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

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$285.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Alabama Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Alabama, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$285.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 88 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,050,000 People -- Including 1,040,000 Women -- in Alabama.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,050,000 people -- including 1,040,000 women -- in Alabama are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Alabama has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Alabama. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 17,000 Young People in Alabama from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Alabama, this legislation would have stopped 50,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 17,000 young people in Alabama from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 252,000 Workers in Alabama.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Alabama, this increase would have raised the wages of 252,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Alabama.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Alabama. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Alabama making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Alabama would have received \$17.2 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$36.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Alaska Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Alaska, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$36.9 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 11 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 210,000 People -- Including 100,000 Women -- in Alaska.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 210,000 people -- including 100,000 women -- in Alaska are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Alaska has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Alaska. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 3,000 Young People in Alaska from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Alaska, this legislation would have stopped 9,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 3,000 young people in Alaska from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 7,000 Workers in Alaska.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. Because Alaska has a minimum wage higher than the Federal minimum wage, only 7,000 workers in Alaska would benefit from this increase. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Alaska.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Alaska. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Alaska making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Alaska would have received \$3.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$258.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Arizona Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Arizona, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$258.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 80 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,720,000 People -- Including 830,000 Women -- in Arizona.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,720,000 people -- including 830,000 women -- in Arizona are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Arizona has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Arizona. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 16,000 Young People in Arizona from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Arizona, this legislation would have stopped 49,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 16,000 young people in Arizona from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 214,000 Workers in Arizona.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Arizona, this increase would have raised the wages of 214,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Arizona.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Arizona. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Arizona making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Arizona would have received \$19.1 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$145.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Arkansas Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Arkansas, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$145.9 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 45 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,000,000 People -- Including 500,000 Women -- in Arkansas.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,000,000 people -- including 500,000 women -- in Arkansas are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Arkansas has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Arkansas. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 9,000 Young People in Arkansas from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Arkansas, this legislation would have stopped 28,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 9,000 young people in Arkansas from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 145,000 Workers in Arkansas.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Arkansas, this increase would have raised the wages of 145,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Arkansas.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Arkansas. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Arkansas making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Arkansas would have received \$10.5 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$2,281.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize California Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In California, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$2,281.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 705 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 13,090,000 People -- Including 6,230,000 Women -- in California.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 13,090,000 people -- including 6,230,000 women -- in California are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if California has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in California. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 83,000 Young People in California from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in California, this legislation would have stopped 248,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 83,000 young people in California from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 1,612,000 Workers in California.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. Even though California has a minimum wage higher than the Federal minimum wage, this increase would have raised the wages of 1,612,000 California workers. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in California.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in California. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in California making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And California would have received \$150.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$36.9 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Delaware Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Delaware, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$36.9 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 11 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 370,000 People -- Including 190,000 Women -- in Delaware.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 370,000 people -- including 190,000 women -- in Delaware are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Delaware has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Delaware. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 3,000 Young People in Delaware from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Delaware, this legislation would have stopped 10,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 3,000 young people in Delaware from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 26,000 Workers in Delaware.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Delaware, this increase would have raised the wages of 26,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Delaware.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Delaware. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Delaware making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Delaware would have received \$2.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$476.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Georgia Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Georgia, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$476.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 147 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,440,000 People -- Including 1,700,000 Women -- in Georgia.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,440,000 people -- including 1,700,000 women -- in Georgia are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Georgia has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Georgia. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 27,000 Young People in Georgia from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Georgia, this legislation would have stopped 81,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 27,000 young people in Georgia from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 309,000 Workers in Georgia.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Georgia, this increase would have raised the wages of 309,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Georgia.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Georgia. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Georgia making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Georgia would have received \$31.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

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

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$41.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Hawaii Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Hawaii, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$41.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 13 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 500,000 People -- Including 250,000 Women -- in Hawaii.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 500,000 people -- including 250,000 women -- in Hawaii are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Hawaii has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Hawaii. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 3,000 Young People in Hawaii from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Hawaii, this legislation would have stopped 10,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 3,000 young people in Hawaii from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 71,000 Workers in Hawaii.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. Even though Hawaii has a minimum wage higher than the Federal minimum wage, this increase would have raised the wages of 71,000 Hawaii workers. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Hawaii.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Hawaii. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Hawaii making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Hawaii would have received \$5.1 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

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

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

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$911.5 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Illinois Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Illinois, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$911.5 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 282 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 6,220,000 People -- Including 3,120,000 Women -- in Illinois.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 6,220,000 people -- including 3,120,000 women -- in Illinois are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Illinois has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Illinois. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 46,000 Young People in Illinois from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Illinois, this legislation would have stopped 139,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 46,000 young people in Illinois from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 489,000 Workers in Illinois.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Illinois, this increase would have raised the wages of 489,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Illinois.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Illinois. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Illinois making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Illinois would have received \$51.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$276.4 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Indiana Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Indiana, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$276.4 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 85 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,330,000 People -- Including 1,600,000 Women -- in Indiana.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,330,000 people -- including 1,600,000 women -- in Indiana are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Indiana has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Indiana. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 30,000 Young People in Indiana from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Indiana, this legislation would have stopped 90,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 30,000 young people in Indiana from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 171,000 Workers in Indiana.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Indiana, this increase would have raised the wages of 171,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Indiana.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Indiana. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Indiana making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Indiana would have received \$24.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$103.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Iowa Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Iowa, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$103.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 32 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,420,000 People -- Including 700,000 Women -- in Iowa.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,420,000 people -- including 700,000 women -- in Iowa are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Iowa has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Iowa. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 10,000 Young People in Iowa from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Iowa, this legislation would have stopped 30,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 10,000 young people in Iowa from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 119,000 Workers in Iowa.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Iowa, this increase would have raised the wages of 119,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Iowa.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Iowa. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Iowa making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Iowa would have received \$11.2 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$61.6 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Maine Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Maine, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$61.6 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 19 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 630,000 People -- Including 310,000 Women -- in Maine.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 630,000 people -- including 310,000 women -- in Maine are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Maine has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Maine. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 6,000 Young People in Maine from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Maine, this legislation would have stopped 17,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 6,000 young people in Maine from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 44,000 Workers in Maine.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Maine, this increase would have raised the wages of 44,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Maine.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Maine. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Maine making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Maine would have received \$4.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$306.5 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Maryland Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Maryland, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$306.5 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 95 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,230,000 People -- Including 1,130,000 Women -- in Maryland.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,230,000 people -- including 1,130,000 women -- in Maryland are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Maryland has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Maryland. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 16,000 Young People in Maryland from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Maryland, this legislation would have stopped 47,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 16,000 young people in Maryland from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 155,000 Workers in Maryland.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Maryland, this increase would have raised the wages of 155,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Maryland.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Maryland. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Maryland making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Maryland would have received \$21.4 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$355.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Massachusetts Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Massachusetts, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$355.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 110 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,300,000 People -- Including 1,600,000 Women -- in Massachusetts.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,300,000 people -- including 1,600,000 women -- in Massachusetts are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Massachusetts has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Massachusetts. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 16,000 Young People in Massachusetts from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Massachusetts, this legislation would have stopped 49,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 16,000 young people in Massachusetts from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 135,000 Workers in Massachusetts.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. Even though Massachusetts has a minimum wage higher than the Federal minimum wage, this increase would have raised the wages of 135,000 Massachusetts workers. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Massachusetts.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Massachusetts. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Massachusetts making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Massachusetts would have received \$23.6 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$857.3 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Michigan Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Michigan, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$857.3 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 265 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 5,320,000 People -- Including 2,560,000 Women -- in Michigan.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 5,320,000 people -- including 2,560,000 women -- in Michigan are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Michigan has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Michigan. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 37,000 Young People in Michigan from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Michigan, this legislation would have stopped 111,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 37,000 young people in Michigan from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 383,000 Workers in Michigan.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Michigan, this increase would have raised the wages of 383,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Michigan.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Michigan. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Michigan making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Michigan would have received \$41.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

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

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

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

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$253.5 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Mississippi Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Mississippi, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$253.5 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 78 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,130,000 People -- Including 570,000 Women -- in Mississippi.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,130,000 people -- including 570,000 women -- in Mississippi are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Mississippi has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Mississippi. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

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

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 187,000 Workers in Mississippi.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Mississippi, this increase would have raised the wages of 187,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Mississippi.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Mississippi. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Mississippi making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Mississippi would have received \$12.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$314.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Missouri Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Missouri, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$314.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 97 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,360,000 People -- Including 1,160,000 Women -- in Missouri.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,360,000 people -- including 1,160,000 women -- in Missouri are not ensured the enforceable patient-protections they need, even if Missouri has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Missouri. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 24,000 Young People in Missouri from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Missouri, this legislation would have stopped 73,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 24,000 young people in Missouri from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 273,000 Workers in Missouri.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Missouri, this increase would have raised the wages of 273,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Missouri.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Missouri. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Missouri making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Missouri would have received \$22.3 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$79.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Nebraska Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Nebraska, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$79.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 24 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 740,000 People -- Including 340,000 Women -- in Nebraska.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 740,000 people -- including 340,000 women -- in Nebraska are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Nebraska has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Nebraska. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 7,000 Young People in Nebraska from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Nebraska, this legislation would have stopped 20,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 7,000 young people in Nebraska from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 81,000 Workers in Nebraska.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Nebraska, this increase would have raised the wages of 81,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$414.3 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize New Jersey Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In New Jersey, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$414.3 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 128 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 3,820,000 People -- Including 1,920,000 Women -- in New Jersey.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 3,820,000 people -- including 1,920,000 women -- in New Jersey are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if New Jersey has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in New Jersey. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 25,000 Young People in New Jersey from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in New Jersey, this legislation would have stopped 74,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 25,000 young people in New Jersey from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 253,000 Workers in New Jersey.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In New Jersey, this increase would have raised the wages of 253,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in New Jersey.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in New Jersey. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in New Jersey making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And New Jersey would have received \$33.1 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$203.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Oklahoma Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Oklahoma, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$203.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 63 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 1,240,000 People -- Including 630,000 Women -- in Oklahoma.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 1,240,000 people -- including 630,000 women -- in Oklahoma are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Oklahoma has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Oklahoma. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 13,000 Young People in Oklahoma from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Oklahoma, this legislation would have stopped 38,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 13,000 young people in Oklahoma from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 209,000 Workers in Oklahoma.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Oklahoma, this increase would have raised the wages of 209,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Oklahoma.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Oklahoma. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Oklahoma making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Oklahoma would have received \$13.9 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$852.2 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Pennsylvania Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Pennsylvania, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$852.2 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 264 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 6,160,000 People -- Including 3,120,000 Women -- in Pennsylvania.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 6,160,000 people -- including 3,120,000 women -- in Pennsylvania are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Pennsylvania has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Pennsylvania. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 53,000 Young People in Pennsylvania from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Pennsylvania, this legislation would have stopped 159,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 53,000 young people in Pennsylvania from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 547,000 Workers in Pennsylvania.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Pennsylvania, this increase would have raised the wages of 547,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Pennsylvania.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Pennsylvania. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Pennsylvania making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Pennsylvania would have received \$46.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$38.0 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize South Dakota Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In South Dakota, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$38.0 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 12 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 300,000 People -- Including 150,000 Women -- in South Dakota.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 300,000 people -- including 150,000 women -- in South Dakota are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if South Dakota has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in South Dakota. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 3,000 Young People in South Dakota from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in South Dakota, this legislation would have stopped 8,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 3,000 young people in South Dakota from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 40,000 Workers in South Dakota.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In South Dakota, this increase would have raised the wages of 40,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in South Dakota.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in South Dakota. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in South Dakota making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And South Dakota would have received \$3.2 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$1,614.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Texas Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Texas, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$1,614.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 499 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 8,060,000 People -- Including 3,900,000 Women -- in Texas.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 8,060,000 people -- including 3,900,000 women -- in Texas are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Texas has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Texas. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

- X **Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 68,000 Young People in Texas from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Texas, this legislation would have stopped 205,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 68,000 young people in Texas from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 965,000 Workers in Texas.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Texas, this increase would have raised the wages of 965,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Texas.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Texas. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Texas making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Texas would have received \$89.4 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

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

- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$66.8 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Utah Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Utah, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$66.8 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 21 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

- X **Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 950,000 People -- Including 470,000 Women -- in Utah.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 950,000 people -- including 470,000 women -- in Utah are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Utah has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Utah. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]

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

- X **Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 79,000 Workers in Utah.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Utah, this increase would have raised the wages of 79,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

- X **Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Utah.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Utah. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Utah making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Utah would have received \$10.7 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$236.6 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Washington Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Washington, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$236.6 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 73 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 2,550,000 People -- Including 1,240,000 Women -- in Washington.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 2,550,000 people -- including 1,240,000 women -- in Washington are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Washington has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Washington. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 16,000 Young People in Washington from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Washington, this legislation would have stopped 48,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 16,000 young people in Washington from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 270,000 Workers in Washington.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Washington, this increase would have raised the wages of 270,000 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
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- X **School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$142.6 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize West Virginia Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In West Virginia, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$142.6 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 44 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- X School Modernization: Congressional Republicans Blocked Tax Credits on \$33.1 Million of Bonds To Help Build and Modernize Wyoming Schools.** President Clinton's school modernization initiative would have helped build and renovate more than 5,000 schools nationwide, without adding a single Federal employee. In Wyoming, this proposal would have provided tax credits on \$33.1 million of bonds to help build or modernize an estimated 10 schools. However, the Republicans in Congress blocked school modernization and even claim stopping it as one of their top 10 victories in the final budget agreement. [Source: National Economic Council]
- X Patients Bill of Rights: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Quality Health Care for 190,000 People -- Including 100,000 Women -- in Wyoming.** President Clinton and Vice President Gore repeatedly urged the Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, 190,000 people -- including 100,000 women -- in Wyoming are not ensured the enforceable patient protections they need, even if Wyoming has enacted health care quality legislation. The Congressional Republican leadership blocked a Patients Bill of Rights, which means accountants, instead of doctors, will continue to make health care decisions in Wyoming. Every major health care consumer and physician organization, including the American Medical Association, supports a strong, enforceable Patients Bill of Rights. [Source: Department of Labor]
- X Comprehensive Tobacco Legislation: The Congressional Republican Leadership Blocked Efforts That Would Have Saved 2,000 Young People in Wyoming from A Premature Death.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats made passage of legislation to reduce youth smoking a top priority, in order to stop kids from smoking before they start. According to the Department of Treasury, in Wyoming, this legislation would have stopped 6,000 young people from smoking over the next five years, saving the lives of 2,000 young people in Wyoming from a premature death. But the Congressional Republican leadership killed this year's effort to pass bipartisan comprehensive tobacco legislation to reduce youth smoking. [Source: Department of the Treasury]
- X Minimum Wage: Congressional Republicans Blocked A Raise For 26 Workers in Wyoming.** President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and Congressional Democrats called for a one dollar increase in the minimum wage over two years -- to raise the wages of 12 million workers nationwide. In Wyoming, this increase would have raised the wages of 26 workers. For someone who works full-time, this increase would have meant an additional \$2,000 per year. However, Congressional Republicans voted to block a minimum wage increase. [Source: Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.]
- X Child Care Initiative: Congressional Republicans Blocked Critical Child Care Assistance for Families in Wyoming.** President Clinton proposed an historic child care initiative to make child care better, safer and more affordable for working families in Wyoming. The President's plan would have wiped out Federal income taxes for families of four in Wyoming making less than \$35,000 and saddled with high child care bills. And Wyoming would have received \$2.0 million in new funding to help low-income working families with child care costs. But, the Republican Congress blocked these critical child care investments. [Source: Department of Health and Human Services.]

CLINTON-GORE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

REFORMING WELFARE

On August 22, 1996, President Clinton signed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act, fulfilling his longtime commitment to 'end welfare as we know it.' As the President said upon signing, "... this legislation provides an historic opportunity to end welfare as we know it and transform our broken welfare system by promoting the fundamental values of work, responsibility, and family."

TRANSFORMING THE BROKEN WELFARE SYSTEM

- **Overhauling the Welfare System with the Personal Responsibility Act:** Last year the President signed a bipartisan welfare plan that is dramatically changing the nation's welfare system into one that requires work in exchange for time-limited assistance. The law contains strong work requirements, a performance bonus to reward states for moving welfare recipients into jobs, state maintenance of effort requirements, comprehensive child support enforcement, and supports for families moving from welfare to work -- including increased funding for child care and guaranteed medical coverage. State strategies are making a real difference in the success of welfare reform, specifically in job placement, child care and transportation.
- **Law Builds on the Administration's Welfare Reform Strategy:** Even before the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act became law, many states were well on their way to changing their welfare programs to jobs programs. By granting Federal waivers, the Clinton Administration allowed 43 states -- more than all previous Administrations combined -- to require work, time-limit assistance, make work pay, improve child support enforcement, and encourage parental responsibility. The vast majority of states have chosen to continue or build on their welfare demonstration projects approved by the Clinton Administration.
- **Largest Decline in the Welfare Rolls in History:** From January 1993 to June 1997, the number of people receiving welfare benefits fell by 26 percent, or 3.6 million recipients -- the largest decline in the welfare rolls in history and the lowest percentage of the population on welfare since 1970. This historic decline occurred in response to the Administration's grants of Federal waivers to 43 states, the provisions of the new welfare reform law, and the strong economy.
- **Mobilizing the Business Community:** To make welfare reform a success and help move a million people from welfare into the workforce by the year 2000, President Clinton has enlisted the business community's leadership. At the President's urging, the Welfare to Work Partnership was launched in May 1997 to lead the national business effort to hire people from the welfare rolls. Founded with 100 participating businesses, the Partnership pledged to reach 1,000 business within six months. In August 1997, in St. Louis, Missouri, the Partnership launched a city by city effort to work with employers, service providers and state and local governments to expand welfare to work opportunities. The Partnership provides technical assistance and support to businesses around the country,

including: a toll-free number (1-888-USAJOB1), the Partnership's Web site (www.welfaretowork.org) and a "Blueprint for Business" manual that contains information on finding, recruiting, training, hiring, and retaining former welfare recipients.

... **and Civic, Religious and Non-profit Groups:** The Vice President created 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. Tailoring their services to meet welfare recipients needs and the organizations' strengths, the Coalition will focus on providing mentoring and other support services. Charter members of the Coalition include: the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the Baptist Joint Committee, the United Way, the YMCA, and fourteen other civic groups.

- **Doing Our Fair Share with the Federal Government's Hiring Initiative:** Under the Clinton Administration, the Federal workforce has been reduced by more than 300,000 positions, the smallest the Federal government has been in thirty years. Yet, this Administration also believes that the Federal government, as the nation's largest employer, must lead by example. The President asked the Vice President to oversee the Federal government's hiring initiative in which Federal agencies have committed to directly hire at least 10,000 welfare recipients in the next four years. Already, the federal government has hired nearly 2,000 welfare recipients, achieving in six months nearly 20 percent of the President's goal. As a part of this effort, the White House pledged, and has already hired, six welfare recipients.
- **Enforcing Child Support -- 50% Increase in Collections:** The Clinton Administration collected a record \$12 billion in child support in 1996 through tougher enforcement, an increase of \$4 billion, or nearly 50 percent, since 1992. Not only are collections up, but the number of families that are actually receiving child support has also increased. In 1996, the number of child support cases with collections rose to 4 million, an increase of 43 percent, from 2.8 million in 1992. And paternity establishment, often the first crucial step in child support cases, has dramatically increased. In 1996, the number of paternities established rose to nearly 1 million, almost double, from 516,000 in 1992.

Making Deadbeat Parents Pay: The President's unprecedented and sustained campaign to make deadbeat parents pay is working. In addition to tougher enforcement including a strong partnership with states, President Clinton has taken executive action including: directing the Treasury Department to collect past-due child support from Federal payments including Federal income tax refunds and employee salaries; taking steps to Federal deny loans to any delinquent parents; issuing an executive order making the Federal government a model employer in the area of child support enforcement. The President also directed the Attorney General to submit legislation that strengthens the Child Support Recovery Act by prosecuting more parents who take egregious actions to avoid paying child support. And most significantly, the welfare reform law contains tough child support measures that President Clinton has long supported including: a national new hire reporting system; streamlined paternity establishment; uniform interstate child support laws; computerized state-wide collections; and tough new penalties. These five measures are projected to increase child support collections by an additional \$24 billion over the next ten years, but first, all states must enact the state laws to implement these tough new rules.

- **Breaking the Cycle of Dependency -- Preventing Teen Pregnancy:** Significant components of the President's comprehensive effort to reduce teen pregnancy became law when the President signed the 1996 Personal Responsibility Act. The law requires unmarried minor parents to stay in school and live at home or in a supervised setting; encourages "second chance homes" to provide teen parents with the skills and support they need; and provides \$50 million a year in new funding for state abstinence education activities. Since 1993, the Clinton Administration has supported innovative and promising teen pregnancy prevention strategies; HHS-supported programs already reach about 30 percent or 1,410 communities in the United States. As part of this effort, the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, a private nonprofit organization, was formed in response to the President's 1995 State of the Union. Notably, data shows we are making progress in reducing teen pregnancy -- teen births have fallen four years in a row, by 8 percent from 1991 to 1995.

BALANCED BUDGET HELPS MOVE PEOPLE FROM WELFARE TO WORK

- **\$3 Billion to Help Move 1 Million People from Welfare to Work:** Because of the President's leadership, the balanced budget includes the total funding requested by the President for the creation of his \$3 billion Welfare to Work Jobs Challenge fund. This program will help states and local communities move long-term welfare recipients into lasting, unsubsidized jobs. These funds can be used for job creation, job placement and job retention efforts, including wage subsidies to private employers and other critical post-employment support services. The Department of Labor will provide oversight but most of the dollars will be placed, through the Private Industry Councils, in the hands of the localities who are on the front lines of the welfare reform effort. In addition, 25 percent of the funds will be awarded by the Department of Labor on a competitive basis to support innovative welfare to work projects.
- **A Welfare-to-Work Tax Credit for Employers:** This tax credit will give employers an added incentive to hire long-term welfare recipients by providing a credit 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 wages in the second year, paid to new hires who have received welfare for an extended period. The credit is for two years per worker to encourage not only hiring, but also retention.

RESTORING FAIRNESS AND PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE

The President made a commitment last year to fix several provisions in the welfare reform law that had nothing to do with moving people from welfare to work. After months of continuous refusals by the Congressional leadership to consider these changes, the President fought for and ultimately was successful in ensuring that the balanced budget protects the most vulnerable.

- **Protects Immigrants Who Become Disabled and Those Currently Receiving Benefits:** The balanced budget restores \$11.5 billion in SSI and Medicaid benefits for legal immigrants. The new law protects those immigrants now receiving assistance, ensuring that they will not be turned out of their apartments or nursing homes or otherwise left destitute. And for immigrants already here but not receiving benefits, the balanced budget does not change the rules retroactively. Immigrants in the country as of August 22, 1996 but not receiving benefits at that time who subsequently become disabled will also be fully eligible for SSI and Medicaid benefits.
- **Helps People Who Want to Work but Can't Find a Job:** The balanced restores \$1.5 billion in food stamp cuts. Last year's welfare reform bill restricted food stamps for able-bodied childless adults to only 3 out of every 36 months, unless they were working. This move ignored the fact that finding a job often takes time. The budget bill provides funds for an estimated 235,000 work slots over 5 years and food stamp benefits to those who are willing to work but, through no fault of their own, have not yet found employment. The balanced budget allows states to exempt up to 15 percent of the food stamp recipients (70,000 individuals monthly) who would otherwise be denied benefits as a result of the "3 in 36" limit.
- **Protects Children by Keeping the Medicaid Guarantee:** The balanced budget preserves the Federal guarantee of Medicaid coverage for the vulnerable populations who depend on it, and contains additional investments to extend coverage to uninsured children. It also ensures that 30,000 disabled children losing SSI because of the new tighter eligibility criteria keep their Medicaid coverage.

STATES ARE SUCCEEDING IN REFORMING WELFARE

Many states have accepted the significant responsibilities in the welfare reform law and are using the greater flexibility to reform welfare. State strategies are making a real difference in the success of welfare reform, specifically in moving recipients from welfare to work, child care and transportation. Here are a few examples:

WELFARE TO WORK

- **Massachusetts and Pennsylvania Have Welfare-to-Work Tax Credits for Employers:** According to a report from the National Governors' Association, Pennsylvania rewards employers for participating in their Employment Incentive Program (EIP) by providing up to \$5,100 in state tax credits for each welfare recipient an employer hires. The employer can earn \$1,500 of the possible tax credit by paying for or providing child care to the welfare recipients hired. The welfare recipient must be employed for at least one year for the employer to receive the financial incentives. Under Massachusetts' Full Employment Program, employers are entitled to an excise tax credit of \$100 per month for each FEP employee hired; they can also receive wage subsidies of \$2.50 per hour for up to nine months.
- **Thirty-six States Are Using Welfare Checks to Subsidize Paychecks:** 36 of the 50 states are using welfare checks to subsidize private employment. All states except Alabama, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Tennessee, and Utah subsidize employment.

CHILD CARE

- **24 States Are Increasing Their Spending Beyond What Is Needed to Match New Federal Child Care Funds:** According to a survey by the American Public Welfare Association (the state welfare directors), 24 states plan to spend more of their own dollars than they need to in order to match the new federal child care funds. These 24 states are: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington State and Wyoming.
- **Several States Have Seamless Child Care Systems:** Illinois, Michigan, and Washington are examples of states that provide child care subsidies based on income, not whether a parent used to be on welfare or not.

TRANSPORTATION

- **Michigan, Kentucky and Wisconsin Are Addressing the Transportation Challenges of Welfare Reform:** Michigan and Wisconsin are tackling the transportation barriers many welfare recipients face. Because few families receiving public assistance own automobiles, it is often challenging getting workers to jobs in the outlying suburban areas. Michigan's Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation provides bus patrons with a ride from their stop to their work site. Wisconsin developed "Job Ride" in 1989 creating an innovative van pool system. Kentucky's "Empower Kentucky" initiative is integrating the transportation programs of four cabinet departments to improve transportation for underserved areas of the state.
- **Connecticut is Using Welfare Block Grant Dollars to Fund Transportation:** In Connecticut, the Governor has committed to using \$2.2 million of the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) dollars for transportation services for public transit operators across the state to provide new transportation services to move welfare recipients to work.

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WORK NOT WELFARE: CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ISSUES NEW PROPOSED WELFARE REGULATIONS

Overview: *On August 22, 1996, President Clinton signed into law the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act, the new welfare reform law that established the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Under the legislation, the states have unprecedented flexibility to design welfare programs to meet the particular needs of welfare families. In return, the federal government demands new, measurable results related to moving families into work and self-sufficiency.*

These proposed regulations of the welfare reform bill are intended to help all welfare recipients who can work go to work, and to encourage states to work with all families. To support the success of welfare reform, President Clinton has already exercised leadership in initiating a new partnership with American business to hire welfare recipients, established a new welfare-to-work program targeting resources to communities with high numbers of long term welfare recipients, secured increases in child care funding, obtained the strongest child support enforcement measures ever enacted to force deadbeat parents to support their children, and encouraged good practices by states such as expanding child care and transportation services.

The proposed regulations announced today forge a balance between state flexibility and state accountability for moving welfare families to work.

The TANF Program

TANF replaces the former Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program. Under TANF, states determine the eligibility of needy families and the benefits and services those families will receive. States must use the TANF funds consistent with the purpose of the new law which contains strong work requirements, time limits assistance, reduces welfare dependency, and encourages two-parent families. States have broad flexibility in the design and operation of their welfare-to-work programs.

The proposed regulations incorporate the core TANF accountability provisions, including work requirements, time limits, state penalties, and data collection and reporting requirements. In general, the regulations reflect a limited and restrained federal role. Since Congress specifically limited the authority of the federal government to regulate the new TANF program, the regulations cover only areas where Congress specifically directed the Secretary to regulate or where the Secretary is regulating her own actions.

The proposed regulations provide states with a basic framework for implementing the new welfare program, reinforce the importance of work requirements, promote positive outcomes for needy children and families, and fulfill the new federal role of supporting state flexibility, innovation and success.

Prior to the issuance of these proposed regulations, HHS conducted an extensive consultation process. In addition, upon publication on Thursday in the Federal Register, HHS will accept comments for 90 days. Written comments can be sent either by mail or over the World Wide Web by visiting our site at: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/news/welfare/>. Following the comment process, HHS will consider all submissions and issue final regulations.

The following highlights some issues covered by the proposed regulations.

Penalties

At the heart of the statute is the expectation that States be held accountable for moving families from welfare to economic self-sufficiency through work. Congress' intention in this area was clear – to follow through on its expectations, it gave HHS specific authority to hold states accountable for results by reducing Federal funds through 14 penalties. The proposed regulations conscientiously carry out the new law's penalties in a tough but fair framework.

The new welfare law also gives the Secretary of HHS discretionary authority to forgive some penalties on states for failing to meet a statutory requirement for reasonable cause. While providing the states a fair opportunity to demonstrate reasonable cause, the Secretary intends to be firm in granting exceptions only for compelling reasons. The proposed regulations provide some general examples when states might be granted reasonable cause exceptions, including natural disasters and other calamities, incorrect federal guidance and isolated, non-recurring problems.

The law also provides states an opportunity to correct certain problems through corrective compliance plans. The proposed regulations specify what the corrective compliance plans must include and limit the duration of such plans to six months.

Credit for Caseload Reductions

The new law allows states to obtain credit toward meeting the work participation rates to the extent their previous year's caseload was lower than it was in federal fiscal year 1995. The intention of the provision was to acknowledge the successful achievements of states in moving families from welfare to work. The new law excludes caseload reductions that occurred because of changes in eligibility requirements, such as time limits and income requirements.

Under the regulation, states will submit information for the prior year, including a list of eligibility changes and an estimate of the effects of each on the caseload. There will be separate reductions for the overall and the two-parent rates, based on reductions in the respective caseloads.

Two-Parent Families

The new welfare law's core principle is to support and require all families to move into work. The new law set a higher minimum participation rate for two-parent families than for all families. In assessing penalties on states failing to meet the higher two parent rates, the proposed regulations would implement this requirement in a balanced way, basing the penalty for failure to meet the participation rate in proportion to the percentage of the states' caseload that is two-parent families.

Waivers

Prior to the enactment of the new welfare law, the Clinton administration led the effort to reform welfare by encouraging and supporting state innovations through waivers. In President Clinton's first term, the Administration granted 43 states waivers of federal requirements. Those waivers laid the foundation of the new welfare reform law by strengthening work requirements, time limiting assistance and demanding parental responsibility. In a recent report, the Council of Economic Advisors attributed 31 percent of the unprecedented reduction in welfare caseloads to the Clinton waiver demonstrations.

The welfare reform law allows states to continue to operate their welfare reform waiver demonstrations, and to retain provisions that are inconsistent with the new law, until the waivers expire. The proposed regulations define the extent to which inconsistencies apply in a way that maintain the law's strong work requirements. For example, the proposal does not allow states to use waivers to limit the universe of people subject to the work participation rates.

Domestic Violence

The proposed regulations balance the special security and safety needs of victims of domestic violence with the need to provide them the opportunity to achieve independence and economic self-sufficiency through work. States are encouraged to adopt the new law's Family Violence Option and seek to ensure that individuals are appropriately assessed and that they are provided crucial services. HHS will grant good cause exceptions to the penalties for states that fail to meet work or time-limit requirements because of waivers granted to victims of domestic violence, as long as those waivers are temporary and include services to help the individual prepare for work and self-sufficiency.

Maintenance of Effort

The proposed regulations continue to provide states the flexibility to set up separate state programs to serve needy families funded solely with state funds. In January 1997, HHS issued guidance with a preliminary explanation of state maintenance of effort requirements, allowing states to use separate programs to address particular family situations, such as grandparent heads of households. However, if states misuse this flexibility -- to evade the work requirements, deny the Federal share of child support collections or avoid penalties -- they will not be considered for discretionary reasonable cause exceptions or reductions in penalty amounts.

Data Collection and Reporting

The proposed regulations closely mirror the new law's requirement that states collect and report information in sufficient detail that HHS, the Congress and the public can understand who is being served by states in TANF and compare progress and results in moving families from welfare to work. They would require all states to submit quarterly reports to provide basic data, such as caseloads and work requirements, and document maintenance of effort. States will be encouraged to provide the same data for state funded programs where spending counts for TANF maintenance of effort.

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