing business, and forming alliances with management and labor that focus on results;
- **Forging new relationships with communities** by creating performance partnerships in which goals are set together, while each community decides how best to meet them.
- Establishing single points of contact for large communities to help solve their problems with the federal government more quickly.

# CLINTON GORE '96

## *President Clinton Improving Education*

*"We must demand excellence at every level of education....If we do...every 8-year-old will be able to read; every 12-year-old will be able to log in on the Internet; every 18-year-old will be able to go to college. And all Americans will have the knowledge they need to cross that bridge to the 21st century."*

*President Bill Clinton*

The Clinton Administration is fighting to provide Americans with the skills and training they need to get better jobs, earn higher incomes, and enjoy a brighter future. In today's global economy, President Clinton is committed to keeping America competitive by ensuring that people get the education, training, and know-how they need to compete and succeed.

### *President Clinton Has Helped People Better Themselves by:*

- Created AmeriCorps, the national service initiative that gives young people the opportunity to earn money for college by serving their communities. In the past two years, 70,000 AmeriCorps members have worked in education, public safety, and environmental protection while earning money for college.
- Increased Head Start funding by nearly \$800 million to provide early education for tens of thousands of children.
- Reformed the student loan program to make college more affordable for millions of students by providing them access to better, more flexible repayment options.
- Increased the minimum Pell Grant scholarship from \$2,300 to \$2,470. The President has also proposed another increase in the Pell Grant to \$2,700 for 1997, when the program will provide grants to 3.8 million students.
- Signed the Goals 2000 Act, which supports the development of standards of excellence for students. It also encourages local school reforms that improve teaching, increase parental involvement, and expand the use of technology in the classroom.
- Signed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to connect every classroom and library in America to the Information Superhighway by the year 2000.
- Encouraged schools to consider school uniform policies to help reduce violence while promoting discipline and respect.

- Signed the **Gun-Free Schools Act**, which requires immediate expulsion for one year of any student who brings a gun to school.
- Fought for full funding of the **Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act**, which includes measures to increase security in schools, drug prevention programs, and training for teachers in dealing with violence.

***The President Is Building on Our Progress by:***

- Proposing the **Hope Scholarship Tax Cut** to make the first two years of college as universal as high school. All students would receive a \$1,500 refundable tax credit for full-time tuition in their first year and another \$1,500 in the second year if they work hard, stay off drugs, and earn at least a B average. This \$1,500 credit would make community college free for most students.
- Proposing a **\$10,000 education deduction** per year for the cost of college tuition and training. Many hard-working families stand to benefit from this.
- Proposing an increase in the number of students in the **college work study program** from 700,000 to more than 1 million.
- Proposing the **"America Reads" Challenge** to ensure that every child in America can read independently by the end of the third grade. The President's new initiative helps parents and the entire community focus on reading skills by mobilizing 1 million community volunteer tutors, expanding Head Start, and challenging both the nonprofit and private sectors to help children read better.
- Supporting **public school choice**. President Clinton believes that information, competition, and choice among public schools should be the rule, not the exception.
- Challenging every high school student in the country to make a **commitment to community service**. The President is asking all high schools to make community service part of their basic curriculum and to raise \$500 to reward a high school student who has done significant work to help the community. The federal government will then match the \$500 to help that student go on to college.
- Proposing a 10 percent tax credit for small businesses that pay for employee education and training.

# CLINTON GORE '96

## IMPROVING EDUCATION

### Compare the Public Record and Visions for the Future: President Clinton vs. Senator Dole

#### The Public Record

##### President Clinton:

President Clinton created the **Direct Student Loan Program** in the **Student Loan Reform Act**, making college more affordable for millions of students while saving taxpayers billions of dollars.

President Clinton vetoed the extreme Dole/Gingrich budget that would have effectively eliminated the **Direct Student Loan Program**.

President Clinton consistently supported increases in the maximum **Pell Grant** to help low-income families pay for college. Under President Clinton, the Pell Grant has grown from \$2,300 to \$2,470. And he has proposed to expand it for FY97.

President Clinton created the **AmeriCorps National Service** program on September 21, 1993. Already, 70,000 AmeriCorps members have met community needs in the areas of education, public safety, human services, and the environment, while earning scholarships for college.

##### Senator Dole:

Senator Dole voted against the **Student Loan Reform Act**, which created the **Direct Student Loan Program**.

Senator Dole voted for the **Republican Budget Resolution** that would have cut student loans by \$10 billion over seven years.

Senator Dole voted in May 1995 to freeze **Pell Grant** funding, which would have resulted in a 20 percent real cut in funding by 2002 and a 17 percent reduction in the maximum Pell Grant from \$2,470 in 1996 to \$2,055 by 2002 making it more difficult for 2.7 million students to go to college.

Senator Dole voted against the creation of the **National Service** program after leading a Republican filibuster against the bill. Senator Dole called the AmeriCorps bill a "willy-nilly mortgaging of our future." (CQ Almanac, 1993)

## Compare Visions For The Future

### President Clinton:

President Clinton has proposed \$110 billion in tax cuts targeted at education and families including:

- **America's Hope Scholarship** -- a \$1,500 refundable tax credit for the first two years at any college.
- **Education Tax Deduction** -- President Clinton's balanced budget contains a tax deduction of up to \$10,000 per year for the cost of college tuition and training throughout one's life.

### Senator Dole:

Senator Dole's risky economic scheme would require 40 percent cuts in a broad range of domestic programs. A 40 percent cut in education would mean:

- 300,000 children could be denied **Head Start** preschool opportunities.
- 5,800 local school districts could be denied **Safe and Drug Free Schools** services.
- 1.45 million students could be denied **Pell Grant** scholarships.

# CLINTON GORE '96

## *President Clinton Crime and Drugs*

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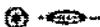
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- Enacting the **Safe and Drug-Free School Act** to protect schools from crime and drugs. Virtually every school district in the nation uses these funds to keep violence, drugs, and alcohol away from students and out of school. He enacted the **Gun-Free Schools Act**, which requires immediate expulsion for one year of any student who brings a gun to school.
- Signing the **Assault Weapons Ban**, which prohibits the manufacture and importation of 19 military-style assault weapons while protecting 650 hunting weapons.
- Elevating the **Office of National Drug Control Policy** to full Cabinet-level status and appointing General Barry McCaffrey as Director.
- Signing the **Violence Against Women Act**, which allows interstate law enforcement against offenders and enables victims to sue in federal court. To protect women even more, the President is calling for an extension of the Brady Bill handgun controls to include acts of domestic violence.

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- Increased public safety by winning passage of a bill that banned 19 of the deadliest **assault weapons** and prevented over 60,000 fugitives, felons, and other criminals from buying **handguns**.
- Signed the historic Crime Bill which keeps career violent offenders behind bars for life with a "**Three-Strikes-and-You're-Out**" policy and puts 100,000 new police officers on the streets.
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## *President Clinton Reproductive Rights*

*"When I took office, I abolished the Gag Rule. I abolished the ban on fetal tissue research. I appointed Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the Supreme Court, who's made a career of fighting for the rights of women and believes in the constitutional right to choose. I have gotten the United States back into the effort to control worldwide population growth, which is an important human issue, not through abortion, but through basic contraceptives, something the United States had walked away from before."*

*President Bill Clinton*

President Clinton believes that decisions about abortion should be between a woman, her doctor, and her conscience. He continues to protect women's health and safety and the right of women to make their own reproductive choices by:

- Reversing the Gag Rule during his first week in office. This provides women who use federally funded clinics with the information they need to make informed reproductive choices;
- Signing the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, which is now being implemented by the Department of Justice to fight violence and intimidation against women and their doctors and ensure clinic safety;
- Increasing funding for family planning to help reduce the risk of unintended pregnancies. This makes family planning information and contraceptives available to millions of women who might not otherwise receive reproductive and other health services;
- Making teenage pregnancy prevention a top priority. To continue bringing rates down, the Administration is working to instill a greater sense of personal responsibility in young people for the consequences of their behavior, while providing increased opportunities for education, jobs, and their future so that they are more likely to make the right choices;
- Supporting Medicaid coverage for abortion services for poor women who are the victims of rape or incest and for those whose lives are endangered. These services were banned during the Reagan and Bush Administrations by the "Hyde Amendment" to the appropriations bill that funds Medicaid;
- President Clinton's challenge to the private sector to address the high rates of teen pregnancy has prompted the formation of a National Campaign to Reduce Teen Pregnancy. This effort aims to marshal private resources across the country to effectively reduce teen pregnancy rates by one-third in 10 years;

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- Repealing the "Mexico City Policy" to reverse 12 years of attacks on reproductive choice for women around the world. The policy banned distribution of family planning funds to overseas organizations that perform abortions or provide family planning counseling;
- Encouraging adoption, including adoption of children with special needs, and reducing the amount of time children spend in foster care. President Clinton strongly supports the adoption tax credit as a way to make it easier for families to adopt. Under this Administration, there has been a 60 percent increase in the number of children with special needs adopted with federal assistance. The President also supported the Multiethnic Placement Act to remove the barriers facing adoptive parents so that more children live in loving and safe homes; and
- Ending welfare as we know it by signing the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act. This bill includes time-limits and work requirements, gives states incentives to create jobs for welfare recipients, increases funding for child care, strengthens child support enforcement, and maintains the federal guarantee of nutrition programs and Medicaid coverage for pregnant women, children, and the disabled. Even before signing national welfare reform, the Clinton Administration granted waivers to 43 states to reform welfare on their own -- making work and responsibility a way of life for 75 percent of all welfare recipients.

### ***Building on Our Progress***

President Clinton will continue to protect women's health issues and the constitutional guarantee of a woman's right to choose.

- He will remain committed to fighting any legislation that violates this guarantee or that endangers women's health and safety.
- In April 1996, the President vetoed legislation banning late-term abortions because it failed to protect women from serious threats to their health. Although the President opposes this procedure on an elective basis, he believes it should be available when there are serious and adverse health consequences for the mother, and only in the small number of compelling cases where its use, in the medical judgement of a woman's physician, is necessary to preserve her life or avert serious damage to her health. The President has clearly stated that if Congress passes a bill with a narrow exception that allows use of the procedure when necessary to prevent death or serious health consequences, he will sign it.
- The Administration will further continue to work to reduce the numbers of unintended pregnancies, to support domestic and international family planning, and to champion programs that break down barriers to adoption.

# CLINTON GORE '96

## REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE Contrast The Public Records

### President Clinton:

"I have always believed that the decision to have an abortion generally should be between a woman, her doctor, her conscience, and her God. I support the decision in Roe v. Wade protecting a woman's right to choose, and I believe that the abortions protected by that decision should be safe and rare."

**Supports reproductive health and family planning.** He has increased Title X Family Planning Program funding from \$173.4 million to \$193.3 million.

**Worked to reduce the number of abortions** by increasing funding for family planning, adoption, and foster care, and supported a national grassroots campaign to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies.

**Reversed the gag rule.** During his first week in office, President Clinton issued an Executive Order lifting the ban (gag rule) on abortion counseling by Title IX (family planning) grantees.

**Signed the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act** to fight the escalating violence against women and doctors at women's health clinics.

### Bob Dole:

**Opposes Roe v. Wade:** Dole has voted against abortion rights 107 out of 113 times in his 28 years in the Senate. In a speech to the Christian Coalition, he said: "...For more than 20 years, I've opposed Roe v. Wade, and I support a constitutional amendment to overturn Roe v. Wade..." (The New York Times, March 1996)

In 1974, by his own admission, Dole became the first politician to use abortion as a political issue by distributing anti-abortion ads against his election opponent, Dr. William Roy.

**Extremist views:** "Who becomes the next President is important to everyone, but nothing is as important as protecting the life of the unborn." [Business Wire 3/1/88 (Dole 1/28/88 statement cited within article. )]

**Voted against ending the gag rule.** Dole supported former President Bush's veto of the bill (Public Health Service Act) that would have overturned the gag rule. (10/1/92)

**Voted against passage of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act S.636** [5/12/94 Cong. Record on Choice," 1994 103rd Congress, 2nd Session (NARAL)]

# CLINTON GORE '96

## *President Clinton Preserving Our Environment*

*"We must ask more of ourselves, we must expect more of each other, and we must face our challenges together.... Our challenge is to leave our environment safe and clean for the next generation .... People do have a right to know that their air and their water are safe."*

*President Bill Clinton*

Because of the progress we made during the last generation, we now have cleaner, safer air and water. We must continue to move forward. One third of Americans still breathe air that endangers their health. In too many communities, the water is not safe to drink. Under this Administration, Americans are learning about environmental safety so they can take action to keep communities healthy and clean. They are making common-sense reforms to environmental programs while blocking attempts to roll back safeguards for our families' food, water, and air. President Clinton has:

- Issued a **"Pollution Disclosure" Executive Order** requiring industries to disclose information about toxic releases to their neighbors and nearly doubling the number of chemicals that industries must report.
- Issued **new standards to cut toxic pollution** from chemical plants by 90 percent and dangerous incinerator emissions by 98 percent.
- Signed legislation to **strengthen safeguards for pesticides** in food, with special protections for children.
- Established **Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument** in southern Utah.
- Signed legislation to strengthen the **Safe Drinking Water Act**.
- Vowed to veto the lobbyist-written bill to roll back the **Clean Water Act**, which keeps billions of pounds of toxic pollutants and sewage out of our rivers, lakes, and streams.
- Launched the **Brownfields initiative** to return land to productive use by providing a \$2 billion tax incentive to **clean up old industrial waste sites**.
- Issued new policies to protect consumers from ***E. coli*** contamination in meat.
- Committed \$1.5 billion over seven years to help restore the unique **Florida Everglades**.

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- Changed EPA rules to **reduce paperwork requirements for businesses** by 15 million hours and allowed businesses to write their own rules if they can do it cleaner and cheaper.
- Completed nearly as many toxic waste site cleanups under the **Superfund program** in each of the past three years as in the previous 12 years. The Clinton Administration fought Republican attempts to gut Superfund.
- Toughened the **Environmental Protection Agency's enforcement programs** and fought to protect them from drastic budget cuts.
- Fought attempts to close national parks and developed a "Parks for Tomorrow" program to restore **our national parks**.
- Broke through decades of conflict and negotiated a consensus plan to protect and allocate **California Bay-Delta water**.
- Vetoed a Republican congressional bill that would have opened the **Arctic National Wildlife Refuge** to oil and gas drilling.
- Issued an Executive Order to **promote recycling** and cut down on solid waste.
- Led the way to an **international agreement** to phase out the use of 12 dangerous, persistent organic pollutants worldwide, such as PCBs and DDT.
- Reformed **Wetlands and Endangered Species** programs to protect the environment better while lessening regulatory hurdles for homeowners.

### ***Building on Our Progress***

Protecting the environment will strengthen and expand our economy and create more jobs. The Clinton Administration is implementing technology programs to help our businesses compete in the growing global market while creating jobs for our workers. President Clinton will continue to support policies that protect our health and natural resources while making common-sense reforms to ease the burden on businesses by:

- Expanding **community right-to-know laws** and challenging communities to use the information to work with businesses to cut pollution.
- Announcing a bold commitment to accelerate **Superfund** toxic waste cleanup, nearly doubling the pace of cleanup so that approximately two-thirds of priority sites will be cleaned by 2000.
- Calling for measures to expand the **Brownfields initiative** to cleanup and redevelop approximately 5,000 contaminated and abandoned urban properties by the year 2000, strengthen penalties for the worst criminal polluters, expand right-to-know laws about toxins in our communities, and make our nation's drinking water safer and cleaner.
- Continuing to **work with state and community leaders and businesses** to find better ways to protect our natural resources and provide economic opportunities.

# CLINTON GORE '96

## PROTECTING AMERICA'S ENVIRONMENT Contrast the Public Records

### President Clinton:

In August 1996, President Clinton signed a bill reforming the **Safe Drinking Water Act** which requires drinking water tests to eliminate dangerous contaminants.

President Clinton also vetoed the GOP's extreme GOP VA, HUD, EPA appropriations bill that would have cut safe drinking water funding by 45 percent from his request.

Under President Clinton's leadership nearly as many **Superfund** sites were cleaned up in 1994 and 1995 as had been cleaned up in the previous decade -- all while reducing the cost of toxic waste cleanups by 25 percent.

The Clinton Administration has initiated hundreds of charges and has levied tens of millions of dollars in fines against polluters for **environmental crimes**.

President Clinton is increasing by 30 percent the number of industrial facilities required to make public the levels of toxic chemicals they release. Previously, the Clinton Administration nearly doubled the number of chemicals that must be reported.

Senator Dole's risky economic scheme could cause 40 percent cuts in environmental programs. In addition, the "regulatory reform" portion of Dole's plan would gut the government's environmental enforcement and rule-making ability.

### Senator Dole:

Senator Dole voted for the **Republicans extreme VA, HUD, EPA appropriations bill**.

Senator Dole backed the extreme 1995 Republican Appropriations Bill which would have slashed EPA's **Superfund Toxic Waste Cleanup Fund** by 25 percent.

Senator Dole joined Gingrich in the fight to **cut funding for environmental enforcement**.

Senator Dole's 1995 **Regulatory Reform** bill included provisions amending the Community Right-To-Know Act to **weaken the standard for listing a released toxic chemical**. An amendment was offered to delete these provisions from the bill, but Senator Dole successfully killed the amendment with his own measure.

# CLINTON GORE '96

## *President Clinton Fighting for Peace and Freedom*

*"Because of American leadership, more people than ever before live free and at peace, and Americans have known 50 years of prosperity and security....All over the world ... people still look to us and trust us to help them seek the blessings of peace and freedom. But as the Cold War fades into memory, voices of isolation say America should retreat from its responsibilities .... We can't be everywhere ... we can't do everything. But where our interests and our values are at stake, and where we can make a difference, America must lead."*

*President Bill Clinton*

Our challenge is to maintain America's leadership in the fight for peace and freedom. Under President Clinton, America is making peace in the Middle East, reducing the number of nuclear missiles throughout the world, and opening new markets for American products. Securing world peace and promoting opportunity are President Clinton's top foreign policy goals. He has:

- **Made sure that America's military remains the best-equipped, best-trained, and best-prepared fighting force** in the world to meet post-Cold War challenges to peace.
- **Made Americans safer by putting into effect the START II arms reduction treaty.** The new treaty reduces nuclear stockpiles by 25 percent. The President convinced Ukraine, Belarus, and Kazakhstan to give up their nuclear weapons after the breakup of the former Soviet Union. And the President negotiated an agreement with North Korea to end its nuclear weapons program.
- **Concluded a comprehensive peace agreement for war-ravaged Bosnia.** President Clinton's decisive leadership in brokering the Dayton Accords has replaced ethnic cleansing, terror, and war in Bosnia with peace. Now, American leadership is ending the death and destruction there while securing our interests for the future.
- **Restored democracy to Haiti.** President Clinton gave Haiti another chance at democracy, and the result has been the first transfer of power from one democratically elected president to another in that country's history.
- **Worked for peace in the Middle East.** President Clinton negotiated the Israel-Jordan Peace Treaty and is helping Israelis and Palestinians work toward fulfilling their historic peace agreement.

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- Become the first American president to visit Northern Ireland in the pursuit of a real, just, and lasting peace;
- Fought for strong and successful trade agreements, leading to increased opportunities for American exporters. U.S. exports have grown 31 percent, creating 1 million high-quality, high-wage jobs.
- Imposed the toughest sanctions ever on Castro's Cuba following the brutal killing of U.S. nationals over international water.
- Used American military might to turn back new Iraqi threats in the Persian Gulf and to respond to a threat on the life of former President George Bush.
- Helped build a united, democratic Europe. Through the President's leadership, NATO has agreed to a process to admit new members, while modernizing and strengthening its organization. We are establishing a Trans-Atlantic Partnership for Peace, working with Russia, and helping to reform the former Soviet economies;
- Waged a tough counter-terrorism campaign with stronger laws and more training for law enforcement. In April 1996, President Clinton signed anti-terrorism legislation giving law enforcement officials tough new tools to stop terrorists before they strike and to bring them to justice if they attack.

### *Building on Our Progress*

President Clinton will continue to stand up for American values abroad. By supporting those who are taking risks for peace, we are living up to our promise of American leadership. President Clinton is showing leadership by challenging Congress and other countries to:

- Intensify the fight against terrorism and organized crime at home and abroad by working for tougher enforcement and more cross-border cooperation.
- Secure a truly comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty.
- Outlaw the use of poison gas by ratifying the Chemical Weapons Convention.
- Aggressively combat international drug-trafficking by working closely with other countries, providing military support, and fighting corruption.
- Admit the first new NATO members since the end of the Cold War and maintain partnership with Russia.

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FROM: GLORIA JOHNSON   
NATIONAL DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SURROGATE SPEAKERS  
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RE: UPDATED SURROGATE SPEAKERS KITS

DATE: 10/14/96

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Please find enclosed a copy of the newly-revised Surrogate Speakers Kit. It is being used by thousands of national and state speakers who are being mobilized to communicate the Clinton/Gore '96 message on television, talk radio, and in public appearances.

You should note the section entitled "Designing Your Message," which emphasizes the need to talk about Administration accomplishments in terms of issues people care about - not in terms of strategy or polling information. Another useful section might be the "Accomplishments" and "Looking Forward" talking points which are organized around the core campaign themes of OPPORTUNITY, RESPONSIBILITY, and COMMUNITY.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 496-1024.

## **The Clinton Presidency: National Service and Philanthropy**

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Through the 1980s, America's sense of community and shared purpose began to disintegrate. Between 1989 and 1993, charitable giving as a portion of our economy declined and the number of people volunteering fell by more than 9 million. President Clinton and Vice President Gore have worked to create new opportunities for community service, and provided leadership to develop innovative partnerships between federal agencies and private nonprofits. They have also worked to involve the private sector, challenging business leaders to work with community groups, religious leaders and faith-based partnerships to tackle problems like putting welfare recipients to work, teaching children to read and closing the digital divide.

### **Restoring Community Service: AmeriCorps**

- ✓ **THEN:** Previous generations of Americans had answered the call to service of their country through programs such as the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Peace Corps and VISTA. However, it had been more than a decade since the federal government challenged the energy of Americans by putting significant resources behind a meaningful effort to expand community service opportunities. The Peace Corps and VISTA combined provided just 10,000 service opportunities in 1993.
- ✓ **NOW:** President Clinton created the AmeriCorps National Service Program in 1993, his first year in office. Since then, AmeriCorps has brought together nearly 200,000 people of all ages, racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds to solve community problems and improve the lives of Americans. And after a year of full-time public service, AmeriCorps members receive education awards to help finance college or pay back student loans. The President defended AmeriCorps from numerous Congressional efforts to eliminate the initiative, and built it into a successful program supported by Democratic, Republican and Independent Governors across the country.

### **Teaching Children to Read: America Reads**

- ✓ **THEN:** Reading scores among young students dropped significantly during the 1980s. Despite research demonstrating that reading to young children was the best way to increase reading skills, in 1991, just 35 percent of young children were read to at home every day.
- ✓ **NOW:** In 1997, President Clinton challenged Americans to unite to be sure that every child can read well and independently by the end of the third grade. So far, more than 1,400 colleges have committed more than 26,000 Work Study students to tutor children in reading, and nearly one million children have been taught, tutored or mentored through national service programs like AmeriCorps, VISTA, and Foster Grandparents. President Clinton's America Reads challenge also sought to involve businesses, communities, pediatricians and child care providers in helping recruit volunteers, organize book drives and tutor young children in reading. President Clinton launched America Reads as a volunteer partnership, then worked with Congress to pass the Reading Excellence Act in 1998 to provide \$260

million and serve 1.1 million children annually. This national effort to improve reading has made a great difference for children learning to read. Today, more families are spending time each day reading to their children. In 1999, 53 percent of children ages 3-5 were read to daily by a family member. Reading scores are also going up, especially in our highest poverty communities. From 1992 to 1996, reading scores of nine-year-olds in highest poverty schools improved by nearly one grade level, reversing a downward trend.

#### **College Students Contributing to Their Communities through America Reads**

*"At California State University, Los Angeles, tutors participating in the America Reads Challenge are part of a long-standing institutional commitment to community service. Documented outcomes of the America Reads project illustrate significant improvement in the literacy skills of the children with whom we are tutoring. Our students and our neighbors are benefiting from this relationship. Cal State, LA is proud to be a part of the America Reads Challenge."*

**-- Dr. James Rosser, California State University, Los Angeles**

#### **Increasing Charitable Giving:**

- ✓ **THEN:** Charitable giving as a portion of Gross Domestic Product declined from 1989 to 1993. The number of people volunteering fell from 98.4 million in 1989 to 89.2 in 1993, and the total number of volunteer hours dropped by one billion over the same period.
- ✓ **NOW:** The Clinton-Gore Administration has worked to promote charitable giving and philanthropy, hosting the White House Conference on Philanthropy in October 1999, creating an Interagency Task Force on Nonprofits and Government and working to build partnerships between government, business and non-profit organizations. The strong economy has driven a large share of the increase in philanthropy – as individual wealth has increased, the value of the stock in foundations has soared. Charitable giving reached a record high in 1999, surging to more than \$190 billion, an increase of 43 percent since 1993; as a percentage of GDP, charitable giving soared to 2.1 percent, the highest level in almost three decades.

#### **Drawing on the Private Sector:**

- ✓ **THEN:** In 1992, America faced high poverty rates; record numbers of people unemployed or on welfare; serious environmental problems; and record-high deficits. Government alone could not solve all of these problems.
- ✓ **NOW:** President Clinton challenged corporate, religious and community leaders to join together to solve major problems facing the country. The Clinton-Gore Administration has provided important leadership to develop vital partnerships with the private sector, including:
  - Through the President's New Markets and Digital Divide initiatives, corporations have pledged millions of dollars in assistance and development commitments to bring

economic development and high-tech training to underserved urban, rural, and tribal communities.

- The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, a private nonprofit organization, was launched in response to the President's 1995 State of the Union in which he challenged parents and leaders across the country to come together in a national effort to reduce teen pregnancy. The Campaign has raised the visibility of this issue nationwide by enlisting the help of the media and private advertising experts. The Campaign has also created a more effective grassroots movement that brings together public, private, nonprofit partners in states and local communities. Both teen pregnancy and teen birth rates are now at record low levels.
- The Administration's efforts also resulted in the creation of the Fair Labor Association, which includes apparel makers who have adopted a code of conduct to eliminate child labor and sweatshop working conditions in manufacturing plants throughout the world.
- The President's work with the entertainment industry led to the voluntary adoption of a ratings system for television shows so parents can be informed about the content of the programs their children are watching.

### **Service and Volunteerism Producing Progress for Communities**

- ✓ **Almost 200,000 AmeriCorps Volunteers:** Since 1993, nearly 200,000 AmeriCorps members have served our nation by building homes, responding to natural disasters, helping to make our streets safer, and tutoring in schools. More Americans have served in AmeriCorps in its first five years than have served in the Peace Corps throughout its history. In addition, nearly 500,000 senior citizens provide community service through Senior Corps.
- ✓ **America Reads volunteers teaching children to read:** National Service Participants have tutored nearly one million children, helping them learn to read. Independent studies found that children involved in the program improved their reading abilities more than the gain expected for children at their grade level. Additionally, many students closed the gap and were reading at or near the grade-level expectation.
- ✓ **Charitable giving and volunteering have rebounded:** Charitable giving reached a record \$190 billion in 1999, increasing 43 percent over 1993. As a percentage of GDP, charitable giving reached 2.1 percent in 1999, the highest level in nearly three decades. In addition, the number of Americans volunteering reached an all time high in 1998, as an estimated 20 million more Americans volunteered than in 1993.

## **President Clinton and Vice President Gore Working Families Are Top Priority**

- **As Congressional Session Ends, President's Accomplishments Are Clear.** As Congress wraps up its work this week and heads home, one thing is clear. President Clinton's agenda -- as laid out in his February State of the Union speech -- drove the congressional agenda this year. The President accomplished almost everything he set out to do ten months ago.
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  - ✓ A Middle Class Tax Cut For 27 Million Families With Children
  - ✓ The Largest Investment In Education In 30 Years
  - ✓ The Largest Increase In Pell Grants In 20 Years
  - ✓ The Single Largest Investment In Children's Health Care Since 1965
  - ✓ The Toughest New Air Quality Standards In A Generation
- **American Economy Is The Best It Has Been In A Generation.** Under President Clinton and Vice President Gore's leadership the American economy is the strongest it has been in a generation. We have the highest home ownership rate in American history, unemployment is the lowest in 24 years, and over 13.5 million new jobs have been created. The fiscal responsibility they have enforced has cut the deficit by 92%.
- **Working To Help Families Balance The Demands Of Work And Home.** President Clinton and this Administration have made taking care of families and helping create bright futures for children more achievable by; providing tax cuts for working families, implementing National Standards to help our children succeed, creating Hope Scholarships and increases in Pell Grants, expanding Head Start, funding the America Reads initiative, limiting youth access to tobacco, and providing health insurance for up to 5 million uninsured children.
- **More Work To Be Done Next Year.** While this has been a year of great progress, there is still more work to be done on President Clinton's 1997 agenda. We need to pass fast-track trade authority so that the President can tear down foreign barriers to American goods. The President will also push Congress to pass meaningful campaign finance reform -- which is scheduled for have clean up-or-down vote early next year. In addition, the President will also work to enact the his Juvenile Justice legislation and school construction initiative.

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- ✓ **First Balanced Budget In A Generation:** After cutting the deficit by 63 percent in his first term, from \$290 billion to \$107 billion, President Clinton promised in his 1997 State of the Union speech to *"propose a detailed plan to balance the budget by 2002."* On August 5, 1997, the President signed an historic, bipartisan bill to balance the budget for the first time since 1969.
- ✓ **Middle Class Tax Cuts For 27 Million Families With Children:** In addition to balancing the budget, President Clinton promised in his State of the Union to *"provide middle class tax relief...to help raise a child."* On August 5, 1997, the President signed into law a \$500 per-child tax credit that will benefit approximately 27 million families with 45 million children under 17. For the typical family with two kids, this child tax credit will mean \$1,000 more per year in take-home pay.

### **EDUCATION:**

- ✓ **Largest Investment In Education In 30 Years:** In his February State of the Union, the President said his *"number one priority"* was to ensure that *"all Americans have the best education in the world."* The President said his balanced budget would reflect this commitment. Now, that commitment is the law. The bipartisan Balanced Budget Act includes the largest investment in education in 30 years -- and the largest investment in higher education since the G.I. Bill.
- ✓ **HOPE Scholarship Makes 13th & 14th Grades As Universal As A High School Diploma:** In his February 1997 State of the Union, President Clinton called for passage of his America's HOPE Scholarship proposal in order to *"make the 13th and 14th years of education...just as universal in America by the 21st century as a high school education is today."* Today, the HOPE Scholarship is law, providing a 100 percent tax credit on the first \$1,000 of tuition and fees and 50 percent on the second \$1,000 -- enough to pay for the typical community college.
- ✓ **20% Tuition Tax Credit for College Juniors, Seniors, Graduate Students And Working Americans Pursuing Lifelong Learning To Upgrade Their Skills:** The President's State of the Union address included a proposed *"tax deduction of up to \$10,000 a year"* for post high school tuition. The President's proposal is now law. The 20 percent tuition tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of qualified education expenses through 2002, and to the first \$10,000 thereafter.
- ✓ **Largest Increase In Pell Grants In 20 Years:** President Clinton pledged during the State of the Union that his balanced budget would include *"the largest increase in Pell Grant Scholarship in 20 years."* Now, that commitment is the law. On November 13, 1997, the President signed the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill which included his proposal to increase the maximum Pell Grant to \$3,000 -- the largest increase in two decades. Approximately 3.7 million students will receive the \$300 increase, and an additional 220,000 low- and moderate-income families that were not previously eligible will receive Pell Grants.

✓ **America Reads Initiative To Ensure Every Child Can Read By The 3rd Grade:**

Noting that "we must do more to help all our children read" during his 1997 State of the Union, President Clinton called on Congress to pass his America Reads Initiative. The Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill the President signed on November 13, 1997, included nearly \$300 million in new funding towards the President's comprehensive literacy strategy. As a result: 3000 new Americorps members and thousands of senior volunteers will recruit more than 100,000 volunteer reading tutors; state teacher training and family literacy efforts receive an additional \$41 million; and an advance appropriation of \$210 million is provided for pending legislation based on the President's America Reads Initiative.

In addition, more than 800 colleges have answered the President's State of the Union call, pledging to have thousands of their work-study students "serve for one year as reading tutors."

✓ **On Track For First-Ever National Test Of 4th Grade Reading, 8th Grade Math:** President Clinton issued a "challenge to the nation" during his State of the Union speech, calling on every state to "adopt high national standards" and "test every fourth grader in reading and every eighth grader in math to make sure these standards are met." The Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill the President signed on November 13, 1997, fully funds (\$16 million) the Administration's voluntary national testing program and allows for development and pilot testing of the first-ever national 4th grade reading and 8th grade math tests.

✓ **57% Increase For Public Charter Schools:** Continuing his lifelong commitment to improving and reforming America's public schools, President Clinton called for a dramatic increase in the number of public charter schools in his 1997 State of the Union "so that parents will have even more choices in sending their children to the best schools." The Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill the President signed on November 13, 1997, increases funding for charter schools by 57 percent, from \$51 million to \$80 million. And while there was only one charter school in the nation when President Clinton took office, there will be nearly 1,000 locally-designed charter schools supported by the Department of Education by the end of 1998 -- accelerating progress towards the President's goal of 3,000 by early next century.

✓ **Head Start Expanded Toward Goal Of 1 Million Children By 2002:** Stating that "we already know we should start teaching children before they start school." President Clinton proposed a balanced budget that "expands Head Start to one million children by 2002" in his 1997 State of the Union address. The Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill the President signed on November 13, 1997 includes \$4.4 billion for Head Start, a \$374 million increase -- and a 57 percent increase since 1993. Head Start will serve 836,000 children and their families in 1998 and is on track meeting the President's goal of reaching one million by 2002.

**HEALTH CARE:**

✓ **Single Largest Investment In Children's Health Care Since 1965:** President Clinton pledged in his 1997 State of the Union that his balanced budget would "extend health coverage to up to five million...children." Now, that commitment is law. The Balanced Budget that President Clinton signed into law on August 5, 1997 included \$24 billion for the President's Children's Health Initiative -- the single largest investment in health care for children since passage of Medicaid in 1965. The \$24 billion will provide meaningful health care coverage to up to five million currently uninsured children -- including prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health services.

- ✓ **Medicare Protected, Modernized And Trust Fund Extended At Least A Decade:** *President Clinton promised during his 1997 State of the Union that his balanced budget plan would modernize Medicare and increase the life of the Medicare Trust Fund to ten years. These promises are now law. The bipartisan Balanced Budget extended the life of the Medicare Trust Fund at least a decade -- saving \$115 billion over five years and \$400-\$450 billion over ten years. The President fought to prevent any damaging changes that would have undermined Medicare, and instead worked to enact structural reforms to prepare it for the 21st century. These reforms included more choices among health care plans, changes to the annual Medigap enrollment and restructuring specific payment systems so that rates are set in advance. Also included is \$4 billion over five years for new Medicare preventive benefits -- expanded coverage for mammograms, colorectal screening, and improved self management of diseases like diabetes.*

## ENVIRONMENT:

- ✓ **Toughest New Air Quality Standards In A Generation:** The President pledged to "*protect our environment in every community*" in his State of the Union address. This year, at the President's direction, the Environmental Protection Agency set new air quality standards for smog and soot, the toughest in a generation, providing new health protections for 125 million Americans, including children and the elderly. EPA will work with state and local governments to assure maximum flexibility in implementing the new rules.
- ✓ **Developed A Bold, Market Based National Strategy To Reduce Greenhouse Gases:** President Clinton pledged in the 1997 State of the Union to "*protect our global environment*" and "*work to reduce the greenhouse gases.*" Based on a firm scientific consensus, and after extensive consultation with industry, environmentalists, labor and the public, the President outlined a bold strategy in October to achieve international agreement to significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. The President's plan calls for flexible, market-based approaches to assure the reductions can be achieved in a way that creates new economic opportunities.

## WELFARE:

- ✓ **Restored Basic Health And Disability Benefits To Legal, Law-Abiding Immigrants:** When the President signed the 1996 Welfare Reform Law, *he pledged to go back and change provisions he opposed regarding the cutting off of benefits to legal, law abiding immigrants.* Critics said the changes would never be made. However, in 1997, the President followed through on his pledge -- and won most of the changes he sought in the 1996 law. The President fought for and won \$11.5 billion in SSI and Medicaid benefits for legal immigrants. He won changes that protect those immigrants now receiving assistance, ensuring that they will not be turned out of their apartments or nursing homes or otherwise left destitute. And immigrants in this country as of August 22, 1996 but not receiving benefits who subsequently become disabled will be eligible for SSI and Medicaid.
- ✓ **New Incentives And Community Efforts To Move 2 Million More People Off Welfare:** During his first term, President Clinton's lifetime of experience and innovative approach to welfare reform lead to the largest decline in welfare rolls in history. In his 1997 State of the Union, the President set out a plan including government incentives and private sector challenges to reach another goal: "*two million more people off the welfare rolls by the year 2000.*"  
Expanded Work Opportunity Tax Credit and Created the \$3 Billion Welfare To Work Job Challenge Fund: The Balanced Budget Law includes a tax credit for employers who hire long-term welfare recipients equal to 35 percent of the first \$10,000 in wages in the first year of employment and 50 percent of the first \$10,000 in the second year to encourage retention. The President also succeeded in including \$3 billion to create his Welfare to Work Job Challenge Fund -- to assist states and communities in moving long-term welfare recipients into lasting, unsubsidized jobs.

**Challenging Communities to Move People from Welfare to Work:** The President challenged "every religious congregation, every community nonprofit, every business to hire someone off welfare." Responding to the President's challenge, the *Welfare to Work Partnership* was launched to lead a private sector effort to move people from welfare to work. Begun with 100 businesses, the Partnership is aiming for 1,000 businesses within six months. Vice President Gore also reached out, creating the *Welfare to Work Coalition to Sustain Success* -- a coalition of civic groups committed to helping former welfare recipients stay in the workforce and succeed.

#### **URBAN AGENDA:**

- ✓ **Tripled The Number Of Empowerment Zones:** *President Clinton called for doubling the number of empowerment zones and enterprise communities in his 1998 budget. The Balanced Budget Law the President Clinton signed actually triples the number of EZs, adding 20 new EZs (15 urban and 5 rural second round zones and 2 more first-round zones) -- bringing the total number created to 31.*
- ✓ **63% Expansion of Community Development Banks:** *President Clinton called for an expansion of Community Development Banks in his State of the Union speech. The Balanced Budget Law the President signed in August included \$80 million for Community Development Financial Institutions in FY 1998 -- a 63% increase over FY 1997. These entities make investment capital and other financial products and services available in low- and moderate-income communities.*
- ✓ **Brownfields Tax Incentive Will Redevelop 14,000 Contaminated Sites:** *The President called for restoring "contaminated urban land and buildings to constructive use" through his Brownfields tax incentive program. Brownfields were part of the Balanced Budget Law the President signed. The tax incentives will leverage more than \$6 billion for private sector cleanups nationwide according to the Treasury Department -- and allow for the redevelopment of 14,000 contaminated, abandoned sites in economically distressed urban areas.*

#### **FOREIGN POLICY:**

- ✓ **Ratification Of The Chemical Weapons Convention:** *President Clinton challenged Congress during his State of the Union speech to "rise to a new test of leadership" and "pass the Chemical Weapons Convention." And after an intense lobbying effort by the President, the Senate ratified the Convention on April 24, 1997.*
- ✓ **Secured Passage Of China MFN, Hosted First US--Sino Summit In 8 Years:** *President Clinton challenged the country to "pursue a deeper dialogue with China for the sake of our interests and our ideals." The President successfully lobbied Congress to extend normal trading relations with China on June 24, 1997. And the first U.S.-- Sino State Visit in eight years, hosted by President Clinton at the White House in October, resulted in agreements on a broad range of security, economic, environmental and law enforcement issues.*
- ✓ **NATO Expansion:** *President Clinton called for expanding NATO membership by 1999 "so that countries that were once our adversaries can become our allies." On July 8, 1997, at the Madrid NATO Summit, three nations -- Poland, Czech Republic and Hungary -- were offered membership in NATO. President Clinton has pledged to lobby the Senate to ratify these changes "so that we can bring in the new members by the 50th anniversary of NATO in 1999."*

## WHERE WE CAME UP SHORT:

- **Renewal Of Fast Track Authority:** President Clinton's lobbying efforts on behalf of renewed "fast track" trade authority resulted in majority support in the United States Senate. A clear majority of Democratic governors and mayors supported the President's position. In the House of Representatives, however, the vote had to be postponed when it became clear that opposition by Democratic lawmakers -- and the linking of the trade vote to international family planning by House Republicans -- would derail the legislation.
- **Passage Of Campaign Finance Reform:** Despite intense lobbying efforts by President Clinton, Republican Congressional leaders killed the McCain-Feingold/Meehan-Shays campaign finance reform legislation this year. Campaign finance reform enjoyed universal Democratic support in the Senate and strong Democratic support in the House. The President continues to support passage of the bill and is encouraged that Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle was able to extract a pledge from Majority Leader Trent Lott to have a clean up-or-down vote on the measure before March 6, 1998. Speaker Gingrich has also promised to hold a March campaign finance reform vote.
- **Enactment Of The Juvenile Justice Proposal:** The President's Juvenile Justice legislation did not get far on Capitol Hill this year. However, the President used his executive power to make progress on some of the central initiatives in his legislation. For example, the President's legislation called for handguns to be sold with a child safety lock. President Clinton signed a directive to all Federal agencies requiring child safety locks be issued with every handgun. And the Administration reached an agreement with 8 major handgun manufacturers who agreed to provide child safety locks with each handgun sold.
- **Enactment Of School Construction Proposal:** President Clinton proposed an initiative to invest \$5 billion over four years to finance \$20 billion in school construction projects. The initiative was not included in the Balanced Budget the President signed.

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Alaska

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **17,000 New Jobs:** 17,000 new jobs have been created in Alaska since 1993 -- an average of 3,643 jobs per year.
- **9,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 7,000 Alaska workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 2,000 more received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 87,000 families in Alaska.
- **Homebuilding Up 18.5%:** Homebuilding has increased an average of 18.5% per year since 1993, compared to an average annual increase of just 8.3% during the previous administration.
- **Highest Home Ownership Ever for Alaska:** Home ownership in Alaska has increased from 70.3% to 70.5% since 1992 and its now the highest on record.
- **Over \$40,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four.** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before the passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Alaska.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **Over \$8 Million in Head Start Funding:** This year [FY98], Alaska receives over \$8 million for Head Start, an increase of \$246,000 over 1997.
- **\$2 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Alaska receives \$2 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$2.1 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Alaska receives \$2.1 million -- doubling its funding over FY97 -- for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$17 Million for Students Most in Need:** Alaska will receive \$17 million in Title I Grants (to Local Educational Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$6.7 Million in Pell Grants:** Alaska received \$6.7 million last year in Pell Grant funding, helping Alaska's low-income students go to college [FY97].
- **Nearly 1000 Have Served in Alaska through AmeriCorps:** Last year, 95 AmeriCorps participants served their communities while earning money for college by working in Alaska's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods and parks. Since the National Service program began in 1993, almost 1000 members have served Alaska in 67 different programs [through FY97].
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime

Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 12,000 students in Alaska will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 15,000 students in Alaska will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit:

#### **INVESTING IN ALASKA'S HEALTH:**

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. **To expand health coverage to 9,000 uninsured children in Alaska the balanced budget provides \$5.6 million in 1998.** This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health care coverage to 9,300 children in Alaska.
- **Helping Alaska Women and Children with WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Today in Alaska, 7,947 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.
- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Alaska in 1996, 90% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 88% received the vaccine for polio; 85% received the vaccine for measles, and 84% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae B*, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### **FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:**

- **Crime Falls in Anchorage:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 5% in Anchorage [1996 data].
- **144 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 144 new police officers to date in communities across Alaska [through 10/97].
- **\$738,000 to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Alaska will use \$738,000 in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Alaska received more than \$711,000 under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$400,000 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Alaska will receive an estimated \$400,000 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$2.6 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Alaska's Schools:** Alaska receives \$2.6 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### **MOVING ALASKA RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:**

- **Landmark Welfare Reform Bill:** In 1996, President Clinton signed a landmark welfare reform bill which promises to move thousands of Alaska residents from welfare to work.
- **Child Support Collections Up 66%:** Child support collections have increased by \$23.4 million - or 66% -- in Alaska since FY92 [through FY96].

#### **PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:**

- **Superfund Clean-up in Fairbanks:** In March 1993, the EPA completed toxic waste site clean-up in Fairbanks, Alaska.
- **Brownfields Pilot in Ketchikan Gateway Borough:** The EPA has awarded a national Brownfields Demonstration Pilot in Ketchikan Gateway Borough, which is intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### **PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:**

- **\$93 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Alaska has received \$93 million in disaster relief. This includes \$14.3 million in assistance to recover from wildland fires that occurred in June of 1996.
- **110 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Alaska has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 110. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 5.4%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### **EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:**

- **Nearly \$23 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided \$22.6 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Alaska [through FY97].
- **Over \$1 Billion in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Alaska has received more than \$1 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 43,630 jobs [through FY97].
- **\$287 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Alaska has received \$287 million in airport improvement funds since 1993 [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### Alabama

#### EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:

- **Unemployment Down to 4.9%:** The unemployment rate in Alabama has declined from 7.6% to 4.9% since 1993.
- **143,300 New Private Sector Jobs:** Since 1993, 143,300 new private sector jobs have been created -- an average of 30,707 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 28,700 private sector jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Alabama, the poverty rate has dropped 3.4% since 1993. [1996 data]
- **252,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 105,000 Alabama workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 147,000 more have received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 455,000 families in Alabama.
- **Business Failures Down 6.1% Per Year:** Business failures have dropped an average of 6.1% per year since 1993, after increasing 15.9% per year during the previous 12 years.
- **Home Building Up 8.1%:** Home building has increased by an average of 8.1% per year since 1993, after falling over 2% per year during the previous 12 years.
- **Over \$40,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four.** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before the passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Alabama.

#### EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:

- **Nearly \$70 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Alabama received \$64 million in Head Start funding. This year [FY98], Alabama receives \$69.7 million for Head Start, an increase of nearly \$6 million over 1997.
- **\$7.2 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Alabama receives \$7.2 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$6.8 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Alabama receives \$6.8 million -- nearly doubling its funding over FY97 -- for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund, which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$127 Million for Students Most in Need:** Alabama receives \$127 million in Title I Grants (to Local Educational Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$111.8 Million in Pell Grants:** Alabama received \$111.8 million last year in Pell Grant funding, helping Alabama's low-income students go to college [FY97].
- **Over 1000 Have Served in Alabama through AmeriCorps:** Last year, 210 AmeriCorps participants

served their communities while earning money for college by working in Alabama's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods and parks. Since the National Service program began in 1993, over 1000 members have served Alabama in 93 different programs [through FY97].

- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 90,000 students in Alabama will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 109,000 students in Alabama will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls 5% in Alabama:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 10% in Birmingham and 5% statewide. [1996 data].
- **931 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 931 new police officers to date in communities across Alabama [through 10/97].
- **\$2.2 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Alabama will have used approximately \$2.2 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Alabama received approximately \$2.0 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$722,000 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Alabama will receive an estimated \$722,000 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$8.6 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Alabama's Schools:** Alabama receives \$8.6 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING ALABAMA RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **54,329 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 54,329 fewer people on welfare in Alabama now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 38% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 61%:** Child support collections have increased by nearly \$60 million - or 61% -- in Alabama since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN ALABAMA'S HEALTH:***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. **To expand health coverage to 154,000 uninsured children in Alabama the balanced budget provides \$86 million in 1998.** This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health care coverage to 18,900 children in Alabama.

- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Alabama in 1996, 93% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 89% received the vaccine for polio; 91% received the vaccine for measles, and 91% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### **PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:**

- **Superfund Clean-up in Perdido:** In July 1993, the EPA completed a toxic waste site clean-up in Perdido, Alabama [through 6/97].
- **Brownfields Pilots in Birmingham and Prichard:** The EPA has awarded a national Brownfields Demonstration Pilot in Birmingham and a regional pilot in Prichard. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### **SPEARHEADING URBAN AND RURAL RENEWAL EFFORTS:**

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

#### **PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:**

- **\$103 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Alabama has received \$103 million in disaster relief. This includes \$51.1 million in assistance to recover from Hurricane Opal, which occurred in October of 1995.
- **8,964 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Alabama has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 8,964. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 42%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### **EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:**

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

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### Arkansas

#### EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:

- **Unemployment Down to 5.2%:** The unemployment rate in Arkansas has declined from 6.7% to 5.2% since 1993.
- **121,800 New Jobs:** 121,800 new jobs have been created in Arkansas since 1993 -- an average of 26,100 per year, compared to an average of just 24,300 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **174,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 75,000 Arkansas workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 99,000 more, received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Arkansas, the poverty rate had dropped 2.8% since 1993. [1996 data]
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 263,000 families in Arkansas.
- **Over \$40,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four.** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before the passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Arkansas.

#### EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:

- **Over \$40 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Arkansas received \$37 million in Head Start funding. This year [FY98], Arkansas receives \$40 million for Head Start, an increase of \$3 million over 1997.
- **\$4.5 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Arkansas receives \$4.5 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$4 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Arkansas receives \$4 million --doubling its funding over FY97 -- for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$76 Million for Students Most in Need:** Arkansas receives \$76 million in Title I Grants (to Local Educational Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$59 Million in Pell Grants:** Arkansas received \$59 million last year in Pell Grant funding, helping Arkansas's low-income students go to college [FY97].

- **Nearly 800 Have Served in Arkansas through AmeriCorps:** Last year, 98 AmeriCorps participants served their communities while earning money for college by working in Arkansas' schools, hospitals, neighborhoods and parks. Since the National Service program began in 1993, nearly 800 members have served Arkansas in 137 different programs [through FY97].
- **Tuition Tax Credits to Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 37,000 students in Arkansas will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 44,000 students in Arkansas will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls in Little Rock:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 23% in Little Rock [1996 data].
- **773 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 773 new police officers to date in communities across Arkansas [through 10/97].
- **\$1.5 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Arkansas will use \$1.5 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Arkansas received more than \$1.3 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$419,771 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Arkansas will receive an estimated \$419,771 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$5.2 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Arkansas' Schools:** Arkansas receives \$5.2 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING ARKANSANS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **22,137 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 22,137 fewer people on welfare in Arkansas now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 30% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 89%:** Child support collections have increased by \$37 million -- or 89% -- in Arkansas since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN ARKANSAS'S HEALTH:***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. **To expand health coverage to approximately 90,000 uninsured children in Arkansas the Balanced Budget provides \$47 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995**

Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health care coverage to 48,700 children in Arkansas.

- **Helping Arkansas Women and Children with WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Today, in Arkansas, 3,184 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.

***PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:***

- **5 Toxic Waste Sites Cleaned Up:** Since 1993, the EPA has completed Superfund toxic waste cleanups in Omaha, Edmondson, Ola, and two in Jacksonville, Arkansas [through 6/97]. In contrast, only 3 sites were cleaned up in the previous 12 years.

***SPEARHEADING URBAN AND RURAL RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- **\$9 Million to Counties Across Arkansas:** Little Rock/ Pulaski County, East Central, and Mississippi County were all designated Enterprise Communities in December, 1994 and were awarded \$3 million each to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents.

***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- **Over \$39 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided \$39.3 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Arkansas [through FY97].
- **\$1.3 Billion in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Arkansas has received \$1.3 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate 53,266 jobs [through FY97].
- **Nearly \$83 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Arkansas has received nearly \$83 million in airport improvement funds since 1993 [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### Arizona

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 4.2%:** The unemployment rate in Arizona has declined from 7% to 4.2% since 1993.
- **459,700 New Jobs:** 459,700 new jobs have been created in Arizona since 1993 -- an average of 98,507 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 22,850 jobs per year during the previous administration.
- **33,100 New Manufacturing Jobs:** 33,100 manufacturing jobs have been created in Arizona since 1993 -- an average of 7,222 jobs per year. In contrast, an average of 3,800 manufacturing jobs were lost each year during the previous administration.
- **191,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 76,000 Arizona workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 115,000 more, received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton the Balanced Budget delivers a child tax credit to 403,000 families in Arizona.
- **New Business Incorporations Up 7.4%:** New business incorporations have increased 7.4% per year -- after decreasing 7.4% per year during the previous administration.
- **Over \$40,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four.** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before the passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Arizona.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$60 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Arizona received \$54 million in Head Start funding. This year [FY98], Arizona receives \$60 million for Head Start, an increase of \$6 million over 1997.
- **\$7.4 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Arizona receives \$7.4 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$6.4 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Arizona receives \$6.4 million -- more than doubling its funding over FY97 -- for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$114 Million for Students Most in Need:** Arizona receives \$114 million in Title I Grants (to Local Educational Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in

need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].

- **\$105 Million in Pell Grants:** Arizona received \$105 million last year in Pell Grant funding, helping Arizona's low-income students go to college.
- **Over 2,100 Have Served in Arizona through AmeriCorps:** Last year, 1183 AmeriCorps participants served their communities while earning money for college by working in Arizona's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods and parks. Since the National Service program began in 1993, over 2,100 members have served in Arizona in 207 different programs [through FY97].
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 112,000 students in Arizona will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 138,000 students in Arizona will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **1,156 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 1,156 new police officers to date in communities across Arizona [through 10/97].
- **Nearly \$2.2 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Arizona will use nearly \$2.2 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Arizona received over \$1.9 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$697,336 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Arizona will receive an estimated 697,336 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$7.9 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Arizona's Schools:** Arizona receives \$7.9 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING ARIZONA RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **53,827 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 53,827 fewer people on welfare in Arizona now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 28% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 141%:** Child support collections have increased by over \$65 million -- or 141% -- in Arizona since FY92 [through FY96].

### ***INVESTING IN ARIZONA'S HEALTH:***

- ***Health Care for Uninsured Children:*** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. **To expand health coverage to approximately 184,000 uninsured children in Arizona the balanced budget provides \$113 million in 1998.** This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health care coverage to 10,400 children in Arizona.
- ***Helping Arizona Women and Children with WIC:*** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Today, in Arizona, 37,435 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.
- ***More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:*** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Arizona in 1996, 93% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 89% received the vaccine for polio; 86% received the vaccine for measles, and 90% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae B*, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.
- ***\$3.4 Million in Ryan White Funds:*** Since President Clinton took office, funding for the Ryan White CARE Act has increased by 159% nationwide. In FY97, Phoenix received a \$1.8 million Ryan White formula award and a \$1.6 million supplemental grant to care for people living with AIDS and HIV.

### ***PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:***

- ***Brownfields Pilots in Tuscon and the Navajo Nation:*** The EPA has awarded a regional Brownfields Demonstration Pilot in Tuscon and a national pilot in the Navajo Nation. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

### ***SPEARHEADING URBAN AND RURAL RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- ***\$6 Million for Job Creation:*** Phoenix and the Arizona Border were designated Enterprise Communities in December, 1994 and were awarded \$3 million each to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents.

***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- ***2,884 More National Flood Insurance Policies:*** Since the President took office, Arizona has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 2,884. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 16%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- ***Over \$180 Million to Improve Mass Transit:*** The FTA has provided over \$180 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Arizona [through FY97].
- ***\$1.3 Billion in Highway Funding:*** Since 1993, Arizona has received more than \$1.3 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 55,043 jobs [through FY97].
- ***\$173.2 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:*** Since 1993, Arizona has received nearly \$173.2 million in airport improvement funds, which have gone to Phoenix Sky Harbor International and Tucson International for runway construction, noise monitoring equipment, and terminal building improvements [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### California

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 6.3%:** The unemployment rate in California has declined from 9.7% to 6.3% since 1993.
- **Over 1 Million New Jobs:** Over 1 million new jobs have been created in California since 1993 -- an average of 238,200 jobs per year. In contrast, an average of 13,075 jobs were *lost* each year during the previous administration.
- **1.2 Million Have Received a Raise:** 999,000 California workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with 200,000 more, received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. **Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 3,229,000 families in California.**
- **Over \$40,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four.** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before the passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in California.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$494 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, California received \$446 million in Head Start funding. This year, California receives \$494 million for Head Start, an increase of \$48 million over 1997.
- **\$54.7 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], California receives \$54.7 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$46.5 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], California receives \$46.5 million -- more than doubling its funding over FY97 -- for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$830 Million for Students Most in Need:** California receives \$830 million in Title I Grants (to Local Educational Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$677 Million in Pell Grants:** California received \$677 million last year in Pell Grant funding, helping California's low-income students go to college [FY97].
- **Nearly 8,000 Have Served in California through AmeriCorps:** Last year, 102 AmeriCorps participants served their communities while earning money for college by working in California's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods and parks. Since the National Service program began in 1993, nearly 8,000 members have served California in 441 different programs [through FY97].
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees

through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 761,000 students in California will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 934,000 students in California will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- ***Crime Falls 19% in California:*** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 26% in Long Beach, 31% in Los Angeles, 12% in Sacramento, 33% in San Diego, 26% in San Francisco, and 14% in San Jose **and serious crime has fallen 19% statewide.** [1996 data].
- ***8,693 More Police:*** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 8,693 new police officers in communities across California [through 10/97].
- ***Nearly \$13 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:*** Through the Violence Against Women Act, California will use \$12.9 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. California received \$11.5 million under VAWA in FY96.
- ***\$57.4 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of California's Schools:*** California receives \$57.4 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.
- ***Over \$40,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four.*** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before the passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in California.

#### ***MOVING CALIFORNIANS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- ***78,883 Fewer on Welfare:*** There are currently 78,883 fewer people on welfare than there were in the beginning of 1993-- a 3% decrease. [through 6/97].
- ***Child Support Collections Up 38%:*** Child support collections have increased by over \$249 million -- or 38% -- in California since FY92. [through FY96]

#### ***INVESTING IN CALIFORNIA'S HEALTH:***

- ***Health Care for Uninsured Children:*** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. **To expand health coverage to more than 1.2 million uninsured children in California the balanced budget provides \$855 million in 1998.** This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health care coverage to 356,600 children in California.
- ***Helping California Women and Children with WIC:*** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Today, in California, 402,496 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.
- ***More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:*** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the

routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In California in 1996, 94% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 91% received the vaccine for polio; 90% received the vaccine for measles, and 90% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### ***PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:***

- ***11 Toxic Waste Sites Cleaned Up:*** Since 1993, the EPA has completed 11 Superfund toxic waste cleanups in California, in Sunnyvale (3), Santa Clara, Porterville, Coalinga, Richmond, Oroville, Cloverdale, Fillmore, and Scotts Valley [through 6/97]. Only 14 sites were cleaned up in the previous 12 years combined.

#### ***SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- ***\$128 Million to Los Angeles:*** Los Angeles/ Huntington Park was designated an enterprise community in December, 1994 and was awarded \$3 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for city residents. Later, it was designated a Supplemental Empowerment Zone and was awarded \$125 million for similar job creation efforts.
- ***\$28 Million to Oakland:*** Oakland was designated an Enterprise Community in December 1994, and was awarded \$3 million to create economic opportunity for area residents. Later, it was designated an enhanced enterprise community and was awarded an additional \$25 million.
- ***\$12 Million to Other Communities Across California:*** Additionally, Imperial County, San Diego, San Francisco, and Watsonville were all designated Enterprise Communities and were each awarded \$3 million for job creation efforts.

#### ***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- ***\$6.4 Billion in Federal Emergency Assistance:*** Since 1993, California has received \$6.4 billion in disaster relief. This includes \$5.7 billion in assistance to recover from the Northridge Earthquake, which occurred in January of 1994.
- ***56,343 More National Flood Insurance Policies:*** Since the President took office, California has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 56,343. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 28%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### ***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- ***\$3.2 Billion to Improve Mass Transit:*** The FTA has provided approximately \$3.2 billion since 1993 to fund improvements in public transportation in California, including construction of the Los Angeles Red Line Subway, extension of BART service to Colma in San Francisco, extension of light rail service in San Jose/Santa Clara County, and other projects [through FY97].
- ***\$9.6 Billion in Highway Funding:*** California has received \$9.6 billion in Federal highway funding. These funds have helped generate over 400,000 jobs [through FY97].
- ***\$503 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:*** Since FY93, California has received more than \$503 million to fund improvements at Los Angeles International Airport and San Francisco International Airport [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### Colorado

#### EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:

- **Unemployment Down to 3.4%:** The unemployment rate in Colorado has declined from 6.1% to 3.4% since 1993.
- **314,200 New Jobs:** 314,200 new jobs have been created in Colorado since 1993 -- an average of 67,329 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 43,700 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **75,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 37,000 Colorado workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 38,000 more, received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 409,000 families in Colorado.
- **Homebuilding Up 13.3%:** Home building has increased 13.3% per year since 1993.
- **Over \$40,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four.** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before the passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Colorado.

#### EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:

- **Over \$43 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Colorado received \$40 million in Head Start funding. This year [FY98], Colorado receives \$43.7 million for Head Start, an increase of nearly \$4 million over 1997.
- **\$5.4 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Colorado receives \$5.4 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$4 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Colorado receives \$4 million -- doubling its funding over FY97 -- for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$70 Million for Students Most in Need:** Colorado receives \$70 million in Title I Grants (to Local Educational Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$76 Million in Pell Grants:** Colorado received \$76 million last year in Pell Grant funding, helping Colorado's low-income students go to college.
- **1,874 Have Served in California through AmeriCorps:** Last year, 242 AmeriCorps participants served their communities while earning money for college by working in Colorado's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods and parks. Since the National Service program began in 1993, 1,874 members have served California in 100 different programs [through FY97].
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 101,000 students in Colorado will receive a

**HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 124,000 students in Colorado will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.**

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- ***Crime Falls 5% in Colorado:*** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 15% in Denver and 5% statewide. [1996 data].
- ***729 More Police:*** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 729 new police officers in communities across Colorado [through 7/97].  
***\$1.9 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:*** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Colorado will use more than \$1.9 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Colorado received \$1.7 million under VAWA in FY96.
- ***\$625,635 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:*** In 1998, Colorado will receive an estimated \$625,635 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- ***\$6 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Colorado's Schools:*** Colorado has received \$6 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING COLORADO RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- ***44,098 Fewer People on Welfare:*** There are 44,098 fewer people on welfare in Colorado now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 36% decrease [through 6/97].
- ***Child Support Collections Up 81%:*** Child support collections have increased by nearly \$47 million - or 81% -- in Colorado since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN COLORADO'S HEALTH:***

- ***Health Care for Uninsured Children:*** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. **To expand health coverage to 72,000 uninsured children in Colorado the balanced budget provides more than \$41 million in 1998.** This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health care coverage to 50,200 children in Colorado.
- ***Helping Colorado Women and Children with WIC:*** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Today, in Colorado 6,488 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.
- ***More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:*** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Colorado in 1996, 94% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 91% received the vaccine for polio; 89% received the vaccine for measles, and 91% received the vaccine for

*Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

**PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:**

- **4 Toxic Waste Sites Cleaned Up:** Since 1993, the EPA has completed 4 Superfund toxic waste cleanups in Colorado, in Denver, Boulder, Commerce City and Aspen [through 6/97]. There was only one site cleaned up in Colorado during the previous twelve years combined.
- **Brownfields Pilot in Englewood:** The EPA has awarded a regional Brownfields Demonstration Pilot in Englewood, which is intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

**SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS:**

- **\$3 Million to Denver:** Denver was designated an Enterprise Community in December, 1994 and was awarded \$3 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for city residents.

**PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:**

- **4,798 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Colorado has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 4,798. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 54%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

**EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:**

- **Over \$126 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided \$126.4 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Colorado [through FY97].
- **Over \$1 Billion in Highway Funds:** The FHWA has provided over \$1 billion highway funds to Colorado since 1993. This money has helped generate approximately 46,000 jobs [through FY97].
- **Over \$271 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Colorado has received \$271 million to fund improvements at Denver International Airport and Colorado Springs Municipal Airport [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### Connecticut

#### EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:

- **Unemployment Down to 4.6%:** The unemployment rate in Connecticut has declined from 6.6% to 4.6% since 1993.
- **66,900 New Private Sector Jobs:** 66,900 new private-sector jobs have been created in Connecticut since 1993 -- an average of 14,336 jobs per year. In contrast, an average of 34,725 private sector jobs were lost each year during the previous administration.
- **59,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 18,000 Connecticut workers have benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 41,000 more, received an additional raise on September 1, 1997.
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 362,000 families in Connecticut.
- **Business Failures Down 13.7%:** Business failures have dropped 13.7% per year since 1993, after increasing 68.5% per year during the previous four years.
- **Over \$40,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four.** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before the passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Connecticut.

#### EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:

- **\$27 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Connecticut received \$30.6 million in Head Start funding. This year [FY98], Connecticut receives \$336 million, an increase of \$305 million over 1997.
- **\$4.7 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Connecticut receives \$4.7 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$3.8 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Connecticut receives \$3.8 million -- more than doubling its funding over FY97 -- for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$68 Million for Students Most in Need:** Connecticut receives \$68 million in Title I Grants (to Local Educational Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **Over 1100 Have Served in Connecticut through AmeriCorps:** Last year, 127 AmeriCorps participants served their communities while earning money for college by working in Connecticut's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods and parks. Since the National Service program began in 1993, over 1100 members have served Connecticut in 87 different programs [through FY97].

- **\$36.6 Million in Pell Grants:** Connecticut received \$36.6 million last year in Pell Grant funding, helping Connecticut's low-income students go to college.
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 69,000 students in Connecticut will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 85,000 students in Connecticut will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls 16% in Connecticut:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 37% in Hartford, 14% in New Haven, 17% in Stamford, 14% in Waterbury, and **16% statewide**. [1996 data].
- **587 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 587 new police officers to date in communities across Connecticut [through 7/97].
- **\$1.8 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Connecticut will be able to use \$1.8 million in federal funds by the end of this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services.
- **\$560,435 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Connecticut will receive an estimated \$560,435 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$4.8 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Connecticut's Schools:** Connecticut has received \$4.8 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **6,849 Fewer People on Welfare:** Since 1993, there are 6,849 fewer people on welfare in Connecticut [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 48%:** Child support collections have been increased by \$40 million -- or 48% -- in Connecticut since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN CONNECTICUT'S HEALTH:***

- **Health Care For Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. **To expand health coverage to 53,000 uninsured children in Connecticut the balanced budget provides \$35 million in 1998.** This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health care coverage to 53,600 children in Connecticut.
- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood

Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Connecticut in 1996, 99% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 95% received the vaccine for polio; 96% received the vaccine for measles, and 98% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### ***PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:***

- ***2 Toxic Waste Sites Cleaned Up:*** Since 1993, the EPA has completed 2 Superfund toxic waste cleanups in Connecticut, in Norwalk and Cheshire [through 6/97].
- ***4 Brownfields Pilots in Connecticut:*** The EPA has awarded national Brownfields Demonstration Pilots in Bridgeport and Hartford, and regional pilot in New Haven and the Naugatuck Valley. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### ***SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- ***\$6 Million to Bridgeport and New Haven:*** Bridgeport and New Haven were designated as Enterprise Communities in December, 1994 and were awarded \$3 million each to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents.

#### ***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- ***\$8.1 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:*** Since 1993, Connecticut has received \$8.1 million in disaster relief. This includes assistance to recover from the Blizzard of 1996.
- ***7,583 More National Flood Insurance Policies:*** Since the President took office, Connecticut has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 7,583. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 40%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### ***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- ***Over \$292 Million to Improve Mass Transit:*** The FTA has provided over \$292 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Connecticut [through FY97].
- ***Nearly \$1.8 Billion in Highway Funding:*** Since 1993, Connecticut has received nearly \$1.8 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 73,873 jobs [through FY97].
- ***Over \$21 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:*** Since 1993, Connecticut has received over \$21 million to fund airport improvements [through 6/97].

**PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**  
*The District of Columbia*

**EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 8.1%:** The unemployment rate in the District of Columbia has declined from 8.9% to 8.1% since 1993.
- **The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In the District of Columbia, the poverty rate has fallen 2.3 percentage points since 1993. [1996 data]
- **Business Failures Down 15.4%:** Business failures have dropped 15.4% per year since 1993, after increasing 40.7% per year during the previous four years.
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 43,000 families in the District of Columbia.
- **Highest Homeownership Ever in the District:** Since 1992, homeownership in the District of Columbia has increased from 35% to 44% -- its highest rate on record.
- **Over \$40,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four.** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before the passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in the District of Columbia.

**EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$17 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, the District of Columbia received \$15.8 million in Head Start funding. This year [FY98], the District of Columbia receives \$17 million, an increase of \$1.2 million over 1997.
- **\$1.8 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], the District of Columbia receives \$1.8 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$2 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], the District of Columbia receives \$2 million -- doubling its funding over FY97 -- for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$21.7 Million for Students Most in Need:** The District of Columbia receives \$21.7 million in Title I Grants (to Local Educational Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$15.4 Million in Pell Grants:** The District of Columbia received \$15.4 million last year in Pell Grant funding, helping the District's low-income students go to college.
- **Nearly 1,100 Have Served in the District of Columbia through AmeriCorps:** Last year, 132 AmeriCorps participants served their communities while earning money for college by working in

District schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1993, nearly 1300 members have served the District of Columbia in 107 different programs.

- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. **34,000 students in the District of Columbia will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 42,000 students in the District of Columbia will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.**

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls 3% in the District of Columbia:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 3% in the District of Columbia [1996 data].
- **648 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 648 new police officers to date in neighborhoods across the District of Columbia [through 7/97].
- **\$718,000 to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, the District of Columbia will use \$718,000 in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. The District of Columbia received \$699,000 under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$400,000 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, the District of Columbia will receive an estimated \$400,000 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$2.6 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of District of Columbia Schools:** The District of Columbia receives approximately \$2.6 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **529 Fewer People on Welfare:** IN 1996, President Clinton signed a land mark welfare reform bill which promises to move thousands of DC residents from welfare to work. Since 1993, there are 529 fewer people on welfare in the District of Columbia.
- **Child Support Collections Up 38%:** Child support collections have increased by \$7.6 million -- or 38% -- in the District of Columbia since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S HEALTH:***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up, strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. **To expand health coverage to 16,000 uninsured children in the District of Columbia the**

balanced budget provides \$13 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health care coverage to 10,700 children in D.C.

- **Over \$15.8 Million in Ryan White Funds:** Since President Clinton took office, funding for the Ryan White CARE Act has increased by 159% nationwide. In FY97, the District of Columbia received a \$8.4 million Ryan White formula award and a \$7.4 million supplemental grant to care for people living with AIDS and HIV.
- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In District of Columbia in 1996, 98% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 94% received the vaccine for polio; 94% received the vaccine for measles, and 93% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### ***SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- **\$3 Million to the District of Columbia:** In December 1994, the District was designated an Enterprise Community, and was awarded \$3 million to create jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for its residents.

#### ***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- **115 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, the District of Columbia has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 115. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 62%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### ***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- **Over \$1.5 Billion to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided over \$1.5 billion since 1993 to improve public transportation in the District [through FY97].
- **\$414.7 Million in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, the District of Columbia has received \$414.7 million in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 17,462 jobs [through FY97].

**PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**  
*Delaware*

***EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:***

- ***Unemployment Down to 3.7%:*** The unemployment rate in Delaware has declined from 5% to 3.7% since 1993.
- ***47,200 New Jobs:*** 47,200 new jobs have been created in Delaware since 1993 -- an average of 10,114 per year, compared to an average of just 750 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- ***17,000 Have Received a Raise:*** Approximately 10,000 Delaware workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 7,000 more, received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- ***The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:*** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Delaware, the poverty rate has fallen 1.6% since 1993. [1996 data]
- ***A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children.*** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 77,000 families in Delaware.
- ***Over \$40,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four.*** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before the passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Delaware.

***EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:***

- ***\$7.4 Million in Head Start Funding:*** In FY97, Delaware received \$6.9 million in Head Start funding. This year [FY98], Delaware receives \$7.4 million, an increase of \$500,000 over 1997.
- ***\$1.7 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:*** This year [FY98], Delaware receives \$1.7 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- ***\$2 Million for Technology Literacy:*** This year [FY98], Delaware receives \$2 million -- doubling its funding over FY97 -- for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- ***\$18 Million for Students Most in Need:*** Delaware receives \$18 million in Title I Grants (to Local Educational Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].

- **\$8 Million in Pell Grants:** Delaware received \$8 million last year in Pell Grant funding, helping Delaware's low-income students go to college.
- **Nearly 1,000 Have Served in Delaware through AmeriCorps:** Last year, 656 AmeriCorps participants served their communities while earning money for college by working in Delaware's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods and parks. Since the National Service program began in 1993, nearly 1,000 members have served Delaware in 73 different programs.
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 19,000 students in Delaware will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 24,000 students in Delaware will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **313 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 313 new police officers to date in communities across Delaware. [through 7/97]
- **782,000 to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Delaware was allocated 782,000 in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Delaware received \$746,000 under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$400,000 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Delaware will receive an estimated \$400,000 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$2.6 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Delaware's Schools:** Connecticut has received \$2.6 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING DELAWARE RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **6,056 Fewer People on Welfare:** Since 1993, there are 6,056 fewer people on welfare in Delaware -- an 22% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 39%:** Child support collections have increased by \$10 million -- or 39% -- in Delaware since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN DELAWARE'S HEALTH:***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that

prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Delaware the balanced budget provides \$8 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health care coverage to 1,700 children in Delaware.

- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Delaware in 1996, 97% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 93% received the vaccine for polio; 90% received the vaccine for measles, and 95% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae B*, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### ***PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:***

- **Seven Superfund Sites Cleaned Up:** Since the President took office in 1993, the EPA completed toxic waste site clean-up in Cheswold, New Castle, Kirkwood, Laurel, Wilmington, Smyrna, and Millsboro, Delaware [through 6/97]. In contrast, only 4 sites were completed in the previous 12 years combined.
- **Brownfields Pilot in Wilmington:** The EPA has awarded a national Brownfields Demonstration Pilot in Wilmington, which is intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### ***SPEARHEADING URBAN AND RURAL RENEWAL PROJECTS:***

- **\$3 Million to Wilmington:** Wilmington was designated an Enterprise Community in December, 1994 and was awarded \$3 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents.

#### ***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- **\$9.5 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Delaware has received \$9.5 million in disaster relief. This includes \$3.5 million in assistance to recover from the Blizzard of 1996.
- **4,880 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Delaware has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 4,880. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 54%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### ***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- **Over \$27 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided \$27.4 million since

1993 to improve public transportation in Delaware [through FY97].

- **\$377 Million in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Delaware has received \$377 million in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate nearly 16,000 jobs [through FY97].
- **Over \$3.5 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Since 1993, Delaware has received over \$3.5 million to fund airport improvements [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Florida*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 4.7%:** The unemployment rate in Florida has declined from 7.3% to 4.7% since 1993.
- **995,800 New Jobs:** 995,800 new jobs have been created in Florida since 1993 -- an average of 213,386 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 70,725 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **556,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 214,000 Florida workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 342,000 more, received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Florida, the poverty rate has fallen 3.6% since 1993. [1996 data]
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 1,333,000 families in Florida.
- **Business Failures Down 14.4%:** Business failures have dropped 14.4% per year since 1993, after increasing 27.8% per year during the previous 12 years.
- **Home Building Up 4.9% Per Year:** Home building has increased 4.9% per year since 1993.
- **Over \$40,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before the passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Idaho.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **Over \$159 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Florida received \$144 million in Head Start funding. This year [FY98], Florida receives \$159 million, an increase of \$15 million over 1997.
- **\$21 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Florida receives \$21 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **Over \$16 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Florida receives over \$16 million -- doubling its funding over FY97 -- for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.

- **\$332 Million for Students Most in Need:** Florida receives \$332 million in Title I Grants (to Local Educational Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$278 Million in Pell Grants:** Florida received \$278 million last year in Pell Grant funding, helping Florida's low-income students go to college.
- **Over 2000 Have Served in Florida through AmeriCorps:** Last year, 246 AmeriCorps participants served their communities while earning money for college by working in Florida's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods and parks. Since the National Service program began in 1993, over 2000 members have served Florida in 194 different programs [through FY97].
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 255,000 students in Florida will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 311,000 students in Florida will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls 4% in Florida:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 15% in Jacksonville, 19% in Miami, 27% in Tallahassee, 7% in Tampa, and 4% statewide. [1996 data].
- **3,519 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 3,519 new police officers to date in communities across Florida [through 7/97].
- **\$6.1 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Florida will use approximately \$6.1 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Florida received \$5.3 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$2.4 Million in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Florida will receive an estimated \$2.4 million in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$2.6 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Florida's Schools:** Florida has received \$2.6 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING FLORIDIANS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **279,659 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 279,659 fewer people on welfare in Florida now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 40% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 61%:** Child support collections have increased by \$154 million -- or 61% -- in Florida since FY92 [through FY96].

### ***INVESTING IN FLORIDA'S HEALTH:***

- ***Health Care for Uninsured Children:*** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. **To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Florida the balanced budget provides more than \$270 million in 1998.** This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health care coverage to 272,000 children in Florida.
- ***Helping Florida Women and Children with WIC:*** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Today, in Florida, 64,306 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.
- ***More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:*** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Florida in 1996, 96% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 92% received the vaccine for polio; 90% received the vaccine for measles, and 92% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

### ***PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:***

- ***17 Toxic Waste Sites Cleaned Up:*** Since 1993, the EPA has completed 17 Superfund toxic waste cleanups in Florida, in Miami (3), Hialeah (2), Pensacola, Lake Park, Pompano Beach, Orlando, Davie, Cantonment, Jacksonville, Fort Lauderdale, Medley, Tampa, Baldwin and Madison [through 6/97]. There were only 9 sites cleaned up in the previous 12 years combined.
- ***7 Brownfields Pilots in Florida:*** Since 1993, the EPA has awarded 7 Brownfields Demonstration Pilots in Florida -- regional pilots in Clearwater, Gainesville, Miami, and St. Petersburg, and national pilots in Dade County, Jacksonville, and Tallahassee. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

### ***SPEARHEADING URBAN AND RURAL RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- ***\$2 Million to Communities Across Florida:*** Tampa, Jackson County and Miami were all designated Enterprise Communities in December, 1994 and were awarded \$3 million each to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents.

***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- ***\$261.7 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:*** Since 1993, Florida has received \$261.7 million in disaster relief. This includes \$107.2 million in assistance to recover from Hurricane Opal, which occurred in October of 1995..
- ***610,256 More National Flood Insurance Policies:*** Since the President took office, Florida has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 610,256. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 62%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- ***Over \$700 Million to Improve Mass Transit:*** The FTA has provided \$721.2 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Florida [through FY97].
- ***\$3.9 Billion in Highway Funding:*** Since 1993, Florida has received \$3.9 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 165,203 jobs [through FY97].
- ***Over \$346 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:*** Florida has received over \$346 million in airport improvement funds, which have gone to Miami International and Orlando International for constructing terminal buildings, acquiring land for runways, and improving runway lighting [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### Georgia

#### EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:

- **Unemployment Down to 4.5%:** The unemployment rate in Georgia is now 4.5% since 1993.
- **600,500 New Jobs:** 600,500 new jobs have been created in Georgia since 1993 -- an average of 128,679 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 31,625 jobs per year during the previous administration.
- **281,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 96,000 Georgia workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 185,000 more, received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 847,000 families in Georgia.
- **Business Failures Down 15.6% Per Year:** Business failures have dropped an average of 15.6% per year since 1993, after increasing 20.1% per year during the previous 12 years.
- **Highest Home Ownership Ever:** Home ownership in Georgia increased from 66.9 to 70.8 since 1992 and it is now the highest on record.
- **Over \$40,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four.** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before the passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Georgia.

#### EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:

- **\$107 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Georgia received \$97.2 million in Head Start funding. This year [FY98], Georgia receives \$107 million, an increase of \$9.5 million over 1997.
- **\$12 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Georgia receives \$12 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$11 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Georgia receives \$11 million -- doubling its funding over FY97 -- for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$194 Million for Students Most in Need:** Georgia receives \$194 million in Title I Grants (to Local Educational Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly in communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$131 Million in Pell Grants:** Georgia received \$131 million last year in Pell Grant funding,

- helping Georgia's low-income students go to college.
- **Nearly 2000 Have Served in Georgia through AmeriCorp:** Since the National Service program began in 1993, nearly 2000 AmeriCorp participants, working in 143 different programs, have earned money for college while working in Georgia's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks.
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 122,000 students in Georgia will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 149,000 students in Georgia will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### **FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:**

- **Crime Falls in Savannah:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 2% in Savannah. [1996 data].
- **1,425 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 1,425 new police officers to date in communities across Georgia [through 7/97].
- **\$3.3 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Georgia will use \$3.3 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Georgia received approximately \$3 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$1.2 Million in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Georgia will receive an estimated \$1.2 million in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **Nearly \$13.3 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Georgia's Schools:** Georgia receives \$13.3 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### **MOVING GEORGIANS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:**

- **147,338 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 147,338 fewer people on welfare in Georgia now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 37% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 49%:** Child support collections have increased by \$85 million -- or 49% -- in Georgia since FY92 [through FY96].

#### **INVESTING IN GEORGIA'S HEALTH:**

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and

mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Georgia the balanced budget provides \$125 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health care coverage to 174,700 children in Georgia.

- **Helping Georgia Women and Children with WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Today, in Georgia, 15,854 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.
- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Georgia in 1996, 96% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 94% received the vaccine for polio; 92% received the vaccine for measles, and 92% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### **PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:**

- **\$ Toxic Waste Sites Cleaned Up:** Since 1993, the EPA has completed 5 Superfund toxic waste cleanups in Georgia -- three in Cedartown and one each in Augusta and Powersville [through 6/97]. Only one site was cleaned up in a year of the preceding twelve years.
- **Brownfields Pilot in Atlanta:** The EPA has awarded a regional Brownfields Demonstration Pilot in Atlanta, which is intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### **SPEARHEADING URBAN AND RURAL RENEWAL EFFORTS:**

- **\$100 Million to Atlanta:** Atlanta was designated an Empowerment Zone and was awarded \$100 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for city residents.
- **\$12 Million to Other Communities Across Georgia:** Albany, Central Savannah, Crisp County and Dooly County were also designated Enterprise Communities in December, 1994 and were awarded \$3 million for similar job creation efforts.

#### **PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:**

- **\$429.6 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Georgia has received \$429.6 million in disaster relief. This includes \$381.3 million in assistance to recover from devastating floods that occurred in July of 1994.
- **20,243 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Georgia has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 20,243. Since

1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 70%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- ***\$344 Million to Improve Mass Transit:*** The FTA has provided \$344 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Georgia [through FY97].
- ***Nearly \$180 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:*** Since 1993, Georgia has received nearly \$180 million to fund airport improvements [through 6/97].
- ***\$2.7 Billion in Highway Funding:*** Since 1993, Georgia has received \$2.7 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 112,683 jobs [through FY97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Hawaii*

#### **HELPING FAMILIES:**

- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 111,000 families in Hawaii.
- **Over \$40,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four.** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before the passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Hawaii.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$13 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Hawaii received \$12.2 million in Head Start funding. This year [FY98], Hawaii receives \$13.3 million, an increase of \$1.1 million over 1997.
- **\$1.7 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Hawaii receives \$1.7 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$21 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Hawaii receives \$2 million -- doubling its funding over FY97 -- for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$20 Million for Students Most in Need:** Hawaii receives \$20 million in Title I Grants (to Local Educational Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$11 Million in Pell Grants:** Hawaii received \$11 million last year in Pell Grant funding, helping Hawaii's low-income students go to college.
- **Over 300 Have Served in Hawaii through AmeriCorps:** Last year, 109 AmeriCorps participants served their communities while earning money for college by working in Hawaii's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1993, over 300 members have served Hawaii in 44 different programs [through FY97].
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax

credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 28,000 students in Hawaii will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 35,000 students in Hawaii will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- ***87 More Police:*** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 87 new police officers to date in communities across Hawaii [through 7/97].
- ***\$967,000 to Combat Domestic Violence:*** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Hawaii was appropriated \$967,000 in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Hawaii received more than \$911,000 under VAWA in FY96.
- ***\$400,000 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:*** In 1998, Hawaii will receive an estimated \$400,000 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- ***\$2.6 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Hawaii's Schools:*** Hawaii has received \$2.6 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING HAWAII RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- ***Landmark Welfare Reform Bill:*** In 1996, President Clinton signed a landmark welfare reform bill which promises to move thousands of Hawaii residents from welfare to work.
- ***Child Support Collections Up 57%:*** Child support collections have increased by \$20 million -- or 57% -- in Hawaii since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN HAWAII'S HEALTH:***

- ***Health Care for Uninsured Children:*** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. **To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Hawaii the Balanced Budget provides \$9 million.** This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health care coverage to 14,500 children in Hawaii.
- ***Helping Hawaii Women and Children with WIC:*** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Today, in Hawaii, 5,412 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.

- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Hawaii in 1996, 93% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 91% received the vaccine for polio; 92% received the vaccine for measles, and 91% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### **PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:**

- **\$5.1 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Hawaii has received \$5.1 million in disaster relief. This includes assistance to recover from floods that occurred in November of 1996.
- **29,703 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Hawaii has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 29,703. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 169%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### **EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:**

- **Over \$82 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided \$89.4 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Hawaii [through FY97].
- **\$862 Million in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Hawaii has received \$862 million in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 36,291 jobs [through FY97].
- **Nearly \$82 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Since 1993, Hawaii has received nearly \$82 million to fund airport improvements [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Iowa*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 2.7%:** The unemployment rate in Iowa has declined from 4.2% to 2.7% since 1993.
- **140,300 New Jobs:** 140,300 new jobs have been created in Iowa since 1993 -- an average of 30,064 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 19,900 jobs per year during the previous administration.
- **64,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 6,000 Iowa workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- October 1, 1996. They, along with about 58,000 more, received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on Sept. 1, 1997.
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 312,000 families in Iowa.
- **Business Failures Down 5.9%:** Business failures have dropped 5.9% per year since 1993, after increasing 18% per year during the previous two administrations.
- **Highest Home Ownership Ever:** Home Ownership in Iowa has increased from 66.3 to 74.7 since 1992 and it is now the highest on record.
- **Over 40.00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Iowa.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$31.7 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Iowa received \$29 million in Head Start funding. In FY98 Iowa will receive \$31.7 million, an increase of \$2.7 million over 1997.
- **\$3.8 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Iowa receives \$3.8 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$2.7 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Iowa receives \$2.7 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$51.9 Million for Students Most in Need:** Iowa will receive \$51.9 million in Title I Grants (to Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$72 Million in Pell Grants:** Iowa received \$72 million last year in Pell Grant funding, which helps Iowa's low-income students go to college.

- **Over 500 Have Served in Iowa through AmeriCorps:** This year, 35 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Iowa's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, over 500 members have served Iowa in 72 different programs [through FY97]
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 69,000 students in Iowa will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 84,000 students in Iowa will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls 6% in Iowa:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 8% in Des Moines and 6% statewide. [1996 data].
- **420 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 420 new police officers to date in communities across Iowa [through 10/97].
- **\$1.6 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Iowa will use \$1.6 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Iowa received \$1.5 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$484,114 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Iowa will receive an estimated 484,114 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$4.6 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Iowa's Schools:** Iowa receives \$4.6 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING IOWANS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **24,259 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 24,259 fewer people on welfare in Iowa now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 24% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 56%:** Child support collections have increased by \$54 million -- or 56% -- in Iowa since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN IOWA'S HEALTH:***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription

drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Iowa the balanced budget provides \$32.5 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 26,400 children in Iowa.

- **Helping Iowa Women and Children with WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Today, in Iowa, 7,837 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.
- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Iowa in 1996, 97% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 94% received the vaccine for polio; 92% received the vaccine for measles, and 94% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae B*, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### ***PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:***

- **6 Toxic Waste Sites Cleaned Up:** Since 1993, the EPA has completed 6 Superfund toxic waste cleanups in Iowa, in West Point, Fairfield, Mason City, Maurice, Kellogg, and Charles City [through 6/97]. This is more than the number of sites cleaned up in Iowa during the previous twelve years combined (4).

#### ***SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- **\$3 Million to Des Moines:** Des Moines was designated an Enterprise Community in December, 1994 and was awarded \$3 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for city residents.

#### ***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- **\$263.1 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Iowa has received \$263.1 million in disaster relief. This includes \$251 million in assistance to recover from the Midwest Floods of 1993.
- **3,329 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Iowa has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 3,329. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 52%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### ***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- **Over \$86 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided \$86.2 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Iowa [through FY97].
- **Over \$1 Billion in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Iowa has received over \$1 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 46,167 jobs [through FY97].
- **Over \$68 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Since 1993, Iowa has received over \$68 million to fund airport improvements [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Idaho*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 5.0%:** The unemployment rate in Idaho declined from 6.5% to 5.0% since 1993.
- **72,200 New Jobs:** 72,200 new jobs have been created in Idaho since 1993.
- **59,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 22,000 Idaho workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 37,000 more, received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **251,300 Protected By Family & Medical Leave:** Approximately 251,300 Idaho workers are covered by the Family & Medical Leave Law, which allows workers to take up to 12 weeks unpaid leave to care for a new baby or ailing relative [1995 data].
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 116,000 families in Idaho.
- **Over \$40,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four.** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before the passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Idaho.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$12.4 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Idaho received \$10 million in Head Start funding. This year [FY98], Idaho receives \$12.4 million, an increase of \$2.4 million over 1997.
- **\$1.9 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Idaho receives \$1.9 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$2 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Idaho receives \$2 million -- doubling its funding over FY97 -- for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$22 Million for Students Most in Need:** Idaho receives \$22 million in Title I Grants (to Local Educational Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$32 Million in Pell Grants:** Idaho received \$32 million last year in Pell Grant funding, which helped Idaho's low-income students go to college.

- **Over 500 Have Served in Idaho through AmeriCorps:** Last year, 334 AmeriCorps participants served their communities while earning money for college by working in Idaho's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1993, over 500 members have served Idaho in 110 different programs.
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 24,000 students in Idaho will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 29,000 students in Idaho will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls in Boise:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 15% in Boise [1996 data].
- **203 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 203 new police officers to date in communities across Idaho [through 7/97]
- **\$958,000 to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Idaho will use \$958,000 in federal funds in FY97 to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Idaho received \$895,000 under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$400,000 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Idaho will receive an estimated 400,000 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$2.6 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Idaho's Schools:** Idaho receives \$2.6 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING IDAHO RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **4,312 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 4,312 fewer people on welfare in Idaho now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 20% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 58%:** Child support collections have increased by \$16.2 million -- or 58% -- in Idaho since FY92. [through FY96]

#### ***INVESTING IN IDAHO'S HEALTH:***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state

level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Idaho the balanced budget provides \$15.8 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health care coverage to 11,900 children in Idaho.

- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Idaho in 1996, 89% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 86% received the vaccine for polio; 84% received the vaccine for measles, and 86% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### ***PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:***

- **Superfund Clean-up in Pocatello:** In September 1996, the EPA completed toxic waste site clean-up in Pocatello, Idaho [through 6/97].
- **Brownfields Pilot in Panhandle Health District:** The EPA has awarded a regional Brownfields Demonstration Pilot in the Panhandle Health District, Idaho, which is intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### ***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- **\$45.5 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Idaho has received \$45.5 million in disaster relief. This includes \$24.4 million in assistance to recover from flood that occurred in February of 1996.
- **6,071 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Idaho has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 6,071. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 260%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### ***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- **Over \$22 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided \$22.3 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Idaho [through FY97].
- **Over \$560 Million in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Idaho has received over \$560 million in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 23,591 jobs [through FY97].
- **\$34.6 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Since 1993, Idaho has received \$34.6 million to fund airport improvements [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Illinois*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 4.5%:** The unemployment rate in Illinois has declined from 7.2% to 4.5% since 1993.
- **483,100 New Jobs:** 483,100 new jobs have been created in Illinois since 1993 -- an average of 103,521 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 26,425 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **47,400 New Manufacturing Jobs:** 47,400 new manufacturing jobs have been created since 1993 -- an average of 10,157 jobs per year. In contrast, an average of 13,200 jobs that were *lost* each year under the previous administration.
- **430,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 158,000 Illinois workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 272,000 more, received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Illinois, the poverty rate has fallen 1.5% since 1993. [1996 data]
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 1,163,000 families in Illinois.
- **Over 40.00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Illinois.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **Over \$180 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Illinois received \$165.6 million in Head Start funding. This year, Illinois will receive \$180.9 million, an increase of \$15.3 million over 1997.
- **\$19.8 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Illinois receives \$19.8 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$18 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Illinois receives \$18 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century. That's almost twice the \$9.1 million Illinois received last year.
- **\$328 Million for Students Most in Need:** Illinois receives \$328 million in Title I Grants (to

Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].

- **\$213 Million in Pell Grants:** Illinois received \$213 million last year in Pell Grant funding, which helps Illinois's low-income students go to college.
- **Nearly 2000 Have Served in Illinois through AmeriCorps:** This year, 132 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Illinois' schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, nearly 2000 members have served Illinois in 156 different programs [through FY97].
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 308,000 students in Illinois will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 379,000 students in Illinois will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls 6% in Illinois:** Since 1992, serious crime has decreased **6% statewide**. [1996 data].
- **3,616 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 3,616 new police officers to date in communities across Illinois [through 7/97].
- **Over \$5 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Illinois was allocated \$5.2 million this year federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Illinois received \$4.6 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **Over \$2 Million in Grants for Battered Women:** In 1998, Illinois will receive an estimated \$2 million in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **Over \$23 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Illinois Schools:** Illinois receives \$23 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING ILLINOIS RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **131,285 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 131,285 fewer people on welfare in Illinois now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 19% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 33%:** Child support collections have been increased by over \$60 million -- or nearly 33% -- in Illinois since FY92 [through FY96].

### ***INVESTING IN ILLINOIS'S HEALTH:***

- ***Health Care for Uninsured Children:*** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Illinois the balanced budget provides \$123 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 92,300 children in Illinois.
- ***Helping Illinois Women and Children with WIC:*** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Today in Illinois, 9,378 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.
- ***More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:*** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Illinois in 1996, 94% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 89% received the vaccine for polio; 90% received the vaccine for measles, and 91% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.
- ***\$15.7 Million in Ryan White Funds:*** Since President Clinton took office, funding for the Ryan White CARE Act has increased by 159% nationwide. In FY97, Chicago received an \$8.2 million Ryan White formula award and a \$7.5 million supplemental grant to care for people living with AIDS and HIV.

### ***PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:***

- ***5 Toxic Waste Sites Cleaned Up:*** Since 1993, the EPA has completed 5 Superfund toxic waste cleanups in Illinois, in Taylorville, Pembroke Township, LaSalle, Marshall, and Wauconda [through 6/97]. This is more than the number of sites cleaned up in Illinois during the previous twelve years combined (4).
- ***5 Brownfields Pilots in Illinois:*** Since 1993, the EPA has awarded 5 Brownfields Demonstration Pilots in Illinois -- regional pilots in Chicago, East St. Louis, and the State of Illinois, and national pilots in West Central Municipal Conference and Cook County. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

### ***SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- ***\$100 Million to Chicago:*** Chicago was designated an Empowerment Zone in December 1994 and was awarded \$100 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for city residents. As part of this project, First Chicago has initiated a \$100,000 pilot program to help 75 to 100 qualified families buy their first homes.
- ***\$6 Million to Other Illinois Communities:*** Additionally, East St. Louis and Springfield were both designated Enterprise Communities, and were awarded \$3 million each for similar job creation efforts.

### ***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- ***\$527 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:*** Since 1993, Illinois has received \$527 million in disaster relief. This includes \$249 million in assistance to recover from the Midwest Floods of 1993.
- ***17,250 More National Flood Insurance Policies:*** Since the President took office, Illinois has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 17,250. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 60%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

### ***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- ***Over \$1.3 Billion to Improve Mass Transit:*** The FTA has provided \$1.37 billion since 1993 to improve public transportation in Illinois [through FY97].
- ***\$3.6 Billion in Highway Funds:*** Since 1993, Illinois has received approximately \$3.6 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate over 150,000 jobs [through FY97].
- ***Nearly \$365 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:*** Since 1993, Illinois has received nearly \$365 million in airport improvement funds [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Indiana*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 3.6%:** The unemployment rate in Indiana has declined from 6% to 3.6% since 1993.
- **247,000 New Jobs:** 247,000 new jobs have been created in Indiana since 1993 -- an average of 52,929 per year, compared to an average of just 37,625 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **222,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 105,000 Indiana workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 117,000 more received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Indiana, the poverty rate has fallen 4.7 percentage points since 1993. [1996 data]
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 650,000 families in Indiana.
- **Over 40,00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Indiana.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$61.3 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Indiana received \$55.8 million in Head Start Funding. This year Indiana will receive \$61.3 million, an increase of \$5.5 million over 1997.
- **\$8.3 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Indiana receives \$8.3 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$6.2 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Indiana receives \$6.2 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century. This is double the \$3.1 million Indiana received last year.
- **\$113 Million for Students Most in Need:** Indiana receives \$113 million in Title I Grants (to Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$108 Million in Pell Grants:** Indiana received \$108 million last year in Pell Grant funding, which helps Indiana's low-income students go to college.
- **Nearly 800 Have Served in Indiana through AmeriCorps:** This year, 94 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Indiana's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, nearly 800 members have served Indiana in 79 different programs [through FY97].

- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. **119,000 students in Indiana will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 146,000 students in Indiana will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.**

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls in Fort Wayne:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 12% in Fort Wayne [1996 data].
- **815 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 815 new police officers to date in communities across Indiana [through 7/97].
- **\$2.8 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Indiana will use \$2.8 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Indiana received more than \$2.5 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$984,314 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Indiana will receive an estimated \$984,314 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$9.5 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Indiana Schools:** Indiana has received \$9.5 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING INDIANA RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **100,110 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 100,110 fewer people on welfare in Indiana now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 48% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 55%:** Child support collections have increased by \$68.7 million -- or 55% -- in Indiana since FY92.

#### ***INVESTING IN INDIANA'S HEALTH:***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Indiana the balanced budget provides \$71 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 93,000 children in Indiana.

- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Indiana in 1996, 94% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 90% received the vaccine for polio; 87% received the vaccine for measles, and 89% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### **PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:**

- **Twelve Superfund Sites Cleaned Up:** Since the President took office in 1993, the EPA completed toxic waste site clean-up in Seymour, Columbus, Columbia City, Fort Wayne, Elkhart, South Bend, Zionsville, Vincennes, two in Gary, and two in Indianapolis, Indiana [through 6/97]. In the entire previous 12 years, only 4 sites were cleaned up.
- **3 Brownfields Pilots in Indiana:** Since 1993, the EPA has awarded 3 Brownfields Demonstration Pilots in Indiana -- regional pilots in Northwest Indiana cities and the State of Indiana, and a national pilot in Indianapolis. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### **SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS:**

- **\$3 Million to Indianapolis:** Indianapolis was designated an Enterprise Community in December, 1994 and was awarded \$3 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents.

#### **PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:**

- **\$13.2 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Indiana has received \$13.2 million in disaster relief. This includes \$2.1 million in assistance to recover from the Midwest Floods of 1993.
- **6,434 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Indiana has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 6,434. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 36%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### **EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:**

- **Over \$184 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided \$184.4 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Indiana [through FY97].
- **Over \$2 Billion in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Indiana has received over \$2 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate nearly 85,000 jobs [through FY97].
- **Nearly \$127 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Since 1993, Indiana has received nearly \$127 million to fund airport improvements [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Kansas*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 3.8%:** The unemployment rate in Kansas has declined from 4.7% to 3.8% since 1993.
- **148,000 New Jobs:** 148,000 new jobs have been created in Kansas since 1993 -- an average of 31,714 per year, compared to an average of just 16,425 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **141,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 65,000 Kansas workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 76,000 more received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **17,700 New Construction Jobs:** Since 1993, 17,700 new construction jobs have been created -- an average of 3,793 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 600 construction jobs per year during the previous administration.
- **The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Kansas, the poverty rate has fallen 1.9% since 1993. [1996 data]
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 291,000 families in Kansas.
- **Over 40,00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Kansas.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$30.4 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Kansas received \$27.9 million in Head Start funding. This year, Kansas will receive \$30.4 million, an increase of \$2.5 million over 1997.
- **\$4.2 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Kansas receives \$4.2 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$3 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Kansas receives \$3 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century. That's double the \$1.5 million Kansas received last year.
- **\$54.4 Million for Students Most in Need:** Kansas receives \$54.4 million in Title I Grants (to Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need,

particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].

- **\$64 Million in Pell Grants:** Kansas received \$64 million last year in Pell Grant funding, which helps Kansas' low-income students go to college.
- **Over 700 Have Served in Kansas through AmeriCorps:** This year, 53 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Kansas' schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, over 700 members have served Kansas in 101 different programs.
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 70,000 students in Kansas will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 85,000 students in Kansas will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls 10% in Kansas:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 12% in Wichita and 10% statewide. [1996 data].
- **529 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 529 new police officers to date in communities across Kansas [through 7/97].
- **\$1.5 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Kansas will be able to use \$1.5 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Kansas received more than \$1.4 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$437,054 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Kansas will receive an estimated \$437,054 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$4.5 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Kansas' Schools:** Kansas has received \$4.5 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING KANSAS RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **38,949 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 38,949 fewer people on welfare in Kansas now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 45% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 56%:** Child support collections have increased by \$36.9 million -- or 56% -- in Kansas since FY92 [through FY96].

### ***INVESTING IN KANSAS'S HEALTH:***

- ***Health Care for Uninsured Children:*** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Kansas the balanced budget provides \$31 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 6,000 children in Kansas.
- ***More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:*** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Kansas in 1996, 92% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 87% received the vaccine for polio; 88% received the vaccine for measles, and 89% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

### ***SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- ***\$28 Million for Greater Kansas City:*** The Greater Kansas City area was declared an enterprise community and awarded \$3 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents. It was later declared an Enhanced Enterprise Community and was awarded an additional \$25 million.

### ***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- ***\$89 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:*** Since 1993, Kansas has received \$89 million in disaster relief. This includes assistance to recover from the Midwest Floods of 1993.
- ***1,973 More National Flood Insurance Policies:*** Since the President took office, Kansas has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 1,973. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 25%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

### ***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- ***Over \$46 Million to Improve Mass Transit:*** The FTA has provided \$46.1 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Kansas [FY97].
- ***Over \$1 Billion in Highway Funding:*** Since 1993, Kansas has received over \$1 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 44,277 jobs [FY97].
- ***Over \$46 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:*** Since 1993, Kansas has received over \$46 million to fund airport improvements [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Kentucky*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 5.2%:** The unemployment rate in Kentucky has declined from 6.3% to 5.2% since 1993.
- **182,200 New Jobs:** 182,200 new jobs have been created in Kentucky since 1993 -- an average of 39,043 per year, compared to average of 30,550 jobs each year during the previous administration.
- **160,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 91,000 Kentucky workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 69,000 more, received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Kentucky, the poverty rate has fallen 3.4 percentage points since 1993. [1996 data]
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 423,000 families in Kentucky.
- **Business Failures Down 9.6%:** Business failures have dropped 9.6% per year since 1993, after increasing 17.8% per year during the previous 12 years.
- **Highest Home Ownership Ever:** Home Ownership in Kentucky has increased from 69.0 to 75.9 since 1992 and it is now the highest on record.
- **Over 40.00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Kentucky.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **Nearly \$70.8 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Kentucky received \$65.1 million in Head Start funding. This year, Kentucky received \$70.8 million, an increase of \$5.7 million over 1997.
- **\$7.2 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Kentucky receives \$7.2 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$6.9 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Kentucky receives \$6.9 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$129 Million for Students Most in Need:** Kentucky receives \$129 million in Title I Grants (to Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].

- **\$97 Million in Pell Grants:** Kentucky received \$97 million last year in Pell Grant funding, which helps Kentucky's low-income students go to college.
- **Over 1000 Have Served in Kentucky through AmeriCorps:** This year, 223 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Kentucky's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, over 1000 members have served Kentucky in 130 different programs [through FY97].
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 71,000 students in Kentucky will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 86,000 students in Kentucky will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **593 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 572 new police officers to date in communities across Kentucky [through 7/97].
- **\$2 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Kentucky will be able to use \$2 million in federal funds in FY97 to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Kentucky received \$1.8 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$654,897 in Grants for Battered Women:** In 1998, Kentucky will receive an estimated \$645,897 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$8 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Kentucky's Schools:** Kentucky receives \$8 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING KENTUCKY RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **75,212 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 75,212 fewer people on welfare in Kentucky now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 33% decrease [through 6/97]
- **Child Support Collections Up 52%:** Child support collections have increased by \$49 million -- or 52% -- in Kentucky since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN KENTUCKY'S HEALTH***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Kentucky the balanced budget Provides \$50 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 84,500 children in Kentucky.
- **Helping Kentucky Women and Children with WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children

(WIC). Today, in Kentucky, 7,093 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.

- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Kentucky in 1996, 95% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 92% received the vaccine for polio; 91% received the vaccine for measles, and 92% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### ***PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:***

- **5 Toxic Waste Sites Cleaned Up:** Since 1993, the EPA has completed 5 Superfund toxic waste cleanups in Kentucky in Auburn, West Point, Mayfield, Howe Valley and Brooks [through 6/97]. This is more than the number of sites cleaned up in Kentucky during the previous twelve years combined (4).
- **Brownfields Pilot in Louisville:** The EPA has awarded a national Brownfields Demonstration Pilot in Louisville, which is intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### ***SPEARHEADING RURAL RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- **\$40 Million to the Kentucky Highlands:** The Kentucky Highlands were designated a Rural Empowerment Zone in December, 1994 and were awarded \$40 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents. In addition, Louisville was designated an Enterprise Community and was awarded \$3 million for similar efforts. McCreary was also designated an Enterprise Community and was awarded \$1.6 million.

#### ***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- **\$37.5 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Kentucky has received \$37.5 million in disaster relief. This includes \$2.7 million in assistance to recover from the tornadoes that occurred in May of 1996.
- **4,290 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Kentucky has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 4,290. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 30%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### ***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- **Over \$90 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided \$90.1 million since 93 to improve public transportation in Kentucky [through FY97].
- **\$1.3 Billion in Highway Funds:** Kentucky has received \$1.3 billion in Federal highway funds over the past four years. These funds have helped generate over 56,000 jobs [through FY97].
- **Nearly \$192 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Since 1993, Kentucky has received nearly \$192 million in airport improvement funds [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Louisiana*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 5.7%:** The unemployment rate in Louisiana has declined from 7.6% to 5.7% since 1993.
- **200,500 New Jobs:** 200,500 new jobs have been created in Louisiana since 1993 -- an average of 42,964 per year, compared to an average of just 31,150 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **309,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 142,000 Louisiana workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 167,000 more received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Louisiana, the poverty rate has fallen 5.9% since 1993. [1996 data]
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 445,000 families in Louisiana.
- **Business Failures and Bankruptcy Filings Down:** Business failures have dropped 19.2% per year since 1993, after increasing 16.8% per year during the previous 12 years. Additionally, bankruptcy filings have declined 13.7% per year since 1993, after increasing 8.3% during the previous two administrations.
- **Home Building Up 10.9%:** Home building has increased 10.9% per year since 1993.
- **Over 40,00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Louisiana.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$97.9 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Louisiana received \$89.2 million in Head Start funding. In FY98, Louisiana received 97.9 million, an increase of \$8.7 million over 1997.
- **\$9.7 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Louisiana receives \$9.7 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$10.3 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Louisiana receives \$10.3 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$193.5 Million for Students Most in Need:** Louisiana receives \$193.5 million in Title I Grants (to Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].

- **\$136.4 Million in Pell Grants:** Louisiana received \$136.4 million last year [FY97] in Pell Grant funding, which helps Louisiana's low-income students go to college.
- **Over 1700 Have Served in Louisiana through AmeriCorps:** This year [FY97], 454 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Louisiana's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, over 1700 members have served Louisiana in 203 different programs.
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 76,000 students in Louisiana will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500, and 92,000 students in Louisiana will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **1,395 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 1,395 new police officers to date in communities across Louisiana [through 10/97].
- **\$2.2 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Louisiana will be able to use \$2.2 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Louisiana received \$2 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$738,406 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Louisiana will receive an estimated \$738,406 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$11.6 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Louisiana's Schools:** Louisiana receives \$11.6 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING LOUISIANA RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **83,470 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 83,470 fewer people on welfare in Louisiana now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 32% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 70%:** Child support collections have been increased by over \$59 million -- or 70% -- in Louisiana since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN LOUISIANA'S HEALTH:***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Louisiana the balanced budget provides \$102 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 234,400 children in Louisiana.
- **Helping Louisiana Women and Children with WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children

(WIC). Today, in Louisiana, 23,702 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.

- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Louisiana in 1996, 86% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 92% received the vaccine for polio; 89% received the vaccine for measles, and 94% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.
- **\$4.7 Million in Ryan White Funds:** Since President Clinton took office, funding for the Ryan White CARE Act has increased by 159% nationwide. In FY97, New Orleans received a \$2.6 million Ryan White formula award and a \$2.1 million supplemental grant to care for people living with AIDS and HIV.

#### ***PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:***

- **Sorrento Site Cleaned Up:** In December 1996, the EPA completed Superfund toxic waste clean-up in Sorrento, Louisiana.

#### ***SPEARHEADING URBAN AND RURAL RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- **\$12 Million to Communities Across Louisiana:** The Northeast Delta, Macon Ridge, New Orleans and Ouachita Parish were all designated Enterprise Communities in December, 1994, and were awarded \$3 million each to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents.

#### ***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- **\$165 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Louisiana has received \$165 million in disaster relief. This includes \$155 million in assistance to recover from the widespread flooding that occurred in May of 1995.
- **66,964 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Louisiana has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 66,964. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 26%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### ***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR AIR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- **Over \$144 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided over \$144 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Louisiana [through FY97].
- **\$1.3 Billion in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Louisiana has received \$1.3 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 55,105 jobs [through FY97].
- **Nearly \$272 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Since 1993, Louisiana has received nearly \$272 million in airport improvement funds [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Massachusetts*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 4%:** The unemployment rate in Massachusetts has declined from 7.5% to 4% since 1993.
- **309,800 New Jobs:** 309,800 new jobs have been created in Massachusetts since 1993 -- an average of 66,386 jobs per year. In contrast, an average of 81,550 jobs were *lost* each year during the previous administration.
- **91,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 91,000 Massachusetts workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996.
- **Home Sales Up 9.1%:** Existing home sales in Massachusetts have increased by 9.1% per year since 1993, after decreasing by nearly 7% each year during the previous four years.
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the Balanced Budget delivers a child tax credit to 580,000 families in Massachusetts.
- **Business Failures Down 11.3%:** Business failures have dropped 11.3% per year since 1993, after increasing 53% per year during the previous four years.
- **Highest Home Ownership Ever:** Home Ownership in Massachusetts has increased from 61.8 to 64.6 since 1992 and it is now the highest on record.
- **Over 40.00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Illinois.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$73.7 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Massachusetts received \$67.9 million in Head Start funding. This year, Massachusetts will receive \$73.7 million, an increase of \$5.8 million over 1997.
- **\$9.1 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Massachusetts receives \$9.1 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$8.1 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Massachusetts receives \$8.1 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$145.5 Million for Students Most in Need:** Massachusetts receives \$145.5 million in Title I Grants (to Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY97].
- **\$118.7 Million in Pell Grants:** Massachusetts received \$118.7 million last year in Pell Grant funding, which helps Massachusetts's low-income students go to college.

- **Nearly 3,000 Have Served in Massachusetts through AmeriCorps:** This year, 314 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Massachusetts' schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, nearly 3,000 members have served Massachusetts in 224 different programs.
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 176,000 students in Massachusetts will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 217,000 students in Massachusetts will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls 22% in Massachusetts:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 21% in Boston and 22% statewide. [1996 data].
- **2,273 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 2,273 new police officers to date in communities across Massachusetts [through 7/97].
- **\$2.9 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Massachusetts will be able to use \$2.9 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Massachusetts received \$2.6 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$1 Million in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Massachusetts will receive an estimated \$1 million in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$9.7 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Massachusetts' Schools:** Massachusetts receives approximately \$9.7 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **137,973 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 137,973 fewer people on welfare in Massachusetts now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 42% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 35%:** Child support collections have increased by \$64 million -- or 35% -- in Massachusetts since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN MASSACHUSETTS' HEALTH:***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Massachusetts the Balanced Budget provides \$43 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 104,700 children in Massachusetts.

- **Helping Massachusetts Women and Children with WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Today, in Massachusetts, 15,018 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.
- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Massachusetts in 1996, 98% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 94% received the vaccine for polio; 96% received the vaccine for measles, and 96% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.
- **Over \$9 Million in Ryan White Funds:** Since President Clinton took office, funding for the Ryan White CARE Act has increased by 159% nationwide. In FY97, Boston received a \$4 million Ryan White formula award and a \$5.1 million supplemental grant to care for people living with AIDS and HIV.

#### **PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:**

- **Superfund Site Cleaned Up in Lanesboro:** The Superfund toxic waste site in Lanesboro, MA was cleaned up by the EPA in September of 1994.
- **8 Brownfields Pilots in Massachusetts:** Since 1993, the EPA has awarded 8 Brownfields Demonstration Pilots in Massachusetts -- national pilots in Chicopee, Greenfield, Lawrence, Lowell, Worcester, and New Bedford, and regional pilots in Boston and Lynn. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### **SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS:**

- **\$28 Million to Boston:** In December 1994, Boston was designated an Enterprise Community, and was awarded \$3 million to create jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for its residents. It was later declared an Enhanced Enterprise Community, and was awarded an additional \$25 million.
- **\$6 Million to Other Massachusetts Cities:** Lowell and Springfield were designated Enterprise Communities and were awarded \$3 million each for similar efforts.

#### **PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:**

- **\$57 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Massachusetts has received \$57 million in disaster relief. This includes \$22.7 million in assistance to recover from the Blizzard of 1996.
- **7,386 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Massachusetts has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 7,386. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 27%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### **EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:**

- **Over \$800 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided over \$800 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Massachusetts [through FY97].

- **\$4.1 Billion in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Massachusetts has received \$4.1 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 174,182 jobs [through FY97].
- **Over \$89 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Since 1993, Massachusetts has received over \$89 million in airport improvement funds, which have gone to Logan International for runway reconstruction and lighting, as well as the construction of a building to aircraft rescue and fire fighting equipment [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Maryland*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 4.7%:** The unemployment rate in Maryland has declined from 6.4% to 4.7% since 1993.
- **161,000 New Jobs:** 161,000 new jobs have been created in Maryland since 1993 -- an average of 34,500 per year, compared to an average loss of 11,775 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **90,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 35,000 Maryland workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 55,000 more received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the Balanced Budget delivers a child tax credit to 535,000 families in Maryland.
- **Highest Home Ownership Ever:** Home Ownership in Maryland has increased from 64.8 to 71.4 since 1992 and it is now at the highest on record.
- **Over 40,00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Maryland.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$51.5 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Maryland received \$47.2 million in Head Start funding. This year Maryland will receive \$51.5 million, an increase of \$4.3 million over 1997.
- **\$7.1 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Maryland receives \$7.1 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$5.5 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Maryland receives \$5.5 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$98.3 Million for Students Most in Need:** Maryland receives \$98.3 million in Title I Grants (to Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$76.8 Million in Pell Grants:** Maryland received \$76.8 million last year in Pell Grant funding, which helps Maryland's low-income students go to college.

- **2170 Have Served in Maryland through AmeriCorps:** This year, approximately 50 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Maryland's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, 2170 members have served Maryland in 125 different programs.
- **Tuition Tax Credits to Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 112,000 students in Maryland will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 138,000 students in Maryland will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls in Baltimore:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 5% in Baltimore [1996 data].
- **1,379 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 1,379 new police officers to date in communities across Maryland [through 10/97].
- **\$2.5 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Maryland will be able to use \$2.5 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Maryland received more than \$2.2 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$856,655 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Maryland will receive an estimated 856,655 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$7.8 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Maryland's Schools:** Maryland received \$7.8 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING MARYLAND RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **70,007 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 70,007 fewer people on welfare in Maryland now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 32% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 49%:** Child support collections have increased by over \$95 million -- or 49% -- in Maryland since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN MARYLAND'S HEALTH:***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription

drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Maryland the Balanced Budget provides \$62 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 49,700 children in Maryland.

- **Helping Maryland Women and Children with WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Today in Maryland, 8,669 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.
- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Maryland in 1996, 98% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 94% received the vaccine for polio; 95% received the vaccine for measles, and 95% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### ***PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:***

- **Superfund Clean-up in Harmans:** In September 1993, the EPA completed toxic waste site clean-up in Harmans, Maryland.
- **2 Brownfields Pilots in Maryland:** The EPA has awarded a regional Brownfields Demonstration Pilot in Baltimore County and a national pilot in Baltimore. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### ***SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- **\$100 Million to Baltimore, Maryland:** Baltimore was designated as an Empowerment Zone and was awarded \$100 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for Baltimore residents.

#### ***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- **\$36 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Maryland has received \$36 million in disaster relief. This includes \$13.7 million in assistance to recover from the Blizzard of 1996.
- **10,613 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Maryland has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 10,613. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 30%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### ***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- **Over \$394 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided \$394.9 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Maryland [through FY97].
- **Nearly \$1.6 Billion in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Maryland has received nearly \$1.6 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 65,347 jobs [through FY97].
- **Over \$54 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Since 1993, Maryland has received over \$54 million to fund airport improvements [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Illinois*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 4.5%:** The unemployment rate in Illinois has declined from 7.2% to 4.5% since 1993.
- **483,100 New Jobs:** 483,100 new jobs have been created in Illinois since 1993 -- an average of 103,521 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 26,425 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **47,400 New Manufacturing Jobs:** 47,400 new manufacturing jobs have been created since 1993 -- an average of 10,157 jobs per year. In contrast, an average of 13,200 jobs that were *lost* each year under the previous administration.
- **430,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 158,000 Illinois workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 272,000 more, received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Illinois, the poverty rate has fallen 1.5% since 1993. [1996 data]
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 1,163,000 families in Illinois.
- **Over 40.00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Illinois.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **Over \$180 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Illinois received \$165.6 million in Head Start funding. This year, Illinois will receive \$180.9 million, an increase of \$15.3 million over 1997.
- **\$19.8 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Illinois receives \$19.8 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$18 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Illinois receives \$18 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century. That's almost twice the \$9.1 million Illinois received last year.
- **\$328 Million for Students Most in Need:** Illinois receives \$328 million in Title I Grants (to

Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].

- **\$213 Million in Pell Grants:** Illinois received \$213 million last year in Pell Grant funding, which helps Illinois's low-income students go to college.
- **Nearly 2000 Have Served in Illinois through AmeriCorps:** This year, 132 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Illinois' schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, nearly 2000 members have served Illinois in 156 different programs [through FY97].
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 308,000 students in Illinois will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 379,000 students in Illinois will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls 6% in Illinois:** Since 1992, serious crime has decreased 6% statewide. [1996 data].
- **3,616 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 3,616 new police officers to date in communities across Illinois [through 7/97].
- **Over \$5 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Illinois was allocated \$5.2 million this year federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Illinois received \$4.6 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **Over \$2 Million in Grants for Battered Women:** In 1998, Illinois will receive an estimated \$2 million in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **Over \$23 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Illinois Schools:** Illinois receives \$23 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING ILLINOIS RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **131,285 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 131,285 fewer people on welfare in Illinois now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 19% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 33%:** Child support collections have been increased by over \$60 million -- or nearly 33% -- in Illinois since FY92 [through FY96].

### ***INVESTING IN ILLINOIS'S HEALTH:***

- ***Health Care for Uninsured Children:*** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Illinois the balanced budget provides \$123 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 92,300 children in Illinois.
- ***Helping Illinois Women and Children with WIC:*** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Today in Illinois, 9,378 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.
- ***More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:*** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Illinois in 1996, 94% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 89% received the vaccine for polio; 90% received the vaccine for measles, and 91% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.
- ***\$15.7 Million in Ryan White Funds:*** Since President Clinton took office, funding for the Ryan White CARE Act has increased by 159% nationwide. In FY97, Chicago received an \$8.2 million Ryan White formula award and a \$7.5 million supplemental grant to care for people living with AIDS and HIV.

### ***PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:***

- ***5 Toxic Waste Sites Cleaned Up:*** Since 1993, the EPA has completed 5 Superfund toxic waste cleanups in Illinois, in Taylorville, Pembroke Township, LaSalle, Marshall, and Wauconda [through 6/97]. This is more than the number of sites cleaned up in Illinois during the previous twelve years combined (4).
- ***5 Brownfields Pilots in Illinois:*** Since 1993, the EPA has awarded 5 Brownfields Demonstration Pilots in Illinois -- regional pilots in Chicago, East St. Louis, and the State of Illinois, and national pilots in West Central Municipal Conference and Cook County. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

### ***SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- ***\$100 Million to Chicago:*** Chicago was designated an Empowerment Zone in December 1994 and was awarded \$100 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for city residents. As part of this project, First Chicago has initiated a \$100,000 pilot program to help 75 to 100 qualified families buy their first homes.
- ***\$6 Million to Other Illinois Communities:*** Additionally, East St. Louis and Springfield were both designated Enterprise Communities, and were awarded \$3 million each for similar job creation efforts.

### ***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- ***\$527 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:*** Since 1993, Illinois has received \$527 million in disaster relief. This includes \$249 million in assistance to recover from the Midwest Floods of 1993.
- ***17,250 More National Flood Insurance Policies:*** Since the President took office, Illinois has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 17,250. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 60%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

### ***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- ***Over \$1.3 Billion to Improve Mass Transit:*** The FTA has provided \$1.37 billion since 1993 to improve public transportation in Illinois [through FY97].
- ***\$3.6 Billion in Highway Funds:*** Since 1993, Illinois has received approximately \$3.6 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate over 150,000 jobs [through FY97].
- ***Nearly \$365 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:*** Since 1993, Illinois has received nearly \$365 million in airport improvement funds [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Indiana*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 3.6%:** The unemployment rate in Indiana has declined from 6% to 3.6% since 1993.
- **247,000 New Jobs:** 247,000 new jobs have been created in Indiana since 1993 -- an average of 52,929 per year, compared to an average of just 37,625 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **222,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 105,000 Indiana workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 117,000 more received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Indiana, the poverty rate has fallen 4.7 percentage points since 1993. [1996 data]
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 650,000 families in Indiana.
- **Over 40.00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Indiana.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$61.3 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Indiana received \$55.8 million in Head Start Funding. This year Indiana will receive \$61.3 million, an increase of \$5.5 million over 1997.
- **\$8.3 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Indiana receives \$8.3 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$6.2 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Indiana receives \$6.2 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century. This is double the \$3.1 million Indiana received last year.
- **\$113 Million for Students Most in Need:** Indiana receives \$113 million in Title I Grants (to Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$108 Million in Pell Grants:** Indiana received \$108 million last year in Pell Grant funding, which helps Indiana's low-income students go to college.
- **Nearly 800 Have Served in Indiana through AmeriCorps:** This year, 94 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Indiana's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, nearly 800 members have served Indiana in 79 different programs [through FY97].

- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 119,000 students in Indiana will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 146,000 students in Indiana will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### **FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:**

- **Crime Falls in Fort Wayne:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 12% in Fort Wayne [1996 data].
- **815 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 815 new police officers to date in communities across Indiana [through 7/97].
- **\$2.8 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Indiana will use \$2.8 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Indiana received more than \$2.5 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$984,314 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Indiana will receive an estimated \$984,314 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$9.5 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Indiana Schools:** Indiana has received \$9.5 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### **MOVING INDIANA RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:**

- **100,110 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 100,110 fewer people on welfare in Indiana now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 48% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 55%:** Child support collections have increased by \$68.7 million -- or 55% -- in Indiana since FY92.

#### **INVESTING IN INDIANA'S HEALTH:**

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Indiana the balanced budget provides \$71 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 93,000 children in Indiana.

- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Indiana in 1996, 94% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 90% received the vaccine for polio; 87% received the vaccine for measles, and 89% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### **PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:**

- **Twelve Superfund Sites Cleaned Up:** Since the President took office in 1993, the EPA completed toxic waste site clean-up in Seymour, Columbus, Columbia City, Fort Wayne, Elkhart, South Bend, Zionsville, Vincennes, two in Gary, and two in Indianapolis, Indiana [through 6/97]. In the entire previous 12 years, only 4 sites were cleaned up.
- **3 Brownfields Pilots in Indiana:** Since 1993, the EPA has awarded 3 Brownfields Demonstration Pilots in Indiana -- regional pilots in Northwest Indiana cities and the State of Indiana, and a national pilot in Indianapolis. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### **SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS:**

- **\$3 Million to Indianapolis:** Indianapolis was designated an Enterprise Community in December, 1994 and was awarded \$3 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents.

#### **PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:**

- **\$13.2 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Indiana has received \$13.2 million in disaster relief. This includes \$2.1 million in assistance to recover from the Midwest Floods of 1993.
- **6,434 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Indiana has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 6,434. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 36%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### **EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:**

- **Over \$184 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided \$184.4 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Indiana [through FY97].
- **Over \$2 Billion in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Indiana has received over \$2 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate nearly 85,000 jobs [through FY97].
- **Nearly \$127 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Since 1993, Indiana has received nearly \$127 million to fund airport improvements [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Kansas*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 3.8%:** The unemployment rate in Kansas has declined from 4.7% to 3.8% since 1993.
- **148,000 New Jobs:** 148,000 new jobs have been created in Kansas since 1993 -- an average of 31,714 per year, compared to an average of just 16,425 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **141,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 65,000 Kansas workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 76,000 more received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **17,700 New Construction Jobs:** Since 1993, 17,700 new construction jobs have been created -- an average of 3,793 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 600 construction jobs per year during the previous administration.
- **The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Kansas, the poverty rate has fallen 1.9% since 1993. [1996 data]
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 291,000 families in Kansas.
- **Over 40,00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Kansas.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$30.4 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Kansas received \$27.9 million in Head Start funding. This year, Kansas will receive \$30.4 million, an increase of \$2.5 million over 1997.
- **\$4.2 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Kansas receives \$4.2 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$3 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Kansas receives \$3 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century. That's double the \$1.5 million Kansas received last year.
- **\$54.4 Million for Students Most in Need:** Kansas receives \$54.4 million in Title I Grants (to Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need,

particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].

- **\$64 Million in Pell Grants:** Kansas received \$64 million last year in Pell Grant funding, which helps Kansas' low-income students go to college.
- **Over 700 Have Served in Kansas through AmeriCorps:** This year, 53 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Kansas' schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, over 700 members have served Kansas in 101 different programs.
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 70,000 students in Kansas will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 85,000 students in Kansas will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls 10% in Kansas:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 12% in Wichita and **10% statewide**. [1996 data].
- **529 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 529 new police officers to date in communities across Kansas [through 7/97].
- **\$1.5 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Kansas will be able to use \$1.5 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Kansas received more than \$1.4 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$437,054 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Kansas will receive an estimated \$437,054 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$4.5 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Kansas' Schools:** Kansas has received \$4.5 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING KANSAS RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **38,949 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 38,949 fewer people on welfare in Kansas now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 45% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 56%:** Child support collections have increased by \$36.9 million -- or 56% -- in Kansas since FY92 [through FY96].

### ***INVESTING IN KANSAS'S HEALTH:***

- ***Health Care for Uninsured Children:*** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Kansas the balanced budget provides \$31 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 6,000 children in Kansas.
- ***More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:*** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Kansas in 1996, 92% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 87% received the vaccine for polio; 88% received the vaccine for measles, and 89% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

### ***SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- ***\$28 Million for Greater Kansas City:*** The Greater Kansas City area was declared an enterprise community and awarded \$3 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents. It was later declared an Enhanced Enterprise Community and was awarded an additional \$25 million.

### ***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- ***\$89 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:*** Since 1993, Kansas has received \$89 million in disaster relief. This includes assistance to recover from the Midwest Floods of 1993.
- ***1,973 More National Flood Insurance Policies:*** Since the President took office, Kansas has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 1,973. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 25%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

### ***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- ***Over \$46 Million to Improve Mass Transit:*** The FTA has provided \$46.1 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Kansas [FY97].
- ***Over \$1 Billion in Highway Funding:*** Since 1993, Kansas has received over \$1 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 44,277 jobs [FY97].
- ***Over \$46 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:*** Since 1993, Kansas has received over \$46 million to fund airport improvements [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Kentucky*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 5.2%:** The unemployment rate in Kentucky has declined from 6.3% to 5.2% since 1993.
- **182,200 New Jobs:** 182,200 new jobs have been created in Kentucky since 1993 -- an average of 39,043 per year, compared to average of 30,550 jobs each year during the previous administration.
- **160,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 91,000 Kentucky workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 69,000 more, received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Kentucky, the poverty rate has fallen 3.4 percentage points since 1993. [1996 data]
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 423,000 families in Kentucky.
- **Business Failures Down 9.6%:** Business failures have dropped 9.6% per year since 1993, after increasing 17.8% per year during the previous 12 years.
- **Highest Home Ownership Ever:** Home Ownership in Kentucky has increased from 69.0 to 75.9 since 1992 and it is now the highest on record.
- **Over 40.00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Kentucky.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **Nearly \$70.8 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Kentucky received \$65.1 million in Head Start funding. This year, Kentucky received \$70.8 million, an increase of \$5.7 million over 1997.
- **\$7.2 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Kentucky receives \$7.2 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$6.9 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Kentucky receives \$6.9 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$129 Million for Students Most in Need:** Kentucky receives \$129 million in Title I Grants (to Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].

- **\$97 Million in Pell Grants:** Kentucky received \$97 million last year in Pell Grant funding, which helps Kentucky's low-income students go to college.
- **Over 1000 Have Served in Kentucky through AmeriCorps:** This year, 223 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Kentucky's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, over 1000 members have served Kentucky in 130 different programs [through FY97].
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 71,000 students in Kentucky will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 86,000 students in Kentucky will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **\$93 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 572 new police officers to date in communities across Kentucky [through 7/97].
- **\$2 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Kentucky will be able to use \$2 million in federal funds in FY97 to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Kentucky received \$1.8 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$654,897 in Grants for Battered Women:** In 1998, Kentucky will receive an estimated \$645,897 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$8 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Kentucky's Schools:** Kentucky receives \$8 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING KENTUCKY RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **75,212 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 75,212 fewer people on welfare in Kentucky now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 33% decrease [through 6/97]
- **Child Support Collections Up 52%:** Child support collections have increased by \$49 million -- or 52% -- in Kentucky since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN KENTUCKY'S HEALTH***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Kentucky the balanced budget Provides \$50 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 84,500 children in Kentucky.
- **Helping Kentucky Women and Children with WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children

(WIC): Today, in Kentucky, 7,093 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.

- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Kentucky in 1996, 95% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 92% received the vaccine for polio; 91% received the vaccine for measles, and 92% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### **PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:**

- **5 Toxic Waste Sites Cleaned Up:** Since 1993, the EPA has completed 5 Superfund toxic waste cleanups in Kentucky in Auburn, West Point, Mayfield, Howe Valley and Brooks [through 6/97]. This is more than the number of sites cleaned up in Kentucky during the previous twelve years combined (4).
- **Brownfields Pilot in Louisville:** The EPA has awarded a national Brownfields Demonstration Pilot in Louisville, which is intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### **SPEARHEADING RURAL RENEWAL EFFORTS:**

- **\$40 Million to the Kentucky Highlands:** The Kentucky Highlands were designated a Rural Empowerment Zone in December, 1994 and were awarded \$40 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents. In addition, Louisville was designated an Enterprise Community and was awarded \$3 million for similar efforts. McCreary was also designated an Enterprise Community and was awarded \$1.6 million.

#### **PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:**

- **\$37.5 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Kentucky has received \$37.5 million in disaster relief. This includes \$2.7 million in assistance to recover from the tornadoes that occurred in May of 1996.
- **4,290 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Kentucky has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 4,290. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 30%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### **EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:**

- **Over \$90 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided \$90.1 million since 93 to improve public transportation in Kentucky [through FY97].
- **\$1.3 Billion in Highway Funds:** Kentucky has received \$1.3 billion in Federal highway funds over the past four years. These funds have helped generate over 56,000 jobs [through FY97].
- **Nearly \$192 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Since 1993, Kentucky has received nearly \$192 million in airport improvement funds [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Louisiana*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 5.7%:** The unemployment rate in Louisiana has declined from 7.6% to 5.7% since 1993.
- **200,500 New Jobs:** 200,500 new jobs have been created in Louisiana since 1993 -- an average of 42,964 per year, compared to an average of just 31,150 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **302,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 142,000 Louisiana workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 167,000 more received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Louisiana, the poverty rate has fallen 5.9% since 1993. [1996 data]
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 445,000 families in Louisiana.
- **Business Failures and Bankruptcy Filings Down:** Business failures have dropped 19.2% per year since 1993, after increasing 16.8% per year during the previous 12 years. Additionally, bankruptcy filings have declined 13.7% per year since 1993, after increasing 8.3% during the previous two administrations.
- **Home Building Up 10.9%:** Home building has increased 10.9% per year since 1993.
- **Over 40.00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Louisiana.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$97.9 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Louisiana received \$89.2 million in Head Start funding. In FY98, Louisiana received 97.9 million, an increase of \$8.7 million over 1997.
- **\$9.7 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Louisiana receives \$9.7 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$10.3 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Louisiana receives \$10.3 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$193.5 Million for Students Most in Need:** Louisiana receives \$193.5 million in Title I Grants (to Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].

- **\$136.4 Million in Pell Grants:** Louisiana received \$136.4 million last year [FY97] in Pell Grant funding, which helps Louisiana's low-income students go to college.
- **Over 1700 Have Served in Louisiana through AmeriCorps:** This year [FY97], 454 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Louisiana's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, over 1700 members have served Louisiana in 203 different programs.
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 76,000 students in Louisiana will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500, and 92,000 students in Louisiana will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **1,395 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 1,395 new police officers to date in communities across Louisiana [through 10/97].
- **\$2.2 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Louisiana will be able to use \$2.2 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Louisiana received \$2 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$738,406 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Louisiana will receive an estimated \$738,406 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$11.6 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Louisiana's Schools:** Louisiana receives \$11.6 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING LOUISIANA RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **83,470 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 83,470 fewer people on welfare in Louisiana now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 32% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 70%:** Child support collections have been increased by over \$59 million -- or 70% -- in Louisiana since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN LOUISIANA'S HEALTH:***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Louisiana the balanced budget provides \$102 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 234,400 children in Louisiana.
- **Helping Louisiana Women and Children with WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children

(WIC). Today, in Louisiana, 23,702 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.

- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Louisiana in 1996, 86% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 92% received the vaccine for polio; 89% received the vaccine for measles, and 94% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.
- **\$4.7 Million in Ryan White Funds:** Since President Clinton took office, funding for the Ryan White CARE Act has increased by 159% nationwide. In FY97, New Orleans received a \$2.6 million Ryan White formula award and a \$2.1 million supplemental grant to care for people living with AIDS and HIV.

#### ***PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:***

- **Sorrento Site Cleaned Up:** In December 1996, the EPA completed Superfund toxic waste clean-up in Sorrento, Louisiana.

#### ***SPEARHEADING URBAN AND RURAL RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- **\$12 Million to Communities Across Louisiana:** The Northeast Delta, Macon Ridge, New Orleans and Ouachita Parish were all designated Enterprise Communities in December, 1994, and were awarded \$3 million each to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents.

#### ***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- **\$165 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Louisiana has received \$165 million in disaster relief. This includes \$155 million in assistance to recover from the widespread flooding that occurred in May of 1995.
- **66,964 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Louisiana has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 66,964. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 26%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### ***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR AIR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- **Over \$144 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided over \$144 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Louisiana [through FY97].
- **\$1.3 Billion in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Louisiana has received \$1.3 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 55,105 jobs [through FY97].
- **Nearly \$272 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Since 1993, Louisiana has received nearly \$272 million in airport improvement funds [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Maine*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 4.7%:** The unemployment rate in Maine declined from 7.4% to 4.7% since 1993.
- **43,600 New Private Sector Jobs:** 43,600 new private sector jobs have been created in Maine since 1993 -- an average of 9,343 jobs per year. In contrast, an average of 8,150 jobs were *lost* each year under the previous administration.
- **44,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 18,000 Maine workers have benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 26,000 more received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **The Poverty Rate Has Fallen:** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1996. Since the President signed his 1993 Economic Plan into law, the nation has seen the largest three year drop in poverty in a decade. In Maine, the poverty rate has fallen 4.2 percentage points since 1993. [1996 data]
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 142,000 families in Maine.
- **Business Failures Down 3.2%:** Business failures have dropped an average of 3.2% per year since 1993, after increasing an average of over 53% per year during the previous administration.
- **Over 40,00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Maine.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$16.4 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Maine received \$15.1 million in Head Start funding. This year, Maine will receive \$16.4 million, an increase of \$1.3 million over 1997.
- **\$2.1 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Maine receives \$2.1 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$2.1 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Maine receives \$2.1 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$28.3 Million for Students Most in Need:** Maine receives \$28.3 million in Title I Grants (to Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$21.8 Million in Pell Grants:** Maine received \$21.8 million last year in Pell Grant funding, which helps Maine's low-income students go to college.
- **Over 700 Have Served in Maine through AmeriCorps:** This year, 301 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in

Maine's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, over 700 members have served Maine in 91 different programs.

- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 23,000 students in Maine will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 28,000 students in Maine will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls 3% in Maine:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 3% statewide in Maine. [1996 data]
- **158 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 158 new police officers to date in communities across Maine [through 7/97].
- **\$1 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Maine will be able to use nearly \$1 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Maine also received nearly \$1 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$400,000 for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Maine will receive an estimated \$400,000 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$2.1 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Maine's Schools:** Maine received \$2.1 million in FY96 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING MAINE RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **19,604 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 19,604 fewer people on welfare in Maine now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 29% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 66%:** Child support collections have been increased by \$25 million -- or 66% -- in Maine since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN MAINE'S HEALTH:***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Maine the balanced budget provides \$12.5 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 20,500 children in Maine.

- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Maine in 1996, 98% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 94% received the vaccine for polio; 95% received the vaccine for measles, and 95% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### **PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:**

- **Toxic Waste Site Cleaned Up in Saco:** The EPA completed a Superfund toxic waste cleanup in Saco, Maine in September, 1993.
- **2 Brownfields Pilots in Maine:** Since 1993, the EPA has awarded 2 Brownfields Demonstration Pilots in Maine -- a regional pilot in Portland and a national pilot in the State of Maine. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### **PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:**

- **\$19 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Maine has received \$19 million in disaster relief. This includes \$9.6 million in assistance to recover from the widespread flooding that occurred in October of 1996.
- **802 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Maine has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 802. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 14%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### **EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:**

- **Over \$56 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided \$56.1 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Maine [through FY97].
- **Over \$591 Million in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Maine has received over \$591 million in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate nearly 25,000 jobs [through FY97].
- **Nearly \$36 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Since 1993, Maine has received nearly \$36 million to fund airport improvements [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Maryland*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 4.7%:** The unemployment rate in Maryland has declined from 6.4% to 4.7% since 1993.
- **161,000 New Jobs:** 161,000 new jobs have been created in Maryland since 1993 -- an average of 34,500 per year, compared to an average *loss* of 11,775 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- **90,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 35,000 Maryland workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 55,000 more received an additional raise -- from \$4.75 to \$5.15 -- on September 1, 1997.
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the Balanced Budget delivers a child tax credit to 535,000 families in Maryland.
- **Highest Home Ownership Ever:** Home Ownership in Maryland has increased from 64.8 to 71.4 since 1992 and it is now at the highest on record.
- **Over 40.00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Maryland.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$51.5 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Maryland received \$47.2 million in Head Start funding. This year Maryland will receive \$51.5 million, an increase of \$4.3 million over 1997.
- **\$7.1 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Maryland receives \$7.1 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$5.5 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Maryland receives \$5.5 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$98.3 Million for Students Most in Need:** Maryland receives \$98.3 million in Title I Grants (to Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY98].
- **\$76.8 Million in Pell Grants:** Maryland received \$76.8 million last year in Pell Grant funding, which helps Maryland's low-income students go to college.

- **2170 Have Served in Maryland through AmeriCorps:** This year, approximately 50 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Maryland's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, 2170 members have served Maryland in 125 different programs.
- **Tuition Tax Credits to Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 112,000 students in Maryland will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 138,000 students in Maryland will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### **FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:**

- **Crime Falls in Baltimore:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 5% in Baltimore [1996 data].
- **1,379 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 1,379 new police officers to date in communities across Maryland [through 10/97].
- **\$2.5 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Maryland will be able to use \$2.5 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Maryland received more than \$2.2 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$856,655 in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Maryland will receive an estimated 856,655 in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$7.8 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Maryland's Schools:** Maryland received \$7.8 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### **MOVING MARYLAND RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:**

- **70,007 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 70,007 fewer people on welfare in Maryland now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 32% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 49%:** Child support collections have increased by over \$95 million -- or 49% -- in Maryland since FY92 [through FY96].

#### **INVESTING IN MARYLAND'S HEALTH:**

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription

drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Maryland the Balanced Budget provides \$62 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 49,700 children in Maryland.

- **Helping Maryland Women and Children with WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Today in Maryland, 8,669 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.
- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Maryland in 1996, 98% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 94% received the vaccine for polio; 95% received the vaccine for measles, and 95% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae B*, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.

#### ***PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:***

- **Superfund Clean-up in Harmans:** In September 1993, the EPA completed toxic waste site clean-up in Harmans, Maryland.
- **2 Brownfields Pilots in Maryland:** The EPA has awarded a regional Brownfields Demonstration Pilot in Baltimore County and a national pilot in Baltimore. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### ***SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS:***

- **\$100 Million to Baltimore, Maryland:** Baltimore was designated as an Empowerment Zone and was awarded \$100 million to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for Baltimore residents.

#### ***PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:***

- **\$36 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Maryland has received \$36 million in disaster relief. This includes \$13.7 million in assistance to recover from the Blizzard of 1996.
- **10,613 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Maryland has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 10,613. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 30%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### ***EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:***

- **Over \$394 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided \$394.9 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Maryland [through FY97].
- **Nearly \$1.6 Billion in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Maryland has received nearly \$1.6 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 65,347 jobs [through FY97].
- **Over \$54 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Since 1993, Maryland has received over \$54 million to fund airport improvements [through 6/97].

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### *Massachusetts*

#### **EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

- **Unemployment Down to 4%:** The unemployment rate in Massachusetts has declined from 7.5% to 4% since 1993.
- **309,800 New Jobs:** 309,800 new jobs have been created in Massachusetts since 1993 -- an average of 66,386 jobs per year. In contrast, an average of 81,550 jobs were *lost* each year during the previous administration.
- **91,000 Have Received a Raise:** Approximately 91,000 Massachusetts workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage -- from \$4.25 to \$4.75 -- on October 1, 1996.
- **Home Sales Up 9.1%:** Existing home sales in Massachusetts have increased by 9.1% per year since 1993, after decreasing by nearly 7% each year during the previous four years.
- **A \$500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget includes a \$500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. Thanks to President Clinton, the Balanced Budget delivers a child tax credit to 580,000 families in Massachusetts.
- **Business Failures Down 11.3%:** Business failures have dropped 11.3% per year since 1993, after increasing 53% per year during the previous four years.
- **Highest Home Ownership Ever:** Home Ownership in Massachusetts has increased from 61.8 to 64.6 since 1992 and it is now the highest on record.
- **Over 40.00 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four:** The national debt will be more than \$2.5 trillion lower in 2002 than was projected before passage of President Clinton's economic plan. That's over \$40,000 of reduced federal debt for each family of four in Illinois.

#### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION:**

- **\$73.7 Million in Head Start Funding:** In FY97, Massachusetts received \$67.9 million in Head Start funding. This year, Massachusetts will receive \$73.7 million, an increase of \$5.8 million over 1997.
- **\$9.1 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:** This year [FY98], Massachusetts receives \$9.1 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development.
- **\$8.1 Million for Technology Literacy:** This year [FY98], Massachusetts receives \$8.1 million for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- **\$145.5 Million for Students Most in Need:** Massachusetts receives \$145.5 million in Title I Grants (to Local Education Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY97].
- **\$118.7 Million in Pell Grants:** Massachusetts received \$118.7 million last year in Pell Grant funding, which helps Massachusetts's low-income students go to college.

- **Nearly 3,000 Have Served in Massachusetts through AmeriCorps:** This year, 314 AmeriCorps participants are serving their communities while earning money for college by working in Massachusetts' schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. Since the National Service program began in 1994, nearly 3,000 members have served Massachusetts in 224 different programs.
- **Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:** The balanced budget includes both President Clinton's \$1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first \$10,000 thereafter. 176,000 students in Massachusetts will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to \$1,500. 217,000 students in Massachusetts will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

#### ***FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE:***

- **Crime Falls 22% in Massachusetts:** Since 1992, serious crime has fallen 21% in Boston and 22% statewide. [1996 data].
- **2,273 More Police:** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 2,273 new police officers to date in communities across Massachusetts [through 7/97].
- **\$2.9 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Massachusetts will be able to use \$2.9 million in federal funds this year [FY97] to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution, and victims' services. Massachusetts received \$2.6 million under VAWA in FY96.
- **\$1 Million in Grants for Battered Women and Children:** In 1998, Massachusetts will receive an estimated \$1 million in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- **\$9.7 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Massachusetts' Schools:** Massachusetts receives approximately \$9.7 million in FY97 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

#### ***MOVING MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK:***

- **137,973 Fewer People on Welfare:** There are 137,973 fewer people on welfare in Massachusetts now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 42% decrease [through 6/97].
- **Child Support Collections Up 35%:** Child support collections have increased by \$64 million -- or 35% -- in Massachusetts since FY92 [through FY96].

#### ***INVESTING IN MASSACHUSETTS' HEALTH:***

- **Health Care for Uninsured Children:** The balanced budget includes the largest single investment in health care for children since the passage of Medicaid in 1965 -- an unprecedented \$24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits -- from checkups to surgery -- that children need to grow up strong and healthy. It ensures that prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health coverage now offered at the state level are extended to millions of uninsured children. To expand health coverage to more uninsured children in Massachusetts the Balanced Budget provides \$43 million in 1998. This compares to the 1995 Republican plan vetoed by President Clinton that would have denied health coverage to 104,700 children in Massachusetts.

- **Helping Massachusetts Women and Children with WIC:** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Today, in Massachusetts, 15,018 more women and children in need are receiving health and food assistance than in 1994.
- **More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers in 1996 received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines -- surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Massachusetts in 1996, 98% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 94% received the vaccine for polio; 96% received the vaccine for measles, and 96% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae B*, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.
- **Over \$9 Million in Ryan White Funds:** Since President Clinton took office, funding for the Ryan White CARE Act has increased by 159% nationwide. In FY97, Boston received a \$4 million Ryan White formula award and a \$5.1 million supplemental grant to care for people living with AIDS and HIV.

#### **PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:**

- **Superfund Site Cleaned Up in Lanesboro:** The Superfund toxic waste site in Lanesboro, MA was cleaned up by the EPA in September of 1994.
- **8 Brownfields Pilots in Massachusetts:** Since 1993, the EPA has awarded 8 Brownfields Demonstration Pilots in Massachusetts -- national pilots in Chicopee, Greenfield, Lawrence, Lowell, Worcester, and New Bedford, and regional pilots in Boston and Lynn. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds over a two year period to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

#### **SPEARHEADING URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS:**

- **\$28 Million to Boston:** In December 1994, Boston was designated an Enterprise Community, and was awarded \$3 million to create jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for its residents. It was later declared an Enhanced Enterprise Community, and was awarded an additional \$25 million.
- **\$6 Million to Other Massachusetts Cities:** Lowell and Springfield were designated Enterprise Communities and were awarded \$3 million each for similar efforts.

#### **PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF:**

- **\$57 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:** Since 1993, Massachusetts has received \$57 million in disaster relief. This includes \$22.7 million in assistance to recover from the Blizzard of 1996.
- **7,386 More National Flood Insurance Policies:** Since the President took office, Massachusetts has increased the number of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies by 7,386. Since 1993, the number of homes and structures protected by NFIP policies has increased by 27%. As more individuals gain policies through the NFIP, the need for disaster assistance is lessened resulting in a reduced burden on America's taxpayers.

#### **EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT:**

- **Over \$800 Million to Improve Mass Transit:** The FTA has provided over \$800 million since 1993 to improve public transportation in Massachusetts [through FY97].

- **\$4.1 Billion in Highway Funding:** Since 1993, Massachusetts has received \$4.1 billion in federal highway aid. These funds have helped generate approximately 174,182 jobs [through FY97].
- **Over \$89 Million in Airport Improvement Funds:** Since 1993, Massachusetts has received over \$89 million in airport improvement funds, which have gone to Logan International for runway reconstruction and lighting, as well as the construction of a building to aircraft rescue and fire fighting equipment [through 6/97].