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cc
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Subject: Re: Endangerment finding memo

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From: David McIntosh
Sent: 03/21/2009 11:23 AM
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David McIntosh/DC/USEPA/US
03/21/2009 12:41 PM

To: Richard Windsor, "David McIntosh", "Lisa Heinzerling"
cc
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Subject: Re: See what you think of this response?

It looks good to me. You might add

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From: Richard Windsor
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Richard Windsor  
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**EPA: Global Warming Threatens Public Health, Welfare**

*By Juliet Elperin*
Washington Post Staff Writer
Monday, March 23, 2009; 12:18 PM

The Environmental Protection Agency sent a proposal to the White House on Monday saying that global warming is endangering the public's health and welfare, according to several officials, and that the issue has far-reaching implications for the nation's economy and environment.

The proposal -- which comes in response to a 2007 Supreme Court decision on whether carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases should be regulated under the Clean Air Act -- could lay the groundwork for nationwide measures to limit such emissions.

administration's landmark environmental decisions: In July 2008 then-EPA Administrator Sarah Johnson rejected his scientific and technical staff's recommendation and announced that the agency will seek months of further public comment on the threat posed by global warming.

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But business groups decried the move as an economic disaster.

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"This will mean that all infrastructure projects, including those under the stimulus bill, will be subject to environmental review for greenhouse gases. Since not all projects will be subjected to that review, it is possible that the projects under the stimulus initiative could end up being devastating to the economy."

In December 2007 EPA submitted a written recommendation to the White House administration to allow EPA to state officially that global warming is a threat under the Clean Air Act. Senior White House officials refused to open the document and urged John Cast and other senior environmental officials to challenge the finding. Such a finding would trigger sweeping regulatory requirements under the 40-year-old Clean Air Act. EPA analysis had found the move would cost utilities, automakers and other energy users billions in costs but also bringing benefits to other economic sectors.

EPA officials could not be reached immediately today for comment on the original recommendation.

Several congressional Democrats had urged EPA administrator Lisa P. Jackson to establish an endangerment finding on the grounds that it was scientifically warranted and necessary to enact a national cap on greenhouse gases. Unlike former President George W. Bush, who opposed mandatory limits, Obama backs such mandatory limits.

On Thursday Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), who chairs the Environment and Public Works Committee, wrote to the EPA administrator, "It is critical that the scientific process be respected and that the process used be transparent and open to public scrutiny."
Committee, said, "There is no question that the law and the facts require and it should happen without further delay, and I believe it will."
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To: Richard Windsor

cc

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good call in every sense. there is a small chance the headline could change in the print edition. i tend to doubt it. but check it out before dialing. good luck.

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GOT A GUESS WHERE?

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HOWEVER, I HOPE THE HEADLINE THEY ASSIGNED IT DOESN'T GIVE YOU ANY PAUSE. THE QUOTE FROM US IS VERY, VERY GOOD.

**EPA Presses Obama To Regulate Warming Under Clean Air Act**

By Juliet Eilperin
Washington Post Staff Writer
Tuesday, March 24, 2009; A01

The Environmental Protection Agency's new leadership, in a step toward confronting global warming, submitted a finding that will force the White House to decide whether to limit greenhouse gas emissions under the nearly 40-year-old Clean Air Act.

Under that law, EPA's conclusion -- that such emissions are pollutants that endanger the public's health and welfare -- could trigger a broad regulatory process affecting much of the U.S.
The agency's finding, which was sent to the White House Office of Management and Budget without fanfare on Friday, also reversed one of the Bush administration's landmark decisions on climate change, and it indicated anew that President Obama's appointees will push to address the issue of warming despite the potential political costs.

In 2007, the Supreme Court instructed the Bush administration to determine whether greenhouse gases should be regulated under the Clean Air Act, but last July, then-EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson announced that the agency would instead seek months of public comment on the threat posed by global-warming pollution.

Interest groups and experts across the ideological spectrum described the EPA's proposal yesterday as groundbreaking. But while environmentalists called it overdue and essential to curbing dangerous climate change, business representatives warned that it could hobble the nation's economic recovery.

"This is historic news," said Frank O'Donnell, who heads the environmental watchdog group Clean Air Watch. "It will set the stage for the first-ever national limits on global-warming pollution. And it is likely to help light a fire under Congress to get moving."

But William L. Kovacs, vice president of environment, technology and regulatory affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said an effort to regulate greenhouse gases based on the EPA's scientific finding "will be devastating to the economy."

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"Specifically, once the finding is made, no matter how limited, some environmental groups will sue to make sure it is applied to all aspects of the Clean Air Act."

The White House emphasized that the administration is simply fulfilling its legal obligations and will still press for a legislative solution to the question of curbing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

"The president has made clear that to combat climate change, his strong preference is for Congress to pass energy security legislation that includes a cap on greenhouse gas emissions," said White House spokesman Ben LaBolt. "The Supreme Court ruled that the EPA must review whether greenhouse gas emissions pose a threat to public health or welfare, and this is simply the next step in what will be a long process that engages stakeholders and the public."

OMB spokesman Kenneth Baer did not give a specific timeline for when the White House will decide on how to proceed.

Johnson's action came in rejection of his scientific and technical staff's recommendation. In December 2007, the EPA staff wrote the White House to urge that the agency be allowed to make the finding that global warming threatens human health and welfare, but senior White House officials rejected that proposal on the grounds that the Clean Air Act was not the best way
to deal with climate-change issues.

Since then, however, federal officials have provided additional rationales for such a finding. Last month, Howard Frumkin, who directs the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Environmental Health, testified before a Senate committee that the CDC "considers climate change a serious public health concern" that could accelerate illnesses and deaths stemming from heat waves, air pollution, and food- and water-borne illnesses.

But even those who support cutting greenhouse gases warn that doing so under the Clean Air Act could be complicated. "This would be a regulatory maze far exceeding anything we've seen before," said David Schoenbrod, a professor of environmental law at the New York Law School.

While the EPA's finding is not final, experts steeped in the Clean Air Act began debating yesterday what it would mean for utilities, vehicles, manufacturing plants and consumers. Kovacs predicted it could halt many of the projects funded under the just-passed economic recovery package. "This will mean that all infrastructure projects, including those under the president's stimulus initiative, will be subject to environmental review for greenhouse gases," he said.

EPA spokeswoman Adora Andy said in a statement that if the administration goes ahead with the proposal, it will be subject to public hearings and comment before becoming final, adding that it "does not propose any requirements on any sources of greenhouse-gas emissions" and "does not impose any new regulatory burdens on any projects, let alone those funded" under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Daniel J. Weiss, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank, said the EPA's proposal would allow the administration to tackle climate change if Congress does not limit carbon emissions through legislation. He added that even if the EPA were forced to regulate greenhouse gases, it would target emissions from coal-fired power plants and then vehicles -- which combined account for about half of the nation's global-warming pollution -- before requiring smaller operations to apply for new emissions permits.

"The way I see it, it's, in case of legislative gridlock, break open the Clean Air Act," Weiss said. "It's a backup option, not ideal, but it's a way to make progress on emissions reductions."
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Have a nice weekend.

Best,
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Date: 03/27/2009 04:09 PM 
Subject: Fw: Principals +1 Meeting with David Axelrod: MONDAY 3/30 @ 3:45 PM in Roosevelt Room

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Thanks!

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TIME: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

LOCATION: EEOB 350

TOPIC: Renewable Electricity Standard and Climate Change

PARTICIPATION: Principals + 1

BACKGROUND: (b)(5) Deliberative
From: Lisa Heinzerling  
Sent: 03/30/2009 09:50 PM EDT  
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To: "Lisa Jackson"
cc

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Marygrace Galston

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From: Marygrace Galston
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Ct: Lori Keyton 564-5768  
Staff: Chuck Fox (OA)  
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The individual from the R10 office will call the Administrator's office on 564-4700 to participate with Chuck and Jim by phone. |
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Jon Carson
Chief of Staff
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Funny. We got heart though.
Allyn Brooks-LaSure

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Hi Lisa – first, just wanted to see if you are planning to come to our Adaptation to Climate Change Interagency meeting today?

Also, either later this morning or when you are here for the meeting, can we talk about the Environment summit in Italy? I’d like to talk about having a CEQ staff member go with. Let me know when a good time to talk about that would be.

Jon Carson
Chief of Staff
Council on Environmental Quality
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To Bob Sussman
cc
bcc

Subject Re: Big Branch MTM Issues

Eztraordinary work Bob! Talk about going retail. I'm so grateful that you are riding this one out.

BTW, Hoping to get you something soon.

Lisa

Bob Sussman

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Bob Sussman 
Sent: 04/12/2009 03:40 PM EDT 
To: Richard Windsor 
Cc: Arvin Ganesan; Eric Wachter; Robert Goulding; Scott Fulton 
Subject: Fw: Big Branch MTM Issues 

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Markey spoke at an MIT energy forum earlier today (see below). Maybe she was speaking there too.

**CLIMATE: Jackson, Chu, LaHood to headline hearings on House bill next week (04/13/2009)**

Ben Geman, E&E senior reporter

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. -- Top Obama administration officials will be questioned about their views of a sweeping draft climate and energy bill during House hearings next week.

A House Energy and Commerce Committee panel will begin hearings to discuss the measure released by the committee chairman, California Democrat Henry Waxman, and Rep. Ed Markey (D-Mass.).

Markey, speaking at a Massachusetts Institute of Technology energy forum here today, said the witnesses will include U.S. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, Energy Secretary Steven Chu, and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.

The hearings will be held by the Energy and Environment subcommittee that Markey chairs.

The bill would create a cap-and-trade system to curb U.S. emissions by 20 percent below 2005 levels by 2020, with a midcentury reduction of 83 percent.

The measure also includes a renewable electricity standard that reaches as high as 25 percent by 2025, reductions in the carbon content of motor fuels, new energy efficiency programs and requirements, measures to deploy the infrastructure needed for widespread use of plug-in electric vehicles, and many other provisions.

Thus far, the administration has broadly said that it supports the goals of the massive bill, while noting that details are under review.

The committee plans to complete its markup of the bill by Memorial Day. "We must be the leaders if we expect others in the world to follow us," Markey said of the need for U.S. emissions curbs.

White House science adviser John Holdren told the forum that global warming is already causing changes that are harmful to ecosystems and people.

"Climate change is now happening faster than almost anyone previously predicted," Holdren said. Later, he added, "Significant harm to human well-being is already occurring."
I am actually in Boston with Markey today.

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Windsor.Richard@epamail.epa.gov <Windsor.Richard@epamail.epa.gov> 
To: Browner, Carol M.; Sutley, Nancy H. 
Sent: Mon Apr 13 12:07:00 2009 
Subject: Fw: From Lisa Jackson - Thoughts for this afternoon 

Just sent this to Axe - are you guys coming at 3? 

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Richard Windsor 
Sent: 04/13/2009 12:06 PM EDT 
To: Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, "Sutley, Nancy H." <b> (b) (6) Privacy 
Subject: Fw: From Lisa Jackson - Thoughts for this afternoon 

Hi David,

Looking forward to the meeting this afternoon. I offer the following rather cryptic agenda if you think it will help focus our discussion. Lisa

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Attached is EPA's draft 100-day Report. We await your comments. It would be helpful if you could let us know when we should expect comments and the target date we should look to for finalization.

2009: EPA, document (DRAFT IV) 100 Day document.doc

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"Milakofsky, Benjamin E." Dear Cabinet Chiefs of Staff: 04/13/2009 03:05:47 PM

From: "Milakofsky, Benjamin E."  (b) (6) Privacy
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Date: 04/13/2009 03:05 PM
Subject: Reminder: draft 100-day Report

Dear Cabinet Chiefs of Staff:

A friendly reminder that the draft 100-Day Report is due today. Please send your completed report to Ben Milakofsky and [redacted]. We have attached the template that was circulated a few weeks ago.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

--Cabinet Affairs

[attachment "100daystemplate.doc" deleted by Ray Spears/DC/USEPA/US]
Your plane tomorrow is set to land at Reagan at 4:40. Do you want to try to attend late? This is another Principals Meeting set to begin at 4:30.

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Thanks very much and please don’t hesitate to call or email with any questions.

Best,
Kate

Kate E. Brandt
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From: Brandt, Kate E.
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2009 11:58 AM
To: Brandt, Kate E.; Hire, Elisabeth; Williams, Alice H.; Herman, Juliana B.; Thomson, John F.; Jung, Bryan; Farnsworth, Sarah S.; Dunn, Lauren P.; Belive, Lauren; Bailey, Avery E.; McLaughlin, Patricia M.; English, Leandra; 'Rf@doc.gov'; 'Lally, Brian J Mr OSD ATL'; 'annie.brady@usdoj.gov'; 'Scola, Lindsay'; 'Cryan.Megan@epa.gov'; 'Joan_Padilla@ios.doj.gov'; 'Daniel.J.Gross@hud.gov'; 'Robertson, Megan A'; 'Valmoro, Lona J'; 'Kevin.Chapman@dot.gov'; 'Julie.herr@do.treas.gov'; 'Reiter, Liz'; 'Cuthe, Sally'; Milakofsky, Benjamin E.; Gonzalez, Roberto J.; 'Sullivan, Maureen, Ms, OSD-ATL'; Siegel, Avra; Jackson, Katie E.; 'William.Pizer@do.treas.gov'
Subject: Principals Meeting: Auction/Allocation and Revenue Return [Wednesday 4/15 4:30 pm]

DATE: Wednesday April 15th

TIME: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

LOCATION: EEOB 350

TOPIC: Auction/Allocation and Revenue Return

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Yes plus McIntosh or LH  
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From: Megan Cryan/DC/USEPA/US  
To: "Robert Goulding" <Goulding.Robert@epamail.epa.gov>  
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(Fax)
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glowneconomic.041409.doc Energy Policy Talking Points - One Page FINAL.pdf
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Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US  
04/16/2009 10:04 AM

To: "Carson, Jonathan K."

cc Chuck Fox

bcc Richard Windsor

Subject: Fw: Chesapeake Bay Memo and Draft Executive Order

Jon -- per my voice mail, enclosed is EPA’s draft of an Executive Order on the Chesapeake Bay. The idea of this order was put forward by Governor Kaine, who also proposed a draft. There is broad support for the order within the Bay Congressional delegation. There is an important meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council on May 12 (attended by the Governors and the Administrator) at which we’d like to announce the order. 

Chuck Fox, Lisa’s senior advisor on the Bay, and I would like to brief you and others on the EO and discuss the path forward. In addition, Lisa will be calling Nancy today to get the ball rolling.

Thanks, Jon. Look forward to getting together on this.

Robert M. Sussman
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US Environmental Protection Agency

----- Forwarded by Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US on 04/16/2009 09:56 AM -----
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Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US
04/16/2009 04:31 PM

To: "Carol Browner"
cc
bcc
Subject: Fw: IGCC

FYI
Lisa Heinzerling

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Lisa Heinzerling
Sent: 04/16/2009 03:49 PM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
Subject: Re: IGCC

Sorry for my confusion. Here's the answer.

--- Original Message --
From: Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US
To: Lisa Heinzerling/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 04/15/2009 10:01 PM
Subject: Re: IGCC

Tx. That was v interesting but not the... 04/15/2009 10:01:18 PM

From: Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US
To: Lisa Heinzerling/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 04/15/2009 10:01 PM
Subject: Re: IGCC

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Lisa Heinzerling

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From: Lisa Heinzerling
Sent: 04/15/2009 04:22 PM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
Subject: IGCC

In case the question we're circling back on is

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Office of Energy and Climate Change
Ph:
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Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US 04/16/2009 07:10 PM

To: David McIntosh, Lisa Heinzerling
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Subject: Re: don't shoot the messenger

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Ph: (b) (6) Privacy
Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US 04/16/2009 07:55 PM
To Lisa Heinzerling

Subject: Re: don't shoot the messenger

Take off any that you think we need to discuss first but I think most are OK.
Lisa Heinzerling

----- Original Message ----- 04/16/2009 07:10:08 PM
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To: Richard Windsor
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Heather Zichal
Office of Energy and Climate Change
Ph: (b) (6) Privacy
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Bob Sussman

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Bob Sussman 
Sent: 04/16/2009 10:04 AM EDT 
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Cc: Chuck Fox 
Subject: Fw: Chesapeake Bay Memo and Draft Executive Order

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----- Forwarded by Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US on 04/16/2009 09:56 AM -----
Happy to work with you on this.

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Windsor.Richard@epamail.epa.gov <Windsor.Richard@epamail.epa.gov>
To: Sutley, Nancy H.
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Sent: 04/17/2009 11:02 AM AST
To: Richard Windsor
Subject: Re: Chesapeake Bay Memo and Draft Executive Order

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Agreed! Tx!

From: "Buffa, Nicole" (b) (6) Privacy
Sent: 04/17/2009 01:11 PM AST
To: Richard Windsor
Subject: FW: EPA Made History Today - CQ in the news

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!! We need to toast to this in Sicily!

-----Forwarded by Matthew Klasen/DC/USEPA/US on 04/17/2009 12:41PM -----
To: All EPA Employees
From: Message from the Administrator
Date: 04/17/2009 12:09PM
Subject: EPA Made History Today

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Colleagues:

Just minutes ago, I signed a proposed finding indicating that six greenhouse gases pose a threat to the health and welfare of current and future generations of Americans. This was an historic action, and the first formal recognition by the U.S. government of the threats posed by climate change.

Two years ago, the Supreme Court urged EPA scientists to speak on the question of greenhouse gas pollution and the threats it poses to our health and welfare. They recognized the seriousness of this matter and I’m proud of the work you’ve done to tackle this question head-on.

We release this proposal amid the President’s call to transition to a low-carbon economy, and strong Congressional leadership on clean energy and climate legislation. In the weeks and months ahead, we will work closely with all stakeholders to find the best solutions to the threats of climate change. I believe that the right answer will come through legislation that focuses on green jobs, clean energy, and new technologies.

This is an historic day for our country and our agency. As Earth Day approaches, today’s announcement should remind all Americans that change has come for the environment. Change has come to the EPA.

Many hands played a part in this effort. You all have my sincerest appreciation and respect. I know staff and managers in OAR, ORD and OGC played a crucial role in this document's development. In particular, let me highlight the tireless work of Lisa Heinzerling, Dina Kruger, Ben DeAngelo, Rona Birnbaum, Carol Holmes and John Hannon. They, like all EPA employees, have given so much to advance our mission of protecting human health and the environment.

As always, I’m proud to serve with you. Thanks for your extraordinary work.

Sincerely,

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To: Richard Windsor, David McIntosh, Robert Goulding
cc: Eric Wachter, "David McIntosh"

Subject: Re:

I'm available any time after the EMA meeting ends at 4 for this meeting on upcoming regulatory activities. (They asked for late in the day, so I'm not giving earlier times.)

From: Richard Windsor
Sent: 04/20/2009 11:01 PM EDT
To: David McIntosh; Robert Goulding
Cc: Lisa Heinzerling; Eric Wachter; "David McIntosh" <mcintosh.david@epa.gov>
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Lisa
This will work -

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-----Original Message-----
From: Windsor.Richard@epamail.epa.gov
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2009 5:14 PM
To: Hurlbut, Brandon K.
Cc: Diane Thompson
Subject: Items for my Tuesday mtg

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Lisa
01268-EPA-4740

Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US  To Richard Windsor
05/06/2009 06:46 PM cc Diane Thompson, Arvin Ganesan

Subject: Fw: Draft CWA letter

For discussion tomorrow. CEQ is proposing Draft enclosed. Once we agree on the draft, CEQ wants to put it through interagency review.

Robert M. Sussman
Senior Policy Counsel to the Administrator
Office of the Administrator
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----- Forwarded by Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US on 05/06/2009 06:44 PM -----

From: "Boots, Michael J." <b (b) (5) Privacy>
To: Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Mike Shapiro/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: "Peterson, Jeffrey W." <b (b) (5) Privacy>
Date: 05/06/2009 04:16 PM
Subject: Fw: Draft CWA letter

Apologies if this didn't go thru the first time. Here it is again.

From: Boots, Michael J.
To: 'shapiro.mike@epa.gov'
Sent: Wed May 06 10:38:39 2009
Subject: Draft CWA letter

Hi Mike:

(b)(5) Deliberative

I would like to meet with you and Bob to discuss this in more detail. I'll try to give Bob a heads up when I see him in the next hour for a mountaintop mining meeting.

Feel free to call me to discuss this further.

All the best,

Mike

Michael Boots
Associate Director for Land and Water Ecosystems
White House Council on Environmental Quality
730 Jackson Place NW
Washington, DC 20530
Main Line: (b) (6) Privacy
Hi Amy,

This list is good, it looks like the transition team list that we put together. You probably hit most of the major players. Never going to get everyone. It is light on Indigenous Peoples, but, you can have a separate meeting - govt to govt, for them. If you want a roster there, happy to help! The UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples is in NYC in two weeks, I will be going. Will someone from CEQ be? Might be a good idea. If so, let me know, I'm a block away and will go for at least a part of it. Did you guys get a report on the Indigenous Climate Change Summit, held in Alaska two weeks ago?

Anyway, back to the general meeting- discussion time is really short for such a big group, but you can't change that now. Next time, break it up by discussion area. EJ folks have so many different areas they work in. I think one of the major reasons why they were pleased with the transition process, is that they had many varied substantive opportunities to contribute. Some toxics, some climate, some indigenous issues , then also the big meeting.

The EPA AA roster may get voted out of the Senate today, so we will see If appropriate for me to join, send me the dial-in information. If not let me know how it goes!

Michelle

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: "Salzman, Amelia S."  
Date: Fri, 8 May 2009 18:41:18 -0400  
To: Michelle DePass< (b) (6) Privacy  
Subject: EJ Meeting next week  

Hey Michelle,

I heard you got voted out of committee. Hurray!! It was so great to celebrate with you and I can’t wait until you’re here for real!

I’m forwarding a bunch of materials that related to a meeting Van Jones and Greg Nelson are organizing (??) for next wed, May 13th from 1:30-3. My colleague Mimi Guernica and I have just jumped in to make sure it is a success and we would really value your participating and advice. If you’re not going to be in town, you can join by phone.

Could you take a look at the invite list especially and let us know who we’re missing?
Thanks tons

Amy

**Amelia Salzman**
Associate Director for Policy Outreach
White House Council on Environmental Quality
730 Jackson Place, NW
Washington, DC 20530

**Georgina (Mimi) Guernica**
Deputy Associate Director for Policy Outreach
Council on Environmental Quality
730 Jackson Place, NW
Washington, D.C. 20503

**From:** Guernica, Georgina M.
**Sent:** Friday, May 08, 2009 6:37 PM
**To:** Salzman, Amelia S.
**Subject:** List of invitees, invitation, draft agenda are attached
### EPA Administrator
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Thank you

Kate Gage
Director of Scheduling
EPA - Office of the Administrator
P. 202-564-2856 | F. 202-501-1470
gage.katharine@epa.gov

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Attached is an article that sums up the WH strategy on messaging on the OMB document. They have essentially said that the document in question was written by a Bush holdover in the Small Business Administration.

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Inter-agency Memo, Bush Holdover Warns of Harm to Economy if Greenhouse Gases Regulated through Clean Air Act

May 12, 2009 11:18 AM

Criticism in an interagency memo of potential government regulation of greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act (CAA) -- saying it will hurt the economy, and questioning whether such a "precautionary" move would too expansively open up the door for government regulation -- was written by a holdover of the Bush administration, an Obama administration official said today.

"Making the decision to regulate CO2 under the CAA for the first time is likely to have serious economic consequences for regulated entities throughout the U.S. economy, including small businesses and small communities," states one comment in the memo, which were collected and officially sent by the White House's Office of Management and Budget. "Should EPA later extend this finding to stationary sources, small businesses and institutions would be subject to costly regulatory programs such as New Source Review."
An administration official says the comments were written by a Bush appointee in the Office of Advocacy in the Small Business Administration.

The comments drew attention from the media (including this blog) when they were posted in an Obama administration interagency review responding to the Environmental Protection Agency finding on greenhouse gases.

The Supreme Court, ruling in the 2007 case *Massachusetts v. E.P.A.*, ordered the EPA to determine whether greenhouse gases endangers public health and welfare.

The Bush administration essentially ignored the ruling.

*On April 17, Obama's EPA Administrator, Lisa Jackson, issued a proposed "endangerment finding," which would likely mean the EPA would regulate greenhouse gases -- carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride, treated as a group as an air pollutant -- through the Clean Air Act.*

The White House has not yet decided to go forward with any rule-making based on the finding.* There is a 60-day comment period following the finding. As part of this process, the Obama administration requested comment from various departments and agencies on the endangerment finding, which is where the memo came from.

A White House spokesman said the president's preference would be to have greenhouse gas regulation be accomplished through legislation rather than through executive fiat.

"While EPA had an obligation to follow the law and engage in this scientific process in the wake of the Supreme Court ruling, the President has called on Congress to pass comprehensive energy legislation that includes a market based cap on carbon emissions that would transition the nation to a clean energy economy and create millions of green jobs," White House spokesman Ben LaBolt said.


In the nine-page memo, the Bush holdover voices "a concern that EPA is making a finding based on (1) 'harm' from substances that have no demonstrated direct health effects, such as respiratory or toxic effects, (2) available scientific data that purports to conclusively establish the nature and extent of the adverse public health and welfare impacts are almost exclusively from non-EPA sources, and (3) applying a dramatically expanded precautionary principle."

If the EPA goes forward with a finding of endangerment for all six greenhouse gases, he warns in the document, "it could be establishing a relaxed and expansive new standard for endangerment. Subsequently, EPA would be petitioned to find endangerment and regulate many
other 'pollutants' for the sake of the precautionary principle (e.g., electromagnetic fields, perchlorates, endocrine disruptors, and noise).

He also suggests that such a "finding could be strengthened by including additional information on benefits, costs, and risks (where this information exists); meeting appropriate standards for peer review; and accepted research protocols… The Finding should also acknowledge that EPA has not undertaken a systematic risk analysis or cost-benefit analysis."

The comments in the memo will no doubt be seized upon by business lobbyists who oppose Jackson's move, who last month wrote to her warning that an "endangerment finding will set the stage for an economic train wreck and a constitutional crisis." The endangerment finding "will trigger a regulatory cascade threatening the economy," they wrote. "Rather than decry this peril to the economy and the polity, some Obama Administration officials and Members of Congress—and many activists—brandish the endangerment finding as a tool of legislative extortion. Their increasingly audible threat: 'Enact the Waxman-Markey bill, or we'll unleash the CAA on the economy.'"

- jpt

* Since clarified and corrected; the EPA's finding went through, it was the rule-making that the White House has not yet decided to do.

** Since updated with information about the author of the comments, according to an Obama administration official.
UPDATE: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 Schedule for Lisa P. Jackson

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See corrected schedule below.

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### EPA Administrator

**Lisa P. Jackson**

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Subject: UPDATE: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 Schedule for Lisa P. Jackson

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To Diane Thompson, Richard Windsor, Eric Wachter, Robert Goulding
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Subject UPDATED:Wednesday, May 13, 2009 Schedule for Lisa P. Jackson

Please Note: Carol Browner's office has requested a short call at 5:40pm to brief the Administrator on National Auto Policy Mtg at the WH at 6:15pm this evening.

Browner's office will call 202-564-4700 at 5:40pm.

See updated schedule below. Thank you.

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Subject: FW: draft cafe standards op-ed

Below is a draft op-ed that we would like to issue on behalf of Secretary LaHood and Administrator Jackson in conjunction with the CAFE announcement. Can you please review and send any edits back before Monday at 10 am? Thanks!
I'm on this. Want to see any comments that go over, please. Thanks.

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Subject: Fw: draft cafe standards op-ed

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Sent: 05/16/2009 03:06 PM AST
To: <joan.deboer@dot.gov>; <jill.zuckman@dot.gov>; <kathryn.thomson@dot.gov>; Diane Thompson; Lisa Heinzerling; Adora Andy
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(b)(5) Deliberative
I've received the message and the process sounds good to me.

MABL.
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M. Allyn Brooks-LaSure
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: 202-631-0415

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We can (1) (b)(5) Deliberative (2) (b)(5) Deliberative (b)(5) Deliberative or (3) (b)(5) Deliberative (b)(5) Deliberative

What would you like to do?

PS -- (b)(5) Deliberative

Robert M. Sussman
Senior Policy Counsel to the Administrator
Office of the Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency

As Nancy and Lisa discussed yesterday at the fuel efficiency announcement, (b)(5) Deliberative
Attached you’ll find a redline version, along with a clean copy (incorporating their proposed changes).
I'll look forward to talking this through with you at 3:15 when we're scheduled to talk.

Thanks,
Mike

Michael Boots
Associate Director for Land and Water Ecosystems
White House Council on Environmental Quality
730 Jackson Place NW
Washington, DC 20530
Main Line: (b)(6) Privacy
Direct: (b)(5) Deliberative
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TIME: 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
LOCATION: Roosevelt Room

2:15 – 2:45 p.m. TOPIC: Waxman-Markey Bill Discussion
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PARTICIPATION: Principals only

BACKGROUND: OECC will convene a discussion on the Waxman-Markey legislation. Following this, David Axelrod will discuss messaging around comprehensive climate and energy legislation.

From: Brandt, Kate E.
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 7:30 PM
To: 'Robertson, Megan A'; 'Scola, Lindsay'; Herman, Juliana B.; Thomson, John F.; 'CGonzalez@doc.gov'; 'Reiter, Liz'; 'mosley.carolyn@dol.gov'; 'Joan_Padilla@ios.doi.gov'; 'Gage.Katharine@epamail.epa.gov'; 'Kevin.Chapman@dot.gov'; McLaughlin, Patricia M.
Subject: Thursday Principals Meetings

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Kate E. Brandt
Office of Energy and Climate Change
Yes Lisa H please.
Katharine Gage

----- Original Message -----  
From: Katharine Gage  
Sent: 05/20/2009 06:20 PM EDT 
To: Richard Windsor  
Cc: Diane Thompson  
Subject: Fw: UPDATE: Thursday Principals Meetings  

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**EPA Administrator**  
**Lisa P. Jackson**  
**Schedule**  
**Friday, May 22, 2009**

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   b. Issues/expectations/press (OW, OIA, OPA)
   c. Bilat meeting with Min. Cramer (OIA)

10:30 - 11:00    Paris/OECD
   a. Logistical run-thru (AO)
   b. Issues/expectations (OIA, USAID, DOS)
   c. DAC/EPOC High-Level Meeting (OIA)
   d. Press (OPA)

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM    Ariel Rios
   Depart for DOE
   Bob Sussman will travel with The Administrator

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM    DOE
   1000 Independence Ave, SW
   Energy STAR meeting with Secretary Chu
   Ct. Kate Gage 564-2856
   Staff:
   Bob Sussman (OA)
   DOE Staff:
   Dan Utech, Senior Advisor

12:30 PM - 12:45 PM    DOE
   Depart for Central Restaurant

12:30 PM - 12:40 PM    By Phone
   Call with Rep. Sestak
   Ct: Marian [b] (6) Privacy
   The Administrator will call Marian on [b] (6) Privacy to be connected to the Congressman

01:00 PM - 01:55 PM    Central Restaurant
   1001 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
   Lunch
   Subj: Nancy Sutley
   Ct: Kate Gage 564-2856

01:55 PM - 02:00 PM    Central Restaurant
   Depart for Ariel Rios

02:00 PM - 02:45 PM    Bullet Room
   Briefing to discuss TSCA Reauthorization and ChamP
   Ct. Georgia Bednar 564-9816
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FYI -- we'll keep you posted.

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----- Forwarded by Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US on 05/24/2009 09:59 AM -----

From: "Boots, Michael J." <John.R.Norris@osec.usda.gov>, <Jett@osec.usda.gov>, <Robert.Bonnie@osec.usda.gov>, <emoran@doc.gov>, <TSullivan@doc.gov>, <Monica.Medina@noaa.gov>, "Mayekar, Samir S." <rock.salt@us.army.mil>, <james.pederson@ferc.gov>, <noah.kroloff@dhs.gov>, <Amy.Shlossman@dhs.gov>, <thomas_strickland@ios.doi.gov>, <renee_stone@dhs.gov>, <Laura_Davis@ios.doi.gov>, <MillsCD@state.gov>, <sullivanjj@state.gov>, <abedinh@state.gov>, Diane Thompson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, "Fitzpatrick, Michael A." <Lippert, Mark W.>, "Hurlbut, Brandon K." <Abbott, Shere> "Kalil, Thomas A." <Ericsson, Sally C.> <Sutley, Nancy H.> "Briggs, Xavier D." "Carson, Jonathan K." "Weiss, Michael I." "Buffa, Nicole" "Herman, Juliana B."
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Date: 05/21/2009 03:04 PM
Subject: Interagency Meeting on Ocean Policy - June 2, 2009

Dear All:

CEQ and OMB would like to convene an interagency meeting with agencies and departments that have jurisdiction over, or significant interest in, ocean uses and resources. [b](5) Deliberative

Attached for your review is a memorandum outlining recommendations on a proposed framework and an internal draft directive that would establish the interagency structure.

Please see the attached invitation for meeting details and relevant contact information. We look forward to seeing you for this important conversation.

All the best,
Mike

Michael Boots
Associate Director for Land and Water Ecosystems
White House Council on Environmental Quality
730 Jackson Place NW
Washington, DC 20530
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Joe Ferrante

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To: Scott Fulton; Kathy Petruccelli; Martin Dieu; Walker Smith; Gary Waxmonsky; Brian Muehling; Carla Veney
Subject: Re: Fw: June 17, 2009 TEPAC Members Meeting: UPDATE

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Office of Global Affairs and Policy
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U.S. EPA

(202) 564-6558 (Phone)
(202) 565-2918 (Fax)
Email: ferrante.joe@epa.gov

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Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Environment and Natural Resources

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Cc: TEPAC Liaisons

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Diane,

See Scott's note below.

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To: Richard Windsor
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May 28, 2009

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TEPAC)

FROM: Lisa A. Garcia
Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison

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Bob,
Would this be you and David M.?
DT

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Diane E. Thompson
Chief of Staff
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6999
----- Forwarded by Diane Thompson/DC/USEPA/US on 06/01/2009 05:44 PM -----
PARTICIPATION: Principal +1

BACKGROUND: (b)(5) Deliberative

Please let me know WAVES information for anyone who does not have a hard badge for the West Wing.

Thanks and please also let me know if you have any further questions.

Best,
Kate
Kate E. Brandt
Office of Energy and Climate Change

(b)(6) Privacy
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Happy to attend.

Robert M. Sussman
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Office of the Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency

Diane Thompson

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Diane E. Thompson
Chief of Staff
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6999

Rob and Diane,
See below. Please let me know who should be attending in the Admin's place.

Kate

----- Forwarded by Katharine Gage/DC/USEPA/US on 06/01/2009 02:49 PM -----
DATE: Wednesday, June 3

TIME: 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

LOCATION: Roosevelt Room

TOPIC: Onshore and Offshore development of oil and gas resources

PARTICIPATION: Principal +1

BACKGROUND: (b)(5) Deliberative

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Office of Energy and Climate Change
Is this the draft we are supposed to be commenting back to CEQ on by COB today. If so, the Adm needs to look at this before final comments go back.

DT

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Diane E. Thompson
Chief of Staff
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6999

Bob Sussman
For Administrator's book. Robert M. Su... 06/05/2009 01:04:15 PM

For Administrator's book.

Robert M. Sussman
Senior Policy Counsel to the Administrator
Office of the Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency
**EPA Administrator**  
**Lisa P. Jackson**  
**Schedule**  
**Tuesday, June 9, 2009**

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FYI. These are the internal talking points that we all should be using during tomorrow’s roll-out. White House Leg and Communications, as well as your own agency communications and leg folks, have these as well.

Michael Boots
Associate Director for Land and Water Ecosystems
White House Council on Environmental Quality
730 Jackson Place NW
Washington, DC 20530

From: Glunz, Christine M.
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 9:48 PM
To: DL-CEQ-AD
Subject: Talking points

MOUNTAINTOP REMOVAL TALKING POINTS
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Director of Communications
White House Council on Environmental Quality

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Cc: "Klasen, Matthew N." [Redacted] "Reynolds, Christina"

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Thanks!

Christine
Here are the talking points per CEQ.

Here you go... First story will be in the Washington Post and online at 11:30 PM tonight, second story is AP at 11:40 tonight. Corresponding editorial will run tomorrow morning in the Washington Post.

MOUNTAINTOP REMOVAL TALKING POINTS
FYI

I'm so sorry, this is the absolute last email of the night....Here is a new updated Q&A.

Thanks!

Christine

Last e-mail of the night... Here is the updated and very extensive Q&A.

Thanks all!

From: Glunz, Christine M.  
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 12:19 AM  
To: Glunz, Christine M.; 'Adora Andy'; 'Brooks-LaSure.Allyn@epamail.epa.gov'; 'Kendra_Barkoff@ios.doio.gov'; 'Matt_Lee-Ashley@ios.doio.gov'; 'Betsy_Hildebrandt@ios.doio.gov'; LaBolt, Benjamin; 'Pawlik, Eugene A HQ02'  
Cc: Klasen, Matthew N.; Reynolds, Christina  
Subject: RE: Q&A

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To: 'Adora Andy'; Brooks-LaSure.Allyn@epamail.epa.gov; 'Kendra_Barkoff@ios.doio.gov'; Matt_Lee-Ashley@ios.doio.gov; Betsy_Hildebrandt@ios.doio.gov; LaBolt, Benjamin; 'Pawlik, Eugene A HQ02'  
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Director of Communications  
White House Council on Environmental Quality

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To: "Bob Sussman", "Chuck Fox"
cc "Scott Fulton", "Richard Windsor"
bcc
Subject: Fw: Presidential Memorandum establishing an Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force

FYI

From: "Boots, Michael J." 
Sent: 06/12/2009 03:11 PM AST
To: "Boots, Michael J." <
Cc: "Sutley, Nancy H." <  "Carson, Jonathan K." 
< "Weiss, Michael I." ; "Maher, Jessica A." 
< "Buffa, Nicole" <  "Salzman, Amelia S." 
< "Glunz, Christine M." ; "Hight, Courtney" <  "Pearce, Hardy L." <
Subject: Presidential Memorandum establishing an Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force

Dear All –

Today President Obama issued a memorandum establishing an Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force. This Task Force is charged with developing recommendations for a national policy for the oceans, our coasts and the Great Lakes, improved policy coordination, and a framework for coastal and marine spatial planning. The President’s Memorandum and a Presidential Proclamation for National Oceans Month are attached.

CEQ will convene the first meeting of the Task Force on Monday, June 22, 2009 from 10am-12.
The Task Force will be composed of senior-level policy officials represented on the existing Committee on Ocean Policy. This will be at the Deputy level of your respective departments, agencies and offices. Please provide the name of your Task Force representative by close of business, Monday, June 15, 2009.

We will also establish a Working Committee of the Task Force, composed of senior officials who will be your key representatives to support the Task Force. These representatives will need to commit a substantial portion of their time toward this effort over the next six months. They will be the lead and single point of contact and be able to speak for your respective department, agency or office, and be available for weekly Working Committee meetings. By close of business Wednesday, June 17, please provide the name of your representative for the Working Committee. The first meeting of the Working Committee will be Thursday, June 25 at 1-3pm.

We are developing a 6-month schedule and work plan to ensure that we meet the objectives and time frames required in the President's Memorandum. This workplan and agendas for the first Task Force and Working Committee meetings will be sent out next week. We have also prepared a notebook for each Task Force member with relevant background materials which will be provided at the first Task Force meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Weiss (Deputy Associate Director for Ocean and Coastal Policy) at or Jess Maher (Associate Director for Legislative Affairs, CEQ) at .
I would like to thank you in advance for your commitment and support of this important effort and look forward to a robust and fruitful six months.

All the best,
Mike

Michael Boots
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Mike,
Would u pls forward to Suzanne.
Thanks,
Diane

Dear Cabinet Chiefs of Staff:

Please see the attached documents and press release below.

--Cabinet Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 12, 2009

Attached are a proclamation signed by the President regarding National Oceans Month and a memorandum from the President regarding a national policy for the oceans, our coasts, and the Great Lakes.
TALKING POINTS: COBURN ARRA REPORT

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Richard
Windsor/DC/USEPA/US
06/18/2009 04:31 PM

To: Diane Thompson

cc

Subject: Re: message to potus and other stuff

Yes - on time! Just sent an idea on coal ash. Getting lots done here! :)

----- Original Message -----        
From: Diane Thompson
Sent: 06/18/2009 04:27 PM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
Subject: Re: message to potus and other stuff

I would suggest we leave it at this:

----- Original Message -----        
From: Diane Thompson
Sent: 06/18/2009 04:27 PM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
Subject: Re: message to potus and other stuff

Are you on time?

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Diane E. Thompson
Chief of Staff
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6999

Richard Windsor  (b)(5)  06/18/2009 03:34:49 PM

From: Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US
To: Diane Thompson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 06/18/2009 03:34 PM
Subject: Re: message to potus

Sorry. How about -

----- Original Message -----        
From: Diane Thompson
Sent: 06/18/2009 03:31 PM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
Cc: Eric Wachter
Subject: message to potus

just a reminder.

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Diane E. Thompson
Chief of Staff
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6999
See Roberts' quote below. Comports with your description.

From: Allyn Brooks-LaSure
Sent: 06/16/2009 03:36 PM EDT
To: "Windsor, Richard" <Windsor.richard@epa.gov>; "Thompson, Diane" <thompson.diane@epa.gov>
Cc: "Oster, Seth" <oster.seth@epa.gov>
Subject: Fw: TPs: Coburn ARRA Report

MABL.
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M. Allyn Brooks-LaSure
Office of the Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: 202-631-0415

From: "Lehrich, Matthew A." <(b) (6) Privacy
Sent: 06/16/2009 03:24 PM AST
To: "Lehrich, Matthew A." <(b) (6) Privacy
Subject: TPs: Coburn ARRA Report

Talking Points: Coburn ARRA Report

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My thought exactly. The more inside connections the better. I have Marygrace going back to White House personnel on timing, but it is always hard to predict. Should could propose short-term thru July 27 when Michelle is going to start, or until she is cleared, whichever comes later. DT

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--- Original Message ---
From: "Depass, Michelle" [M.Depass@fordfound.org]
Sent: 06/19/2009 08:03 AM AST
To: Richard Windsor
Subject: Fw: CEQ

In Shalini's role at Resources for the Future, she has been attending meetings at CEQ. This week they mentioned that they were negotiating some Rockefeller money to bring people on temporarily. I told her she could quietly tell them that she is moving through the system for OIA so they would back off. Below was their response. What do you think?
Shalini is an expert on adaptation and we were planning on making that a signature piece of our Copenhagen and beyond climate push. So, it does figure that they are trying to get her their (thankfully, we got her first-phew!) On the other hand it could be helpful for OIA in the future for her to stake our claim their. Also, no idea how far Shalini's paperwork is right now.
Thanks,
Md

Hi Michelle,

I chatted with Jason Bordoff at CEQ again after we talked yesterday. I mentioned (quietly) that I was planning to
join OIA and the paperwork was moving through the system.

He was glad to hear it, and opened up the chance to spend a short time at CEQ (as a detailee, still on RFF's payroll and staff) until the move to EPA was finalized.

CEQ is trying to tackle international climate adaptation finance and coordination issues with (USAID, MMC, NOAA, OSTP and others). He framed it as a chance to get in at the ground level on the White House adaptation working group and then carry any conversations straight to OIA.

What do you think? Am I missing something here? I don't want to do anything that would interfere with the move to EPA, but it seems like a really exciting opportunity, and a great lead-in to dealing with a lot of the international climate, EJ, and related trade/finance issues that are already part of the OIA portfolio.

Of course, I still need to make sure that RFF is okay with paying me to be at the White House for a short while. That said, any suggestions on how to proceed?

Thanks!
Shalini
To be added as much as possible to the talking points for the Denver event.

ENERGY POLICY TALKING POINTS: AN AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY & ENERGY INDEPENDENCE
From: Thompson.Diane@epamail.epa.gov
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 4:58 PM
To: Hurlbut, Brandon K.
Cc: Goulding.Robert@epamail.epa.gov
Subject: Denver

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Have a good weekend.
Diane

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Chief of Staff
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Subject: Re: Denver

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From: Diane Thompson
Sent: 06/20/2009 06:22 PM EDT
To: "Robert Goulding" <goulding robert@epa.gov>; "Michael Moats" <moats.michael@epa.gov>
Cc: "Eric Wachter" <wachter.eric@epa.gov>; Richard Windsor
Subject: Fw: Denver

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Cc: Robert Goulding
Subject: RE: Denver

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Richard
Windsor/DC/USEPA/US
06/21/2009 01:41 PM

To: "David McIntosh"
cc
bcc

Subject: Fw: Denver

From: Diane Thompson
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01268-EPA-4778

Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US
06/22/2009 11:42 AM

To  "Carol Browner"
cc  
bcc  "David McIntosh"

Subject  Climate

One more thought -  (b)(5) Deliberative

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Thanks.

--Chris

Chris Lu
Assistant to the President and Cabinet Secretary
(Cabinet Affairs) [b] (6) Privacy
(Fax) [b] (6) Privacy
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01268-EPA-4781

To Diane Thompson
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Cabinet Call with Jim Messina

K. Thx.
Diane Thompson

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Diane Thompson
Sent: 06/23/2009 11:28 AM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
Subject: Fw: Cabinet Call with Jim Messina

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----- Forwarded by Diane Thompson/DC/USEPA/US on 06/23/2009 11:24 AM ----- 

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To: Gina McCarthy, David McIntosh
cc: Scott Fulton, Richard Windsor
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Subject: Fw: Cabinet Call with Jim Messina

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Diane E. Thompson
Chief of Staff
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Date: 06/23/2009 03:52 PM
Subject: RE: Cabinet Call with Jim Messina

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Diane Thompson

----- Original Message -----  
From: Diane Thompson
Sent: 06/23/2009 04:45 PM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
Cc: David McIntosh
Subject: Fw: cancellation of call

FYI, and checking with David to see if he knows more.

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"French, Michael J.
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Date: 06/23/2009 04:26 PM
Subject: cancellation of call

Dear Chiefs of Staff:

Apologies for the last-minute cancellation of the call relating to the energy bill. We’re monitoring some late-breaking developments in the House and decided not to waste everyone’s time on a call providing tentative information. When we get a better sense of if and when the vote might happen – and what the contours of the bill will be – we’ll schedule another time for a call. Thanks for your patience and our apologies again.

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U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Hi Everyone – for those of you who were in the Senior Staff meeting this morning, (b)(5) Deliberative

I’ve talked to Pete to make sure all of you have the background on this in case Senator Boxer calls.

Jay Heimbach from WH Leg has been talking to Sen. Boxer’s office, and I think we are all set on this.

Here’s the background I sent Pete, in case you need it.
Pete – here’s some background on this issue:

[FEMA and DHS have now signed off. Here are their talking points:

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Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US To Richard Windsor
06/25/2009 01:41 PM

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Subject Fw: Coal Ash issue

Note CEQ’s appreciation for your flexibility.

Robert M. Sussman
Senior Policy Counsel to the Administrator
Office of the Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency

----- Forwarded by Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US on 06/25/2009 01:41 PM -----

From: "Carson, Jonathan K." <(b) (6) Privacy>
To: Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 06/25/2009 01:40 PM
Subject: RE: FW: Coal Ash issue

Thank you for your understanding on this one Bob. I'm going to be following this the next two days (b)(5) Deliberative
Make sure Administrator Jackson knows how much we appreciate your flexibility on this, we know how important it is.

Jon Carson
Chief of Staff
Council on Environmental Quality

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-----Original Message-----
From: Sussman.Bob@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Sussman.Bob@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 1:38 PM
To: Carson, Jonathan K.
Subject: Re: FW: Coal Ash issue

thanks for all your help on this.

Robert M. Sussman
Senior Policy Counsel to the Administrator Office of the Administrator US
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From: "Carson, Jonathan K." <(b) (6) Privacy>
To: Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 06/25/2009 09:45 AM
Subject: FW: Coal Ash issue
Bob – here’s what I sent Pete.

But I have made sure everyone at the WH knows about this, and has the talking points.

Jon Carson
Chief of Staff
Council on Environmental Quality

From: Carson, Jonathan K.
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 9:44 AM
To: Rouse, Peter M.
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Allyn Brooks-LaSure/DC/USEPA/US

To: "Windsor, Richard"
cc: "Thompson, Diane", "Mcintosh, David", Arvin Ganesan, "Oster, Seth"

06/29/2009 10:13 AM

Subject: Fw: Talking Points: Passage of the Energy Bill

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M. Allyn Brooks-LaSure
Office of the Administrator
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Cell: 202-631-0415

From: "Lehrich, Matthew A." (b) (6) Privacy
Sent: 06/29/2009 09:29 AM AST
To: "Lehrich, Matthew A." (b) (6) Privacy
Subject: Talking Points: Passage of the Energy Bill

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To: Allyn Brooks-LaSure, "Lisa Jackson"
cc: "Diane Thompson", "David McIntosh", Arvin Ganesan, "Seth Oster"

Subject: Re: Talking Points: Passage of the Energy Bill

Noted - no mention of environment.

From: Allyn Brooks-LaSure
Sent: 06/29/2009 10:13 AM EDT
To: "Windsor, Richard" <Windsor.richard@epa.gov>
Cc: "Thompson, Diane" <thompson.diane@epa.gov>; "McIntosh, David" <mcintosh.david@epa.gov>; Arvin Ganesan; "Oster, Seth" <oster.seth@epa.gov>

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Craig Hooks/DC/USEPA/US
06/29/2009 09:25 PM

To: "Richard Windsor", Diane Thompson, "Robert Golding", Arvin Ganesan, "David McIntosh"

cc

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Subject: Fw: Recovery Act Implementation meeting with VPOTUS: July 7, 2009

Fyi - I believe this conflicts with a climate sepw hearing.

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From: "Milakofsky, Benjamin E." [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/29/2009 08:44 PM AST
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Dear Recovery Act Team and Agency Schedulers:

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Please RSVP to [REDACTED] and let us know who will attend on behalf of your agency and if the Cabinet member from your agency is able to participate. Please send your full name, DOB, and SSN so we can clear you into the building.

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Secretaries Steven Chu, Shaun Donovan, Arne Duncan, Ken Salazar and Tom Vilsack will travel to Bethel, AK, to discuss rural infrastructure, green jobs and a new energy economy, as well as climate change.

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Secretaries Arne Duncan and Tom Vilsack will travel to Hamlet, NC, to discuss rural education.

SEPTEMBER 28TH
Secretaries Ken Salazar and Tom Vilsack will travel to Scottsbluff, NE, to discuss production agriculture.
SEPTEMBER 30TH

Secretaries Shaun Donovan and Tom Vilsack will travel to Las Cruces, NM, to discuss rural infrastructure.

More details on the Rural Tour will be released when they become available.
REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT ON ENERGY

Grand Foyer

1:12 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Good afternoon, everybody. Since taking -- excuse me -- since taking office, my administration has mounted a sustained response to a historic economic crisis. But even as we take decisive action to repair the damage to our economy, we're also working to build a new foundation for sustained and lasting economic growth.

And we know this won't be easy, but this is a moment where we've been called upon to cast off the old ways of doing business, and act boldly to reclaim America's future. Nowhere is this more important than in building a new, clean energy economy, ending our dependence on foreign oil, and limiting the dangerous pollutants that threaten our health and the health of our planet.

And that's precisely what we've begun to do. Thanks to broad coalitions ranging from business to labor; investors to entrepreneurs; Democrats and Republicans from coal states and coastal states; and all who are willing to take on this challenge -- we've come together to achieve more in the past few months to create a new, clean energy economy than we have in decades.

We began with historic investments in the Recovery Act and the federal budget that will help create hundreds of thousands of jobs doing the work of doubling our country's supply of renewable energy. We're talking about jobs building wind turbines and solar panels; jobs developing next-generation solutions for next-generation cars; jobs upgrading our outdated power grid so it can carry clean, renewable energy from the far-flung areas that harness it to the big cities that use it.

And thanks to a remarkable partnership between automakers, autoworkers, environmental advocates, and states, we created incentives for companies to develop cleaner, more efficient vehicles -- and for Americans to drive them. We set in motion a new national policy aimed at both increasing gas mileage and decreasing greenhouse gas pollution for all new cars and trucks sold in the United States. And as a result, we'll save 1.8 billion barrels of oil over the lifetime of the vehicles sold in the next five years -- the projected equivalent of taking 58 million cars off the road for an entire year.

And we know that even as we seek solutions to our energy problems at home, the
solution to global climate change requires American leadership abroad. That's why I've appointed a global climate envoy to help lead our reengagement with the international community as we find sustainable ways to transition to a global low-carbon economy.

And, now, just last Friday, the House of Representatives came together to pass an extraordinary piece of legislation that will finally open the door to decreasing our dependence on foreign oil, preventing the worst consequences of climate change, and making clean energy the profitable kind of energy. Thanks to members of Congress who were willing to place America's progress before the usual Washington politics, this bill will create new businesses, new industries, and millions of new jobs, all without imposing untenable new burdens on the American people or America's businesses. In the months to come, the Senate will take up its version of the energy bill, and I am confident that they too will choose to move this country forward.

So we've gotten a lot done on the energy front over the last six months. But even as we're changing the ways we're producing energy, we're also changing the ways we use energy. In fact, one of the fastest, easiest, and cheapest ways to make our economy stronger and cleaner is to make our economy more energy efficient. And that's something that Secretary Chu is working every single day to work through.

We know the benefits. In the late 1970s, the state of California enacted tougher energy-efficiency policies. Over the next three decades, those policies helped create almost 1.5 million jobs. And today, Californians consume 40 percent less energy per person than the national average -- which, over time, has prevented the need to build at least 24 new power plants. Think about that. California -- producing jobs, their economy keeping pace with the rest of the country, and yet they have been able to maintain their energy usage at a much lower level than the rest of the country.

So that's why we took significant steps in the Recovery Act to invest in energy efficiency measures -- from modernizing federal buildings to helping American families make upgrades to their homes -- steps that will create jobs and save taxpayers and consumers money. And that's why I've asked Secretary Chu to lead a new effort at the Department of Energy focusing on implementing more aggressive efficiency standards for common household appliances -- like refrigerators and ovens -- which will spark innovation, save consumers money, and reduce energy demand.

So today, we're announcing additional actions to promote energy efficiency across America; actions that will create jobs in the short run and save money and reduce dangerous emissions in the long run.

The first step we're taking sets new efficiency standards on fluorescent and incandescent lighting. Now I know light bulbs may not seem sexy, but this simple action holds enormous promise because 7 percent of all the energy consumed in America is used to light our homes and our businesses. Between 2012 and 2042, these new standards will save consumers up to $4 billion a year, conserve enough electricity to power every home in America for 10 months, reduce emissions equal to the amount produced by 166 million cars each year, and eliminate the need for as many as 14 coal-fired power plants.

And by the way, we're going to start here at the White House. Secretary Chu has already started to take a look at our light bulbs, and we're going to see what we need to replace them with energy-efficient light bulbs.

And if we want to make our economy run more efficiently, we've also got to make our homes and businesses run more efficiently. And that's why we're also
speeding up a $346 million investment under the Recovery Act to expand and accelerate the development, deployment, and use of energy-efficient technologies in residential and commercial buildings, which consume almost 40 percent of the energy we use and contribute to almost 40 percent of the carbon pollution we produce.

We're talking about technologies that are available right now or will soon be available -- from lighting to windows, heating to cooling, smart sensors and controls. By adopting these technologies in our homes and businesses, we can make our buildings up to 80 percent more energy efficient -- or with additions like solar panels on the roof or geothermal power from underground, even transform them into zero-energy buildings that actually produce as much energy as they consume.

Now, progress like this might seem far-fetched. But the fact is we're not lacking for ideas and innovation. All we lack are the smart policies and the political will to help us put our ingenuity to work. And when we put aside the posturing and the politics; when we put aside attacks that are based less on evidence than on ideology; then a simple choice emerges.

We can remain the world's leading importer of oil, or we can become the world's leading exporter of clean energy. We can allow climate change to wreak unnatural havoc, or we can create jobs utilizing low-carbon technologies to prevent its worst effects. We can cede the race for the 21st century, or we can embrace the reality that our competitors already have: The nation that leads the world in creating a new clean energy economy will be the nation that leads the 21st century global economy.

That's our choice: between a slow decline and renewed prosperity; between the past and the future.

The American people have made their choice. They expect us to move forward right now at this moment of great challenge, and stake our claim on the future -- a stronger, cleaner, and more prosperous future where we meet our obligations to our citizens, our children, and to God's creation -- and where the United States of America leads once again.

That's the future we're aiming for. I've got a great Secretary of Energy who's helping us achieve it. I want to thank again the House of Representatives for doing the right thing on Friday, and we are absolutely confident that we're going to be able to make more progress in the weeks and months to come.

Thanks, guys.
Hi. See below. It was in the press release, not the remarks. There is a back story here. And boy is this upsetting to those of us who thought we were working in good faith to resolve this matter.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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June 29, 2009  

Obama Administration Launches New Energy Efficiency Efforts

Will save billions for consumers, business while helping to create new jobs and strengthen American competitiveness

WASHINGTON – Building on the action by the U.S. House of Representatives in passing historic legislation that will pave the way for the transition to a clean energy economy, President Barack Obama and U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu today
announced aggressive actions to promote energy efficiency and save American consumers billions of dollars per year. Today’s announcement underscores how the clean energy revolution not only makes environmental sense, but it also makes economic sense – creating jobs and saving money.

“One of the fastest, easiest, and cheapest ways to make our economy stronger and cleaner is to make our economy more energy efficient,” said President Obama. “That’s why we made energy efficiency investments a focal point of the Recovery Act. And that’s why today’s announcements are so important. By bringing more energy efficient technologies to American homes and businesses, we won’t just significantly reduce our energy demand; we’ll put more money back in the pockets of hardworking Americans.”

“When it comes to saving money and growing our economy, energy efficiency isn’t just low hanging fruit; it’s fruit laying on the ground,” said Secretary Chu. “The most prosperous, competitive economies of the 21st century will be those that use energy efficiently. It’s time for America to lead the way.”

**More Energy Efficient Lighting**

Today’s announcement includes major changes to energy conservation standards for numerous household and commercial lamps and lighting equipment. Seven percent of all energy consumed in the U.S. is for lighting.

The final rule has numerous benefits, including:

- Avoiding the emission of up to 594 million tons of CO₂ from 2012 through 2042 – roughly equivalent to removing 166 million cars from the road for a year;
- Saving consumers $1 to $4 billion annually from 2012 through 2042;
- Saving enough electricity from 2012 through 2042 to power every home in the U.S. for up to 10 months;
- Eliminating the need for up to 7.3 gigawatts of new generating capacity by 2042 – equivalent to as many as 14 500MW coal-fired power plants;
- Decreasing the electricity used in GSFLs by 15%, saving consumers up to $8.66 per lamp over its lifetime; decreasing electricity used by IRLs by 25%, saving consumers $7.95 per lamp over its lifetime.

In February 2009, President Obama tasked the Department of Energy with quickening the pace of energy conservation standards for appliances, while continuing to meet legal and statutory deadlines. Today’s announcement – which takes effect in 2012 – focuses on General Service Fluorescent Lamps (GSFL), which are commonly found in residential and commercial buildings, and Incandescent Reflector Lamps (IRL), which are commonly used in recessed and track lighting. These fluorescent and incandescent lamps represent approximately 38 and 7 percent of total lighting energy use respectively.

The final rule, as issued by the Secretary of Energy on June 26, 2009, can be viewed and downloaded from the Office Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy’s website at: [www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/residential/incandescent_lamps.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/residential/incandescent_lamps.html).

**Building Efficiency Initiative**

President Obama and Secretary Chu today announced a $346 million investment from
the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to expand and accelerate the
development, deployment, and use of energy efficient technologies in all major types of
commercial buildings as well as new and existing homes.
Residential and commercial buildings consume 40 percent of the energy and represent
40 percent of the carbon emissions in the United States. Building efficiency represents
one of the easiest, most immediate and most cost effective ways to reduce carbon
emissions while creating new jobs. With the application of new and existing
technologies, buildings can be made up to 80 percent more efficient or even become
"net zero" energy buildings with the incorporation of on-site renewable generation.
Today's buildings consume more energy than any other sector of the U.S. economy,
including transportation and industry. In addition, almost three-quarters of our nation's
81 million buildings were built before 1979. Some were designed and constructed for
limited service, and many will eventually require either significant retrofits or
replacement.
Innovations in energy-efficient building envelopes, equipment, lighting, daylighting,
and windows, in conjunction with advances in passive solar, photovoltaic, fuel cells,
advanced sensors and controls and combined heating, cooling, and power, have the
potential to dramatically transform today's buildings. These technologies—coupled
with a whole building design approach that optimizes the interactions among building
systems and components—will enable tomorrow's buildings to use considerably less
energy, while also helping to reduce emissions and increase energy security.
This funding includes:

**Advanced Building Systems Research ($100 million).** These projects will address
research focused on the systems design, integration, and control of both new and
existing buildings. Buildings need to be designed, built, operated, and maintained as
an integrated system in order to achieve the potential of energy efficient and eventually
net zero-energy buildings. These projects will move beyond component-only driven
research and address the interactions in buildings as a whole, in order to progress
development of integrated, high performance buildings and achieve net zero-energy
buildings.

**Residential Buildings Development and Deployment ($70 million).** Expanded work
in Residential Buildings will increase homeowner energy savings by supporting energy
efficient retrofits and new homes while raising consumer awareness of the benefits of
increased health, safety, and durability of energy efficiency. The projects will provide
technical support to train workers and create jobs, developing a new workforce
equipped to improve the Nation’s homes and will permit a major initiative to provide
builders with technical assistance and training through states, utilities, and existing
programs to increase the market share of new homes achieving substantial whole house
energy savings. To address existing homes, DOE will work with municipalities with a
variety of housing types and vintages as well as subdivisions with similar housing stock
to encourage a large number of energy efficiency retrofits.
Commercial Buildings Initiative ($53.5 million). These Recovery Act funds will be used to accelerate and expand partnerships with major companies that design, build, own, manage, or operate large fleets of buildings and that commit to achieving exemplary energy performance. This funding will be used to expand the number of these partnerships from 23 to about 75 through a competitive process beginning in September, 2009.

Buildings and Appliance Market Transformation ($72.5 million). In order to achieve energy savings, and ultimately lead to zero energy buildings, the marketplace must be conditioned to accept the necessary advanced technologies and activities and ensure that the current technologies are performing as intended via current energy efficiency standards. Key activities include expanding ENERGY STAR to accelerate development of energy efficient products and expand the ENERGY STAR brand into new areas; preparing the design, construction, and enforcement community to implement commercial building energy codes that require a 30 percent improvement in energy efficiency over the 2004 code in 2010; and accelerating and expanding DOE’s Appliance Standards program to evaluate innovative technologies and develop new test procedures that are more representative of today’s energy use and equipment.

Solid State Lighting Research and Development ($50 million). The objective of the solid state lighting activities is to advance state-of-the-art of solid-state lighting (SSL) technology and to move those advancements more rapidly to market through a coordinated development of advanced manufacturing techniques. This project will both aid in the development and reduce the first cost of high performance lighting products. Continuing advances can accelerate progress towards creating a U.S.-led market for high efficiency light sources that save more energy, reduce costs, and have less environmental impact than other conventional light sources.

For information on these and other Funding Opportunities under the Recovery Act, visit: www.energy.gov/recovery/funding.htm.

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Hi Everyone,

Attached is a short q/a document for your use in prep for Tuesday's hearing - small changes may be made, but it is pretty darn close to final. This document reflects the questions discussed yesterday in our phone call. We are working on updating the long q/a document that we used in prep for the House hearing and will send that around when it is finished, though I think your all's bosses know all of it (the main q/a in this longer document that may be helpful is [b][6] Deliberative). Don't hesitate to let me know if you need anything else from us. Also, mostly as an fyi, please see this WSJ story from today (link right here and story pasted below) - we discussed the issue during our call yesterday, but wanted you to see the latest.


Thanks.
Jess

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FYI -- In case you haven't seen it....  
-- good to see a couple of you the other day.  
cindy

The Washington Post

A President Breaks Hearts in Appalachia

By Robert F. Kennedy Jr.  
Friday, July 3, 2009

Mountaintop removal coal mining is the worst environmental tragedy in American history. When will the Obama administration finally stop this Appalachian apocalypse?

If ever an issue deserved President Obama's promise of change, this is it. Mining syndicates are detonating 2,500 tons of explosives each day -- the equivalent of a Hiroshima bomb weekly -- to blow up Appalachia's mountains and extract sub-surface coal seams. They have demolished 500
mountains -- encompassing about a million acres -- buried hundreds of valley streams under tons of rubble, poisoned and uprooted countless communities, and caused widespread contamination to the region's air and water. On this continent, only Appalachia's rich woodlands survived the Pleistocene ice ages that turned the rest of North America into a treeless tundra. King Coal is now accomplishing what the glaciers could not -- obliterating the hemisphere's oldest, most biologically dense and diverse forests. Highly mechanized processes allow giant machines to flatten in months mountains older than the Himalayas -- while employing fewer workers for far less time than other types of mining. The coal industry's promise to restore the desolate wastelands is a cruel joke, and the industry's fallback position, that the flattened landscapes will provide space for economic development, is the weak punchline. America adores its Adirondacks and reveres the Rockies, while the Appalachian Mountains -- with their impoverished and alienated population -- are dismantled by coal moguls who dominate state politics and have little to prevent them from blasting the physical landscape to smithereens.

Obama promised science-based policies that would save what remains of Appalachia, but last month senior administration officials finally weighed in with a mixture of strong words and weak action that broke hearts across the region. The modest measures federal bureaucrats promised amount to little more than a tepid pledge of better enforcement of existing laws.

And government claims of doing everything possible to halt the holocaust are simply not true. George Bush gutted Clean Water Act protections. Obama must restore them.

First, the White House should fix the "fill" rule the Bush administration adopted in 2002 to allow coal companies to use streams as waste dumps. Under this perverse interpretation of the Clean Water Act, 2,000 miles of Appalachian streams have been interred under mining waste. Obama could reverse the "fill" rule to reflect its original meaning, which forbids waste matter from being dumped into waterways.

Second, the Interior Department should strictly enforce the widely ignored "buffer zone" rule that forbids dumping waste within 100 feet of intermittent or perennial streams.

Third, our laws require companies to restore mined areas to their original condition. The administration should end the absurd fiction that extraction pits filled with unconsolidated rocks and rubble where trees will never grow and streams will never flow are "reclaimed."

Fourth, current law forbids the issuance of "fill" permits that will cause "significant degradation" to waterways. It is absurd for the Army Corps of Engineers to endorse the canard that filling miles of streams is not causing significant degradation. The president should require the Corps to deny and rescind permits where operations will cause downstream damage.

Fifth, the Clean Water Act requires mining operators to prove that they can restore the "function and structure" of affected streams. Operators have never been compelled to make the functional or structural analyses of the aquatic ecosystem required by the act. Obama should order his officials to stop ignoring this requirement.

Sixth, the administration should enforce the law requiring an environmental impact study for
each permit when a mine "may have significant environmental impacts," individually or cumulatively. The Corps of Engineers routinely allows coal operators to escape this mandate -- an illegal practice that should stop.

Instead of acting to enforce these laws, administration officials indicated last month that they will allow more than 100 permits to go forward while they carefully review their regulatory options. If they act accordingly, the ruined landscapes of Appalachia will be Obama's legacy.

President Obama should go to Appalachia and see mountaintop removal. My father visited Appalachia in 1966 and was so horrified by strip mining -- then in its infancy -- that he made it a key priority of his political agenda. He complained that Appalachia, with our nation's richest natural resources, was home to America's poorest populations, its worst education system, and its highest illiteracy and unemployment rates. These statistics are even grimmer today as mining saps state wealth. In 1966, 46,000 West Virginia miners were collecting salaries and pensions and reinvesting in their communities. Mechanization has shrunk that number to fewer than 11,000. They extract more coal annually, but virtually all the profits leave the state for Wall Street.

The coal industry provides only 2 percent of the jobs in Central Appalachia. Wal-Mart employs more people than the coal companies in West Virginia. Last week a major study documented how coal imposes a net cost to Kentucky of more than $100 million per year. Coal is not an economic engine in the coalfields. It is an extraction engine.

Obama has the authority to end mountaintop removal, without further action from Congress and without formal rulemaking. He just needs to make the coal barons obey the law.
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Seth and Arvin are supposed to be on top of that. I'll email them to say that you'd like to see some written Q and A on that, rather than rely solely on a Monday briefing.

Richard Windsor

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Subject: DECLARATION OF THE LEADERS THE MAJOR ECONOMIES FORUM ON ENERGY AND CLIMATE

Dear Chiefs of Staff:

Please see the below declaration on energy and climate change.

--Cabinet Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 9, 2009

DECLARATION OF THE LEADERS

THE MAJOR ECONOMIES FORUM ON ENERGY AND CLIMATE

We, the leaders of Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, the European Union, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States met as the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate in L’Aquila, Italy, on July 9, 2009, and declare as follows:
Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time. As leaders of the world’s major economies, both developed and developing, we intend to respond vigorously to this challenge, being convinced that climate change poses a clear danger requiring an extraordinary global response, that the response should respect the priority of economic and social development of developing countries, that moving to a low-carbon economy is an opportunity to promote continued economic growth and sustainable development, that the need for and deployment of transformational clean energy technologies at lowest possible cost are urgent, and that the response must involve balanced attention to mitigation and adaptation.

We reaffirm the objective, provisions and principles of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Recalling the Major Economies Declaration adopted in Toyako, Japan, in July 2008, and taking full account of decisions taken in Bali, Indonesia, in December 2007, we resolve to spare no effort to reach agreement in Copenhagen, with each other and with the other Parties, to further implementation of the Convention.

Our vision for future cooperation on climate change, consistent with equity and our common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, includes the following:

1. Consistent with the Convention’s objective and science:

   Our countries will undertake transparent nationally appropriate mitigation actions, subject to applicable measurement, reporting, and verification, and prepare low-carbon growth plans. Developed countries among us will take the lead by promptly undertaking robust aggregate and individual reductions in the midterm consistent with our respective ambitious long-term objectives and will work together before Copenhagen to achieve a strong result in this regard. Developing countries among us will promptly undertake actions whose projected effects on emissions represent a meaningful deviation from business as usual in the midterm, in the context of sustainable development, supported by financing, technology, and capacity-building. The peaking of global and national emissions should take place as soon as possible, recognizing that the timeframe for peaking will be longer in developing countries, bearing in mind that social and economic development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities in developing countries and that low-carbon development is indispensible to sustainable development. We recognize the scientific view that the increase in global average temperature above pre-industrial levels ought not to exceed 2 degrees C. In this regard and in the context of the ultimate objective of the Convention and the Bali Action Plan, we will work between now and Copenhagen, with each other and under the Convention, to identify a global goal for substantially reducing global emissions by 2050. Progress toward the global goal would be regularly reviewed, noting the importance of frequent, comprehensive, and accurate inventories.

   We will take steps nationally and internationally, including under the Convention, to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and to enhance removals of greenhouse gas emissions by forests, including providing enhanced support to developing countries for such purposes.

2. Adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change is essential. Such effects are already
taking place. Further, while increased mitigation efforts will reduce climate impacts, even the most aggressive mitigation efforts will not eliminate the need for substantial adaptation, particularly in developing countries which will be disproportionately affected. There is a particular and immediate need to assist the poorest and most vulnerable to adapt to such effects. Not only are they most affected but they have contributed the least to the build up of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Further support will need to be mobilized, should be based on need, and will include resources additional to existing financial assistance. We will work together to develop, disseminate, and transfer, as appropriate, technologies that advance adaptation efforts.

3. We are establishing a Global Partnership to drive transformational low-carbon, climate-friendly technologies. We will dramatically increase and coordinate public sector investments in research, development, and demonstration of these technologies, with a view to doubling such investments by 2015, while recognizing the importance of private investment, public-private partnerships and international cooperation, including regional innovation centers. Drawing on global best practice policies, we undertake to remove barriers, establish incentives, enhance capacity-building, and implement appropriate measures to aggressively accelerate deployment and transfer of key existing and new low-carbon technologies, in accordance with national circumstances. We welcome the leadership of individual countries to spearhead efforts among interested countries to advance actions on technologies such as energy efficiency; solar energy; smart grids; carbon capture, use, and storage; advanced vehicles; high-efficiency and lower-emissions coal technologies; bio-energy; and other clean technologies. Lead countries will report by November 15, 2009, on action plans and roadmaps, and make recommendations for further progress. We will consider ideas for appropriate approaches and arrangements to promote technology development, deployment, and transfer.

4. Financial resources for mitigation and adaptation will need to be scaled up urgently and substantially and should involve mobilizing resources to support developing countries. Financing to address climate change will derive from multiple sources, including both public and private funds and carbon markets. Additional investment in developing countries should be mobilized, including by creating incentives for and removing barriers to funding flows. Greater predictability of international support should be promoted. Financing of supported actions should be measurable, reportable, and verifiable. The expertise of existing institutions should be drawn upon, and such institutions should work in an inclusive way and should be made more responsive to developing country needs. Climate financing should complement efforts to promote development in accordance with national priorities and may include both program-based and project-based approaches. The governance of mechanisms disbursing funds should be transparent, fair, effective, efficient, and reflect balanced representation. Accountability in the use of resources should be ensured. An arrangement to match diverse funding needs and resources should be created, and utilize where appropriate, public and private expertise. We agreed to further consider proposals for the establishment of international funding arrangements, including the proposal by Mexico for a Green Fund.

5. Our countries will continue to work together constructively to strengthen the world’s ability to combat climate change, including through the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate. In particular, our countries will continue meeting throughout the balance of this year in order to facilitate agreement in Copenhagen.
Dear Chiefs of Staff:

Please see the below fact sheet from the meeting on energy and climate change challenges.

--Cabinet Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 9, 2009

Meeting the International Clean Energy and Climate Change Challenges

Every nation on this planet is at risk. And just as no one nation is responsible for climate change, no one nation can address it alone. That is why, back in April, I convened this forum of the world’s major economies – responsible for more than three-quarters of the world’s carbon pollution. And it is why we have gathered again here today.

--President Barack Obama
July 9, 2009, L’Aquila, Italy

From his first days in office, President Obama has made it a top priority of the United States to
accelerate our transformation to a clean energy economy and combat climate change. President Obama is committed to leading the way through strong domestic actions and working with partners around the world to achieve an international agreement that will promote the clean energy technologies necessary to lower global greenhouse gas emissions in the developed and developing worlds alike.

As a key part of this effort, President Obama launched the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate. The forum convened at the Leaders level in L’Aquila, Italy on July 9, 2009, in a meeting co-chaired by President Obama and Prime Minister Berlusconi.

The Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate

The Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate (MEF) brings together 17 developed and developing economies to engage in a meaningful dialogue on clean energy technology and the need to secure a broad international agreement to combat climate change.

The Leaders held candid and constructive discussions culminating in a declaration that reflects real progress on the road to the Copenhagen climate conference in December and real progress in paving the way for the development and deployment of transformational technologies.

The Leaders found common ground among the critical pillars of mitigation, adaptation, finance and technology, which are necessary for any successful agreement in Copenhagen. This complements the significant progress made by the G8 Leaders on these issues in their meeting in L’Aquila. In particular, the G8 Leaders agreed to reduce their emissions 80% or more by 2050 as its share of a global goal to lower emissions 50% by 2050, acknowledging the broad scientific view that warming should be limited to no more than two degrees Celsius.

On the heels of this progress, the MEF Leaders underscored their commitment to continue to work together to strengthen the world’s ability to combat climate change and to facilitate agreement in Copenhagen. The Leaders recognized that climate change poses a clear and present danger requiring an extraordinary global response, and outlined a series of steps to meet this challenge head on.

Regarding emission mitigation, Leaders:

- Agreed that global and national emissions should peak as soon as possible;
- Agreed that MEF developed countries will promptly undertake actions to produce robust reductions in their emissions in the midterm, consistent with their ambitious, long-term objectives.
- Agreed that MEF developing countries will promptly undertake actions projected to
result in a meaningful reduction of emissions below their business-as-usual path in the midterm;

- Agreed to prepare low-carbon growth plans to guide their long-term development.
- Agreed to work between now and Copenhagen to identify a global goal for substantially reducing global emissions by 2050, recognizing the science indicating that global warming should not exceed two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels;
- Committed to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

Regarding the advancement of clean energy technology, Leaders:

- Agreed to establish a Global Partnership to drive transformational low-carbon technologies;
- Aimed to double investments in public sector research, development and demonstration of transformational technology;
- Agreed to spearhead efforts on technologies through the leadership of the following countries:

  - The United States on energy efficiency;
  - Germany on solar energy;
  - The Republic of Korea and Italy on smart grids;
  - Australia and the UK on carbon capture, use, and storage;
  - Japan and India on high-efficiency and lower-emissions coal technologies;
  - Canada on advanced vehicles;
  - Germany, Denmark and Spain on wind; and
  - Brazil and Italy on bio-energy.

These countries will report by November 15, 2009, on action plans and roadmaps, and make
recommendations for further progress.

Regarding financing, Leaders:

- Elaborated a broad set of principles to guide the design of a financial system that will support the deployment of new technologies to promote energy security, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and facilitate adaptation to climate change;

- Agreed, among other thing, that financing needs to be scaled up substantially; should come from a variety of sources, both public and private; should be more predictable; should draw upon the expertise of existing institutions; and should be subject to balanced governance and clear accountability;

- Asked their finance ministers to work through the G20 to recommend in advance of the Copenhagen conference the best ways to mobilize necessary financing.

Regarding adaptation, Leaders:

- Agreed that there is a particular and immediate need to assist the poorest and most vulnerable to adapt to the impacts of climate change;

- Committed to work to develop, deploy and disseminate technologies that advance adaptation efforts, especially for the world’s poorest and most vulnerable populations.

The 17 economies that participate in the MEF are: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, the European Union, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States. In addition, Denmark, in its capacity as the President of the December 2009 Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the United Nations are also participating in this dialogue.

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FYI re energy efficiency

Dear Chiefs of Staff:

Attached please find two WH press releases. One release focuses on energy efficiency upgrades and the second release notes the work U.S. Embassies are doing to highlight the President’s Ghana speech.

--Cabinet Affairs

Embassy Engagement on the President's Ghana Speech.doc
Energy Efficiency Upgrades.doc
Obama Administration Officials Highlight Energy Efficiency Upgrades

WASHINGTON D.C. – This week, several high-ranking members of the Obama-Biden Administration highlighted some of their agencies’ efforts to improve energy efficiency and, in turn, save money, create jobs, and reduce dangerous carbon pollution.

The week’s activities – featuring top officials from the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Veterans Affairs – come as part of an administration-wide initiative to begin weatherizing and retrofitting our nation’s building stock. Citing the huge rewards American families stand to reap from energy efficiency upgrades, Vice President Joe Biden first called for that concerted effort at a Middle Class Task Force Meeting in late May.

“By retrofitting and improving American buildings to waste less energy, we can save Americans billions of dollars in energy costs. At the same time, we can create jobs and reduce the strain on our nation’s power grid. Reducing the load on our coal-fired power plants would, in turn, cut air pollution - letting our kids and seniors breathe a little easier,” said Van Jones, Special Advisor for Green Jobs at the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). The Vice President tasked CEQ with overseeing the initiative.

“In other words, an aggressive program to retrofit America will create more work, more wealth, and better health for all Americans,” Jones said.

The following events and announcements took place this week.

- On Monday, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood visited Seattle to showcase Sound Transit’s University Link project, which received $44 million thanks to the Recovery Act. The University Link expansion line is Sound Transit’s first major project to be designed and built in an environmentally friendly way. When the University Link project was still in the design phase, Sound Transit conducted a comprehensive evaluation and analysis of strategies to reduce the project’s long-term energy consumption, reduce environmental impacts of construction and operation, plan for re-use and recycling of materials used in construction, and improve pedestrian and bicycle access to stations.

- In Las Vegas Wednesday, Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Ron Sims awarded a $1.3 million grant to retrofit carports at three community facilities with solar panels and capacity. These carports will be able to generate power for the attached facilities, conserving electricity and thus saving money for Las Vegas’ taxpayers.
Also Wednesday, noting the large amounts of energy used by hospitals, Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki announced that his department is targeting nearly one-quarter of its $1.4 billion in funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to investments in clean energy generation and energy conservation. The department will direct more than $68 million to renewable sources, including solar, wind and geothermal energy and has dedicated nearly $238 million toward retrofitting existing buildings to use energy and water more efficiently.

And on Friday, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan attended a groundbreaking of a public housing development project in Minneapolis that is using $3.6 million in Public Housing Capital Funds, provided through the Recovery Act, to renovate four high-rise developments with 539 public housing units. These renovations will include significant energy efficiency upgrades. The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) is receiving $18.2 million in Recovery Act Public Housing Capital Funds.

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EXAMPLES OF WHAT U.S. EMBASSIES IN AFRICA ARE DOING TO ENGAGE AFRICAN PUBLIC ON THE PRESIDENT'S GHANA SPEECH

- The U.S. Mission to the African Union (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) will host a screening/panel discussion at the African Union’s historic plenary hall for over 200 representatives of 53 African countries.

- Embassy Cotonou (Benin) will bookend its screening for over 100 with video highlights from President Obama’s inauguration and the AF Bureau’s 50th anniversary celebration (October 2008).

- Embassy Freetown (Sierra Leone) will host screenings for over 500 at community cinema centers throughout the country, as the centerpieces of its traditional/new media outreach that has reached the bulk of the country’s population.

- The Somalia Virtual Presence post (co-located in Kenya with Embassy Nairobi) will host a screening/discussion with the 50 Somali officials/media that are scheduled to be in Nairobi that day.

- Embassy Djibouti (Djibouti) will host its screening/discussion the Ambassador’s residence for 100 guests.

- Embassy Pretoria (South Africa) will cap the new media outreach that has reached millions with screenings for over 1000 invited guests in Pretoria, Johannesburg, Capetown and Durban.

- Embassy Lilongwe (Malawi) had to rent a hall and utilize its American corner to accommodate the 200 guests invited to its screening.

- Embassy Luanda (Angola) will conclude the traditional/new media outreach that has reached tens of thousands with a screening/discussions at the Ambassador’s residence.

- Embassy Brazzaville (Republic of Congo) will host a screening/discussion for 100 at its Villa Washington community center.

- Embassy Abidjan (Cote d'Ivoire) will use its network of three American Corners in addition to the Embassy to screen the speech for over 500 guests.

- The State Department’s African Regional Media Hub arranged for Safaricom, Kenya’s leading mobile phone network provider, to streaming the speech live from a VOA feed. Safaricom’s subscriber base is 17 Million, and it reaches into the most remote corners of the country.
Our Embassy in South Africa partnered with MXit, a continent-wide social networking service, to solicit question and comments for the president. Hundreds of thousands of Africans responded.
Administrator,

Please find attached briefing materials for the Urban Affairs event on Monday. Please let me know if you would like to attend only part of the event or if you plan on attending all 3 parts outlined below.

Thank you,
Kate

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Cc: "French, Michael J." <Milakofsky, Benjamin E." 
Subject: Urban Event on Monday

Attached are a number of briefing documents prepared by the Office of Urban Affairs including info about the previous 3 sessions before your bosses arrival.

They are asking that your boss arrive at 1:30 pm and move directly to the West Wing Lobby. Ben and I will make sure they get up there. They will then be briefed and walk out to the stakeout location. Someone from Urban Affairs will make an opening statement and then open to questions for the group. Included in the docs are specific talking points for the stakeout.

Following the stakeout we will move up to EEOB 450 for the session. The format there is the secretaries seated on stage, (total of 10 on stage including Urban Affairs staff) with wired mics to pass. Urban Affairs will moderate a discussion with input from the policy experts who have gone through the days sessions.

Following that session we will move back to EEOB 350 for the POTUS event which will end by 4:15 pm.

If you have any questions about the logistics let me know, this is a long event...

If you/your comms team have any questions about the stakeout they should contact Corey Ealons from WH Press...

Thanks All
Yes. (b)(5) Deliberative. That kind of thing?

Diane Thompson

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From: Diane Thompson
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To: Richard Windsor
Subject: Msg to POTUS

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Attached are some pictures and news clippings from the Rural Tour. This Cabinet Tour has received strong press and we appreciate your help getting your bosses out on the road.

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Rural Tour Clips
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Sec. Vilsack tells Michigan farmers more support is coming. “USDA wants to reverse the decline in population and income in rural America and is willing to put some muscle – stimulus funds that is – behind it. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack delivered the message personally to more than 400 people during a forum at the Country Mill Farm in Charlotte owned by Steve Tennes.” [Michigan Farmer, 7/15]

Top Obama Administration Officials Hold Rural Health Community Forum. “U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Hilda Solis and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki will host a rural health community forum in St. John Parish, Louisiana, as part of the Obama Administration’s Rural Tour.”[Business Wire, 7/16]

Vilsack, LaHood say stimulus helping rural Wisconsin. “A total of $760 million has been made available for approved but previously unfunded USDA direct farm ownership and operating loans, it was announced Thursday. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack made the announcement while appearing with U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and Gov. Jim Doyle at an Obama Administration’s “Rural Tour” stop at the La Crosse Interstate Fair.”[WisPolitics, 7/16]

Rural Tour stops at dairy rally. “Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood were in West Salem, Wis. Thursday to promote administration programs and policies as they affect agriculture and to listen to local input. The Rural Tour community forum was another in a series of similar events.”[Farm Futures, 7/17]

Vilsack talks dairy at Rural Tour stop in Wisconsin. “Several hundred people turned out for Obama Administration Rural Development Tour stop at the LaCrosse Interstate Fair in Wisconsin on Thursday. U.S. Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack and Transportation Secretary Ray
LaHood fielded questions on everything from dairy policy to conservation practices in the Mississippi River watershed. As expected, the current financial stress for dairy producers was the biggest topic of discussion in “America’s Dairyland” and Secretary Vilsack offered an outline of what the Administration has done to this point and what is in the works.” [Brownfield, 7/16 Bob Meyer]

**USDA’s Vilsack hears complaints from small organic farmers.** “U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack said he’s using the Obama Administration’s "Rural Tour" to listen. On Thursday he got an earful from about 250 organic farmers and their supporters, who are concerned about what they consider unfair practices by big corporations in the dairy industry. The group rallied at the La Crosse Interstate Fair before a community forum featuring Vilsack, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and Gov. Jim Doyle. Vilsack came to the rally and heard the farmers’ pleas.” [WisBusiness, 7/16 Gregg Hoffmann]

**In La Crosse, cabinet secretaries tout help for rural areas.** “Two Obama administration officials tried to buoy farmers and other rural Wisconsinites on Thursday, arguing in La Crosse that the federal economic stimulus package is preserving jobs in the state’s rural areas.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 7/16]

**One of Lax County’s coolest fairs gets heated for visiting Ag Secretary.** “The US Secretary of Agriculture says this is a ‘difficult time for farmers’ but he says Washington is working to help farm families. Secretary Vilsack took most of the questions, and much of the heat during a rural forum at the La Crosse Interstate Fair.” [WIZN 1410, 7/16]

**La Cross International Fair hosting 2 members of Obama Cabinet on Thursday.** “You could see a bigger than normal Thursday crowd at the La Crosse Interstate Fair Thursday. Two members of the Obama Cabinet will be at the West Salem Fairgrounds during the noon our, on what the White house is calling the “Rural Tour”.” [WIZN 1410, 7/15]

**Organic farmers struggling, U.S. secretary of ag tries to give answers.** “Area organic farmers held an emergency rally Thursday, and got their chance to speak out. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack stopped by the rally, he says the first step in getting farmers better prices is reducing the surplus of milk the United States. "In particular 200 million pounds of nonfat dry milk we are distributing to school lunch programs and international aid," said Vilsack.” [WKBT, 7/16]

**USDA reviewing dairy pricing structure; Vilsack also making changes in USDA’s organic program.** “Jan Morrow quickly spoke up at a rural forum here Thursday to tell Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack that she had already dumped milk earlier this spring to protest the low prices. "If you don't do something and do something soon, in six months all of my cows are going to be gone," Morrow told Vilsack before a crowd of about 200 people. "We are looking at every option available to us," Vilsack replied.” [DTN, 7/16 Chris Clayton]

**Obama administration to continue “Rural Tour” in Wisconsin on Thursday.** “On Thursday, July 16, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood will hold a rural community forum near La Crosse, Wis., as part of the Obama Administration's Rural Tour. At the forum, the two officials will share information with local residents about the
work the Obama Administration is doing to revitalize and rebuild rural America and ask local residents how the departments can be helpful in supporting and initiating other programs and projects to help the community participate fully and successfully in the new, 21st century economy.” [WisBusiness.com, 07/14/09]

U.S. ag, transportation secretaries plan Wis. Stop. “The heads of the U.S. agriculture and transportation departments are planning a community forum this week in western Wisconsin. The meeting in the La Crosse area Thursday is part of the 'rural tour' that President Barack Obama promised last month. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood are expected to attend.” [AP, 07/15/09]

Ag Secretary Vilsack and Transportation Secretary LaHood in La Crosse Thursday. “On Thursday, July 16, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood will hold a rural community forum near La Crosse as part of the Obama Administration's Rural Tour. [WQOW, 7/14]

Cabinet at fair. “It's likely one of the cooler La Crosse County Fair's on record. And yet things got a bit heated today as two members of Obama's Cabinet met with Western Wisconsin to discuss rural American issues. Former Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack, now Secretary of Agriculture was on hand to field opinions. As was Secretary of Transportation Ray La Hood, along with Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle.” [WIZM 7/16]

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Ag Secretary tells farmers more loan money is coming. “It's getting easier for farmers to get direct federal loans. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said in West Salem yesterday that $760 million has been made available for USDA ownership and operating loans that were previously approved, but were not funded until now.” [River Falls Journal, 7/17]

President's Tour Stops in Blairs. “ Members of President Barack Obama's administration spoke with hundreds of residents in Blairs Saturday. It was part to the Rural Tour community forum: a traveling public discussion meant to discuss how the Obama Administration can rebuild and revitalize rural America.” [ WSET, 7/18 ]

Forum to Strengthen Rural Areas and Green Jobs in VA. “Obama administration officials will be in Pittsylvania County this weekend as part of a nationwide tour to explore ways to strengthen rural areas.” [WHSW, 7/17]
**Obama administration's 'rural tour' hits Va.** “The Obama administration's top energy and agriculture officials are in Southside Virginia for a rural community forum. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Energy Secretary Steven Chu met with local residents Saturday to discuss the administration's efforts to rebuild and recharge rural America.” [Virginia Daily Press, 7/18]

**Vilsack meets with farmers in Virginia.** “Virginia was the latest scheduled stop Saturday in U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack's efforts to boost the federal economic stimulus program. Vilsack and Energy Secretary Steven Chu were to travel to Buddy Mayhew's farm in Blairs, Va., for a forum on revitalizing rural America with green jobs and a new energy policy, a release from U.S. Department of Agriculture said. Similar events are to be held in the coming months in Alaska, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina and Ohio.” [Times of the Internet, 7/18]

**Ag, Transportation Officials visit area to talk Rural Development.** “Strengthening Rural America is the focus of a nationwide tour by the Obama administration. Thursday, two members of Obama's cabinet made a stop in West Salem to talk about just that. The rural tour community forum features U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. [WKBT 8, 7/17]

**Obama Administration officials visit rural Virginia.** “Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and Secretary of Energy Steven Chu were in Pittsylvania County to hear from Virginia’s rural areas as part of the White House's "rural tour". Vilsack and Chu discussed energy, agriculture and opportunities with residents at an open forum.” [WDBJ, 7/19]

**Vilsack gets an earful during visit.** “The head of the USDA says they are working to improve the plight of farmers, but beyond $760-million in new farm loans, did not seem to offer much in the way of concrete fixes. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack was at a rural community forum near La Crosse Thursday as part of President Obama's rural tour. On the minds of many participants were milk prices, currently much lower than the cost of production.” [WRN, 7/17]

**Cornell farmer takes her complaint to US ag secretary.** “U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack shared the stage Thursday at the La Crosse Interstate Fair with Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood and Gov. Jim Doyle. But Vilsack became the focus once the questions started, as it became clear farm issues and the rural economy were the main concerns among the more than 200 people who attended the “town meeting.” [Chippewa Herald, 7/17]

**US Ag secretary gets tough questions in region.** “Vilsack spoke in broad terms about the Obama administration's commitment to improving life for rural Americans. He talked about expanding broadband Internet access to rural areas, creating energy opportunities and new sources of income for farmers, investing in conservation, increasing agricultural exports and business opportunities related to climate change.” [Leader-Telegram, WI, 7/16]

**U.S. officials to discuss green jobs on Va. Tour.** “Obama administration officials will be in Pittsylvania County, Va., this weekend as part of a nationwide tour to explore ways to strengthen rural areas. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Energy Secretary Steven Chu will hold a town hall Saturday at a farm in Blairs to talk about green jobs and developing a new energy economy.” [WKTR/AP, 7/17]
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Subject: OSTP statement

So please just take this as an FYI and read the attachment only if you're hungry for more after having gone through the entire binder.

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I am on my way to drop something off in the Senate. Can one of you look at this?

Steven Kinberg

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Here is the last look at the OSTP revised statement -- a redline that shows final changes made to address CEQ and OMB edits.

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The final USDA written statement is attached.

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attached is the cleared clean USDA statement. Thanks to all for hanging in.

Secretary Senate Ag testimony 072109 FINAL clean.doc
Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member Chambliss, and members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you today the role of agriculture and forestry in global warming legislation. I am pleased to be here today with Administrator Jackson and Dr. Holdren.

Climate change is one of the great challenges facing the United States and the world. The President believes it is important that America show international leadership on climate change. I want to commend the House of Representatives for taking a critical step towards the passage of comprehensive energy and climate legislation. The Administration looks forward to working with the Senate to craft legislation that creates jobs, reduces our dependence on oil, increases national security, and reduces the risks associated with climate change while also promoting economic growth.

Climate change has enormous implications for farmers, ranchers and forest landowners. Drought, more intense weather events, forest fires, and insect and disease outbreaks are just some of the potential effects of a warming climate that could subject landowners and rural communities to enormous potential costs. For example, the U.S. Climate Change Science Program and Subcommittee on Global Climate Change Research reported that forest landowners are seeing the impacts of climate change on the health and productivity of our forests.

At the same time, farmers, ranchers and forest landowners have a very important role to play in addressing global warming. In fact, by effectively exploiting opportunities within the agriculture and forestry sectors, we can significantly reduce the cost of meeting our climate policy goals.

I believe there are significant opportunities for landowners in a cap and trade program that can help revitalize rural America through the creation of jobs and wealth. The production of low carbon energy from biomass, anaerobic digesters and wind will provide landowners with new sources of revenue that have significant value in a low-carbon economy. There are also options for landowners to reduce their energy expenditures. USDA is already working with landowners to reduce energy costs and improve profitability.

A robust carbon offsets market will also provide farmers, ranchers and forest landowners with the potential for new sources of income. Rural communities could in turn benefit from jobs created to implement conservation practices and measure and monitor carbon offset activities. To be effective in addressing climate change, the offsets market will need to accomplish two goals. First, the offsets market must be large, with thousands of
participating landowners. To get to scale, the market will require an infrastructure of people and agencies that can encourage landowner participation, provide information to landowners, manage data and resources, and maintain records and registries. Second, ensuring that agricultural and forest offsets provide real and verifiable greenhouse gas reductions is critical to not only addressing climate change but to maintaining public confidence in the carbon offset program as well.

Implementing an offsets market will require a partnership of several Federal agencies, including USDA, EPA, the Department of Interior and others. USDA has many assets that we can bring to bear, including a network of field staff across the country, and greenhouse gas management experience with croplands, rangelands, forests and livestock.

Even with these opportunities, many in the agricultural and forestry community are concerned about the potential costs of climate change legislation. At USDA, we hear these concerns loud and clear. And, I know all of you are hearing from the farmers, ranchers and forest landowners in your states about the potential costs of climate change legislation.

Although we realize there are a variety of specific approaches that can be used to achieve clean energy and climate goals, over the last several weeks, USDA has analyzed costs and benefits of the House-passed climate legislation for agriculture. Our analysis demonstrates that the economic opportunities for farmers and ranchers can potentially outpace – perhaps significantly – the costs from climate legislation.

Of course, any analysis of the implications of climate change legislation, including our analysis of HR 2454, shows that the farm sector will experience both costs and benefits. Agriculture is an energy intensive sector with row crop production particularly affected by energy price increases. For example, fertilizer and fuel costs account for 50 to 60 percent of variable costs of production for corn.

USDA’s preliminary analysis of costs and benefits on the agricultural sector uses energy price and other information contained in EPA’s recent analysis of HR 2454. Let’s first look at the cost side. Increases in fuel prices are expected to raise overall annual average farm expenses by about $700 million between 2012 and 2018, or about 0.3%. Annual net farm income as a result of these higher energy prices is expected to fall by about 1 percent. These estimates assume that in the short term farmers are unable to make changes in input mix in response to higher fuel prices—so they likely overestimate the costs to farmers. Fertilizer prices will likely show little effect until 2025 because of the HR 2454’s provision to help energy-intensive, trade exposed industries mitigate the burden that the emissions caps would impose.

The agriculture sector also will benefit directly from allowance revenues allocated to finance incentives for renewable energy and agricultural emissions reductions during the first five years of the HR 2454 cap and trade program. Funds for agricultural emissions
reductions are estimated to range from about $75 million to $100 million annually from 2012-2016.

To evaluate the potential impact on the agricultural sector further out in time, we first examine a simple case that allows producers to change the crops they grow but not how they produce them. This approach is conservative given the observation that energy per unit of output has drastically declined over the last several decades. Nevertheless, the estimated impact of the cap and trade provision of HR2454 implies a decline of annual net farm income of $2.4 billion, or 3.5%, in 2030 and $4.9 billion, or 7.2%, in 2048. These estimates are likely an upper bound on the costs, because they fail to account for farmer’s proven ability to innovate in response to changes in market conditions.

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HR 2454’s creation of an offset market will create opportunities for the agricultural sector. In particular, our analysis indicates that annual net returns to farmers range from about $1 billion per year in 2015-20 to almost $15-20 billion in 2040-50, not accounting for the costs of implementing offset practices. EPA has conducted its own analysis of returns from offsets that take into account the costs of implementing land management practices. EPA’s analysis projects annual net returns to farmers of about $1-2 billion per year from 2012-18, rising to $20 billion per year in 2050. It’s important to note that EPA’s analysis includes revenue generated from forest management offsets while USDA’s does not.

So, let me be clear about the implications of this analysis. In the short term, the economic benefits to agriculture from cap and trade legislation will likely outweigh the costs. In the long term, the economic benefits from offsets markets easily trump increased input costs from cap and trade legislation. Let me also note that we believe these figures are conservative because we aren’t able to model the types of technological change that are very likely to help farmers produce more crops and livestock with fewer inputs. Second, the analysis doesn’t take into account the higher commodity prices that farmers will very likely receive as a result of enhanced renewable energy markets and

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1 For example, see Schneider, Uwe A. and Bruce A. McCarl. “Implications of a Carbon-Based Energy Tax for U.S. Agriculture.” Agricultural and Resource Economics Review 34/2 (October 2005): 265-279.
retirement of environmentally sensitive lands domestically and abroad. Of course, any economic analysis such as ours has limitations. But, again, we believe our analysis is conservative – it’s quite possible farmers will actually do better.

What does this mean for the individual farmer? A Northern Plains wheat producer, for example, might see an increase of $.80 per acre in costs of production by 2020 due to higher fuel prices. Based on a soil carbon sequestration rate of 0.4 tons per acre and a carbon price of $16 per ton, a producer could mitigate those expenses by adopting no-till practices and earning $6.40 per acre. So, this wheat farmer does better under the House passed climate legislation than without it. And, it’s quite possible that this wheat farmer could do even better if technologies and markets progress in such a way that allows for the sale of wheat straw to make cellulosic ethanol.

We recognize that climate legislation will affect different landowners in different ways. This is an important point. USDA can help smooth this transition by using our Farm Bill conservation programs to assist landowners in adopting new technologies and stewardship practices. It is also worth noting that the House bill includes important provisions regarding how to adapt and increase resiliency to climate change impacts, which will be important for our nation’s farmers, ranchers and forest landowners. Ensuring that landowners and communities have the tools and information they need to adapt to climate change is a priority for this Administration.

In conclusion, I want to thank this Committee for its interest and involvement in this issue. The leadership you provide will help farmers, ranchers and forest landowners participate in and benefit from climate legislation. The participation of rural landowners is, I believe, vitally important to the success of any cap and trade program. USDA looks forward to working with you as we move forward.
FYI

Aaron, please print a copy of the talking points for the Adm.

Others--please make sure this info and the relevant state material is in all trip books.

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Dear Chiefs of Staff:

Attached are talking points and a Q&A document on health care reform. Your principals should acquaint themselves with this, and look for opportunities to push our health care message in their public appearances.

In addition, when your principals are doing events around the country, you can find the health care statistics for all 50 states at www.healthreform.gov

As always, let me know if you have questions.

--Chris

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Hi Carol,

I wanted to give you a heads up on an action EPA will be taking tomorrow.

Thx, Lisa
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Date: 07/24/2009 02:37 PM
Subject: Spruce #1 Coal Mine

You may remember a discussion of the Spruce #1 mine - the largest surface coal mining operation ever permitted in West Virginia, a permit later enjoined by a Federal District Court in 1999. The project has a long history - but most recently - this was one of the permits (issued in 2007) enjoined as a part of the OVEC litigation later overturned in the 4th Circuit in February, 2009. The mining company has recently filed a motion for summary judgement requesting the District Court to lift the injunction. If the Court approves the motion, this permit would be in effect and the mine could proceed.

Here is some history of the mine and relevant facts. One key consideration is this is the mine that began the media and subsequent government focus on surface coal mining in the late nineties. Its predominantly a mountaintop removal operation with some contour components.

History:

In 1998, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) granted a surface coal mining permit to Hobet Mining, Inc. (a subsidiary of Arch Coal, Inc.) for its Spruce No. 1 Mine near Blair, West Virginia. At that time, this mine was the largest mountaintop-removal mine ever proposed in West Virginia, covering 3,113 acres (over five square miles) of land and creating valley fills and sediment control ponds that would destroy or disturb 57,715 linear feet (over ten miles) of streams.

In January 1999, without first preparing an EIS, the Corps granted a Nationwide Permit 21 permit (instead of an individual permit) to Hobet under § 404 to construct valley fills in waters of the U.S. as part of this project. In March 1999, Federal District Court Judge Haden found that
the Corps’ permitting decision violated NEPA and enjoined the mining operations. Bragg v. Robertson, 54 F. Supp.2d 635 (S.D. W.Va. 1999) In June 1999, the Corps withdrew the 404 permit and agreed to prepare an EIS on this mining project.

Between 1999 and 2005, Arch modified its mining project and obtained a new mining permit from WVDEP. The mine does not have a MTR variance and the valley fills were analyzed under the AOC+ policy. In December 2005, Arch Coal transferred the Spruce No. 1 mine to its Mingo Logan Coal Company subsidiary. Under Mingo Logan’s modified plan, the mine would cover 2,278 acres and create six valley fills that would permanently bury 36,814 linear feet (over seven miles) of streams.

To attempt to mitigate this stream loss, Mingo Logan proposed a mitigation plan to create 43,565 feet of on-site drainage ditches, restore 7,132 feet of on-site streams, enhance 11,272 feet of off-site streams, and develop more defined channels in 26,625 feet of existing non-jurisdictional drainage ways. Based on this plan, the Corps calculated that the mining project would result in a “net gain” of waters of the U.S.

Mingo Logan applied to the Corps for an individual § 404 permit. The Corps issued a Draft EIS (DEIS) on this project March 31, 2006 and a Final EIS (FEIS) on September 22, 2006. The Corps issued a Record of Decision and an individual § 404 permit to Mingo Logan on January 2007.

On a cumulative basis, existing surface mine permits and valley fills, when combined with the Spruce No. 1 permit and valley fills, will cover 21.1% of total stream length and 35.5% of headwater stream length in the Spruce Fork watershed. The Spruce Fork watershed is part of the larger Coal River watershed. On a cumulative basis, existing surface mine permits and valley fills, when combined with the Spruce No. 1 permit and valley fills, will cover 11.5% of total stream length and 14.9% of headwater stream length in the Coal River Watershed.

**Mike/Matt:**

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Please let us know if you have any questions.

**Best,**

**Greg**

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Subject: UPDATED Fulton's suggested edits to Administrator Jackson's draft for SED

WH approved. Clean and tracked versions attached.

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I think this is a good way to present it. I'm still standing by to hear from the WH on edits to the previous draft of this. I will apply their notes on top of Scott's edits.

I'm also going through to trim a few things because this will run longer than the 5-7 minutes allotted time.

Back soon with some edits. Thanks.

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Per email below, I was following up on the possibility of an alternate speak for this event which will take place next week. I’m not sure who among you is the appropriate person with whom to follow-up.

Thanks!

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Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2009 11:34 PM  
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07/27/2009 06:09 PM
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Subject: michigan field trip

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From: Zichal, Heather R.
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2009 5:10 PM
To: Messina, Jim A.
Cc: 'Uzzell.Megan@dol.gov'; 'MacDonald.Laura@dol.gov'; 'Grant.Leslie@osec.usda.gov'; 'missy.owens@hq.doe.gov'; 'Rod.Oconnor@hq.doe.gov'; 'mcintosh.david@epa.gov'; 'brian_screnar@ios.doi.gov'; 'Kenneth_Lane@ios.doi.gov'; 'kathryn.thomson@dot.gov'; 'Nate.Turnbull@Dot.Gov'; 'PShah@doc.gov'; 'CGregoire@doc.gov'; 'James.C.Lopez@hud.gov'; Kumar, Aditya; Carson, Jonathan K.; Glunz, Christine M.; Maher, Jessica A.; Salzman, Amelia S.; Shah, Tarak N.; Agnew, David P.; McGrath, Shaun L.; French, Michael J.; Hurlbut, Brandon K.; Levine, Jacob C.; Belive, Lauren; Heimbach, James T.; Lehrich, Matthew A.; Reynolds, Christina; Dillon, Patrick; 'gregory.nelson@hq.doe.gov'; Wicks, Buffy; Sheehy, Kristin J.
Subject: Weekly Update

To: Jim Messina
From: Energy & Climate Working Group
Date: July 31, 2009
RE: Weekly Update

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Dear Chiefs of Staff –

One of the items driving the news today will be Christy Romer’s speech on the Recovery Act. Attached is an embargoed copy.

--Chris

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So, Is It Working?
An Assessment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
at the Five-Month Mark

Christina D. Romer
Chair, Council of Economic Advisers

The Economic Club of Washington D.C.
Thursday, August 6, 2009

A couple of weeks ago, we hit the five-month anniversary of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Recovery Act provided $787 billion of tax cuts and government spending, or roughly 5 percent of GDP, making it the boldest countercyclical fiscal stimulus in American history. It was a central piece of the Administration’s wide-ranging program to rescue the American economy from the worst recession since the Great Depression, and to build a foundation for a stronger, more durable prosperity.

Over the spring and summer, there has been a lot of chatter about what the Recovery Act was doing and how well it was working. I would like to spend some time this morning presenting a clear-eyed assessment of what it has accomplished and what we can expect going forward. This week is a natural time for such an assessment, coming on the heels of the last Friday’s GDP report. This report gave us our first look at overall economic performance in the second quarter of this year, and a clearer sense of the depth of the recession over the previous five quarters.

In an unusually whimsical moment, I sent in as the title of my talk, “So, Is It Working?” Though it may destroy some of the suspense, I thought that given the provocative title, I should probably get straight to the answer: Absolutely. The Recovery Act, together with the actions taken by the Treasury and the Federal Reserve to stabilize financial markets and the housing
sector, is helping to slow the decline and change the trajectory of the economy. It is providing a crucial lift to aggregate demand at a time when the economy needs it most. And, we anticipate that the effects will build through the end of this year and the beginning of the next.

WHAT WE DID AND WHY WE DID IT

Let me begin by discussing the motivation for the fiscal stimulus and the logic behind its design.

History of the Crisis. The U.S. economy slipped into a recession in December 2007. The initial downturn was relatively mild. Real GDP declined at an annual rate of just 0.7 percent in the first quarter of 2008, and job loss was about 100,000 per month. Indeed, a well-timed temporary tax rebate that began going out in late April 2008 contributed to positive GDP growth in the second quarter of last year.

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Just how sick the economy would prove to be and how fast it would fall were still unclear. New data on U.S. and world economic conditions were coming in each day. But, there was no question in our minds that the economy was in its most precarious position since the Great Depression. At a meeting in Chicago in mid-December, we urged the President-Elect to hit the financial crisis and the burgeoning recession with as much force as possible.
Motivation for Fiscal Stimulus. The cornerstone of our suggested response was a bold fiscal stimulus. Our reasoning was simple. The Federal Reserve had done a great deal to stimulate demand and help ease the credit crisis following Lehman’s collapse. But, by mid-December the Fed was running low on ammunition: the federal funds rate was near zero, and the Fed had created a multitude of special lending facilities. With the dramatic fall in household wealth and the rapid spread of the downturn to our key trading partners, there was no realistic prospect that the private sector would generate a turnaround in demand any time soon. Thus, although stabilizing the financial system and helping distressed homeowners was essential, it would not be enough. We needed to bring in the other main tool that a government has to counteract a cataclysmic decline in aggregate demand: fiscal stimulus.

In the past few months, some have tried to portray fiscal stimulus as an exotic tool with a questionable pedigree. In fact, it is a tried and true remedy widely supported by economists across the political spectrum. To use a medical analogy, fiscal stimulus is a well-tested antibiotic, not some new-fangled gene therapy. The economic theory of how tax cuts and increases in government spending can help counteract a recession is almost as widely accepted as any in economics – practically up there with supply and demand or the quantity theory of money. It is standard fare in both introductory textbooks and more sophisticated modern theoretical models.

Fiscal stimulus has been used to help weak economies by presidents of both parties. Franklin Roosevelt increased public works spending greatly as part of the New Deal. Dwight Eisenhower expanded the interstate highway program and accelerated other types of spending to try to counteract the 1958 recession. And both Gerald Ford (in 1975) and George W. Bush (in 2001) used tax cuts to help end recessions.
There is also ample evidence that fiscal stimulus works. Many studies have been done over the years to try to measure the effects of stimulus.\(^1\) These studies show strong impacts of both tax cuts and changes in government spending. A study that David Romer and I completed just shortly before my nomination looked specifically at the tax side of stimulus.\(^2\) We found that fiscal expansions have an even larger positive effect on output in the short and medium run than previously believed.

This sense that fiscal stimulus is the obvious step to take when the economy is in decline and conventional monetary policy has been exhausted is borne out by the actions of other countries. This figure shows the size of fiscal expansions in a number of countries in 2009.\(^3\)

### 2009 Discretionary Fiscal Stimulus around the Globe

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Virtually every major country has enacted fiscal expansions during the current crisis. They have done so … because it works.

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.** The fiscal stimulus that the Administration worked with Congress to create was not only bold, but well-conceived. The President aimed for a package that was large and got good employment bang for the fiscal buck. It was designed to provide lift for at least two years, because we knew the economy was likely to be facing an extended period of weakness. And, the President insisted that the spending be genuinely useful.
At a time when the budget deficit was already large, we could not afford to create jobs by digging ditches and filling them in. Government spending had to satisfy genuine needs and leave us with useful public investments.

The final legislation was very well-diversified. Many of our critics seem to have missed the fact that roughly a third of the $787 billion took the form of tax cuts for American families and businesses. Another third was aid to state governments to help them keep workers employed and not raise taxes, and aid to people directly hurt by the recession through programs such as extended unemployment insurance. As state budgets have swung into extreme deficit and unemployment rates have risen sharply, both of these types of spending look even more crucial than they did back in December and January. Finally, roughly one-third of the stimulus package was for public investments. Much of this spending was for conventional infrastructure – roads, bridges, and water projects. But some was more uniquely twenty-first century: investments in R and D, health information technology, and a smarter electrical grid.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOVERY ACT**

So far, I have reminded you of why we took the actions that we did – why we worked so hard to pass the Recovery Act. Let me turn to the question I started with: So, is it working?

**Spend-out Rates.** The first thing to say is that the money is absolutely going out the door quickly. As of the end of June, more than $100 billion had been spent. Those numbers are rising each week, and we are on track to have spent 70 percent of the total by the end of the next fiscal year.

**Accountability and Transparency.** I know that some believe that the government can never do things well. But this program really is a model of efficiency and transparency. The
recovery.gov website provides an honest and thorough accounting of what is getting done. The biggest problem so far occurred when a blogger misinterpreted an entry and reported that we had spent a million dollars for two pounds of ham. It turns out it was for 760,000 pounds of ham (in two-pound packages) that went to food banks and soup kitchens – a pretty good value at about $1.50 a pound. I can tell you that the Vice President is a man on a mission and is determined that every dollar will go out quickly and to the high-value projects it was designed for.

And, the program is working. Millions of unemployed workers have seen an extra $25 a week in their unemployment insurance checks. 95 percent of American households saw a tax cut in their paychecks starting April 1st. My father (and other Social Security recipients and veterans) got a $250 stimulus check in May. State and local government employees, including teachers, firefighters, and police officers who were scheduled to be laid off, are still working because of the increase in Federal payments to the states. 2500 road construction projects are underway. Soon, the Recovery Act signs we see popping up will be as ubiquitous as NRA blue eagles once were in the 1930s.

**TIME-SERIES EVIDENCE ON THE MACROECONOMIC EFFECTS**

Even if the Recovery Act is clearly working in the concrete, on-the-ground sense, there is still the question of whether we can see it in the overall performance of the economy.

**Common Critique.** Here, I can’t resist pointing out the fallacy in a common critique. Throughout the spring, I frequently heard people say: “The unemployment rate is even higher than you all predicted without stimulus. That means the policy isn’t working and may actually be making things worse.” Even leaving aside the fact that we were always very clear that there was tremendous uncertainty about what would happen to the economy, that argument is – to
quote a recent *New York Times* editorial – just plain “silly.” To understand why, let me give you an analogy. Suppose you go to your doctor for a strep throat and he or she prescribes an antibiotic. Sometime after you get the prescription, and maybe even after you take the first pill, your fever spikes. Do you decide that the medicine is useless? Do you conclude the antibiotic caused the infection to get worse? Surely not. You probably conclude that the illness was more serious than you and the doctor thought, and are very glad you saw the doctor and started taking the medicine when you did.

That was exactly the situation with the economy. It is true that the U.S. and world economies went down much faster last fall and winter than we, and almost all other forecasters, expected. The revised GDP statistics show that the actual decline in GDP growth in the third and fourth quarters of last year was about twice as large as the preliminary estimates we had at the time indicated. And, the rise in the unemployment rate has been exceptionally large, even given the large fall in GDP that we now know occurred. The fact that the economy deteriorated between January when we were doing our forecast and the end of March simply reinforces how crucial it was that we took action when we did.

*Behavior of GDP and Employment.* Now, having gotten that off my chest, let me return to my question: A little more than five months after the recovery act was passed, can we see the effects on the macroeconomy? Again, the answer is yes.

This graph shows the growth rate of real GDP.
Real GDP Growth

After falling considerably and, indeed, progressively more deeply in each of the three quarters before the most recent one, the fall in GDP moderated substantially. After declining at an annual rate of 6.4% in the first quarter of 2009, it fell at a rate of 1% in the second quarter.

To be sure, the economy is far from healthy, and we obviously have a tremendous distance to go. Real GDP, after all, is still declining. But economies don’t switch from rapid decline to robust growth all at once. Given what we now know about the frightening momentum of economic decline in the first quarter, it would have been hard for the economy to stabilize much faster than it has. This graph shows the change in the growth rate of real GDP for the last 25 years.⁹
The rise in GDP growth from the first quarter to the second was the largest in almost a decade, and the second largest in the past quarter century.

This picture shows the change in payroll employment over the recession.\textsuperscript{10}

A key indicator of just how brutal this recession has been is the fact that in the first quarter of this year, we lost nearly 700,000 jobs per month. In the second quarter, we lost an average of 436,000 jobs per month. This rate of job loss is horrendous. But the change does suggest that
we are on the right trajectory. This figure shows the change in the change in employment.\textsuperscript{11}

![Changes in Payroll Employment Growth](image)

The movement in job loss from the first quarter to the second was the largest in almost 30 years.

In other words, after we administered the medicine, an economy that was in free fall has stabilized substantially, and now looks as though it could begin to recover in the second half of the year. The timing and strength of this change is highly suggestive that the stimulus has been important.

\textit{Comparison to Baseline Forecasts.} Of course, identifying the effects of the Recovery Act from the behavior of just a few data points is inherently difficult. We don’t observe what would have happened in the absence of the fiscal stimulus. One way to try to add rigor to the analysis of the behavior of key indicators is to do a more formal econometric forecasting exercise.

There are various ways to do such an exercise, but let me discuss the results of a typical one. We forecast the usual behavior of GDP and employment jointly, using data from 1990 to 2007. We then forecast GDP growth and average job loss in the second quarter of 2009 using actual data up through the first quarter of the year.\textsuperscript{12}
This figure shows the forecast of employment change using this procedure.

The baseline forecast implies further substantial job loss in the second quarter. Indeed, the implied average monthly decline is nearly 600,000 jobs. What you see is that actual job loss (the dark blue bar) came in substantially lower.

These calculations imply that employment is now about 485,000 jobs above what it otherwise would have been during the second quarter of 2009. This number is very similar to
Mark Zandi’s estimate that stimulus added roughly half a million jobs over the second quarter, relative to what otherwise would have occurred.¹³

I do, however, want to be very cautious. The approach we used is one of a number of sensible ways of predicting what would have happened in the absence of stimulus. Other methods could lead to somewhat different estimates of the jobs impact of the program in its first full quarter of operation. But the clear implication is, the program is working.

The results of this forecasting exercise for real GDP are shown in this figure.

![Real GDP: Recent and Projected Levels](image)

Past history predicts that real GDP would continue to decline at a substantial rate in the second quarter. The projected decline (at an annual rate) is 3.3%, substantially worse than the actual decline of 1%.
This way of specifying the baseline confirms that something unusual happened in the second quarter: GDP growth was 2.3 percentage points higher than the usual time-series behavior of GDP would lead one to expect.

Private forecasters across the political and methodological spectrum attribute much of the unusual behavior of real GDP to the Recovery Act. This table shows that analysts estimate that fiscal stimulus added between 2 and 3 percentage points to real GDP growth in the second quarter.14

**Contribution of the ARRA to GDP Growth in 2009:Q2**

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**Components of GDP and ARRA.** If you look at the different pieces of GDP, you see telltale signs of the Recovery Act’s role in stabilizing the economy. This figure shows the
contributions of each of the main components of GDP to overall growth in the first and second quarters of this year.\textsuperscript{15}

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The role of the Recovery Act is clearest in state and local spending. Sharp falls in revenues and balanced budget requirements have been forcing state and local governments to tighten their belts significantly. But, state and local government spending actually rose at a healthy 2.4\% annual rate in the second quarter of 2009. This followed two consecutive quarters of decline, and was the highest growth rate in two years. No one can doubt that the $33 billion of state fiscal relief that has already gone out thanks to the Recovery Act is a key source of this increase.

Another area where the role of the Recovery Act seems clear is in business fixed investment – firms’ purchases of everything from machines to software to structures. A key source of the more modest decline in GDP is that this type of investment, which fell at a mind-boggling 39\% annual rate in the first quarter, fell at a much more moderate 9\% rate in the second quarter. One important component of the Recovery Act was investment incentives, such as
bonus depreciation. Businesses received about $14 billion of tax relief in the second quarter, and this may have contributed to slower investment decline.

For the personal consumption component of GDP, the picture is more nuanced. Consumption fell sharply in the second half of last year, but has largely stabilized despite rising unemployment and falling GDP. The Making Work Pay tax cut and the improvements in confidence as a result of the Recovery Act and the Administration’s other actions surely contributed to that stabilization. At the same time, the fact that consumption fell slightly in the second quarter after rising slightly in the first quarter could be a sign that households are initially using the tax cut mainly to increase their saving and pay off debt. We will obviously be monitoring the behavior of consumers closely as we move forward.

**CROSS-SECTION EVIDENCE OF MACROECONOMIC EFFECTS**

Because the evidence from the path of the economy over time can’t settle the issue of what the effects of the Recovery Act have been, it’s helpful to also look at other types of data. In particular, I want to mention two types of comparative evidence.

**Comparisons across Countries.** The first involves comparisons across countries. Countries’ responses to the crisis have varied substantially. One can therefore ask whether countries that have responded more aggressively seem to be recovering more quickly. To get evidence about this, we started with a set of forecasts of growth in the second quarter of this year that were made last November – after the crisis had hit, but before countries had formulated their policy response. We then collected analysts’ recent best guesses for what second-quarter growth will be in those countries. This figure shows the relationship between how countries’ second-quarter growth prospects have changed from what was expected back in November, and the
countries’ discretionary fiscal stimulus in 2009.

The fact that the observations lie along an upward-sloping line shows that, on average, things have improved more in countries that adopted bigger stimulus packages. And, the relationship is sizable: on average, a country with stimulus that’s larger by 1% of GDP has expected real GDP growth in the second quarter that’s about 2 percentage points higher relative to the November forecast.

This correlation is in some ways surprising, because there’s an obvious element of reverse causation that’s pushing it the other way: countries that got worse news around the turn of the year probably adopted more aggressive stimulus packages. Also, to the extent that analysts back in November could foresee countries’ likely actions and take them into account in making their forecasts, this would cause the relationship to understate the effect of stimulus. But despite these factors tending to bias the estimates down, the relationship is highly statistically significant, large, and robust to changes in the sample and in the measure of forecasted growth.18

Comparisons across States. The second comparison we examine involves individual
states in the U.S. The largest portion of aid to the states under the Recovery Act so far has taken the form of additional matching funds for state Medicaid spending. This figure shows the correlation between employment growth from February to June in a state and the size of those extra matching funds (per capita). What you see is that, on average, states that received more funds lost fewer jobs.

![Employment Change and ARRA Medicaid Spending by State](image)

Again, there’s an obvious element of reverse causation that’s pushing this relationship the other way: states whose economies are weaker tend to get more of these funds. Preliminary analysis by my staff addresses this issue by focusing on a subset of the spending that isn’t a response to states’ economic conditions. They also check that other things aren’t driving the correlation. They find that the results hold up well. More spending is associated with less job loss.

Obviously, this is a very preliminary analysis of the data across countries and states, and it does not account for all of the factors that may be at work. But, our first look at these numbers provides further evidence that stimulus spurs recovery.
WHAT CAN WE EXPECT GOING FORWARD?

So much of what I have discussed has focused on the role of the Recovery Act in moderating the GDP decline and saving jobs in the second quarter of 2009. The obvious next question is, what can we expect going forward?

**Effects will Increase over Time.** First, the impact of the Recovery Act will almost certainly increase over the next several quarters. We expect the fiscal stimulus to be roughly $100 billion in each of the next five quarters. The impact of this steady stimulus, however, will increase over time because the multiplier effect tends to rise for a substantial period before beginning to wane. Also, the composition of the stimulus will be changing toward components with larger short-run effects. The early stimulus was weighted more heavily toward tax changes and state fiscal relief, whereas going forward there will be more direct government investments. These direct investments have short-run effects roughly 60 percent larger than tax cuts.

**Forecasts.** Second, because of the Recovery Act, other rescue measures we have taken, and the economy’s natural resilience, most forecasters are now predicting that GDP growth is likely to turn positive by the end of the year. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke seconded this opinion in recent Congressional testimony. This view is supported by the fact that a number of leading indicators, including initial claims for unemployment insurance, building permits, and consumer confidence, have improved substantially over the past few months. However, as is always the case, especially around a turning point, there is substantial uncertainty to this forecast. There is even greater uncertainty about how strong the recovery is likely to be. The strength will depend on a range of factors, including how fast the economies of our trading partners recover; whether American consumers decide to increase their savings rate...
even more than they already have; and how quickly financial markets and business confidence return to normal levels.

**Continued Job Loss.** Third, it is important to realize that job growth will almost certainly lag the turnaround in real GDP growth. The consensus forecast is for the employment statistics we get tomorrow to show that the U.S. economy continued to lose hundreds of thousands of jobs in July. Given that GDP growth was still negative in the second quarter, this is all but inevitable. And, it is unacceptable. Unfortunately, even once GDP begins to grow, it will likely take still longer for employment to stop falling and begin to rise.

**Recovery Will Take Time.** Fourth, and crucially, given how far the economy has declined, recovery will be a long, hard process. Even if GDP growth is relatively robust going forward, it will take a substantial time to restore employment to normal and bring the unemployment rate back down to usual levels. But, the President is committed to job creation, and that is and has been a focal part of our efforts.

The bottom line is that we are no doubt in for more turbulent times. The actions we have taken, particularly the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, have clearly changed the trajectory we are on. They are doing what the President always said needed to be our top priority – rescuing an economy on the edge of a second Great Depression. And, I firmly believe that when the history of this period is written, the Recovery Act will be seen as the beginning of the end of this terrible economic crisis.

**Rebuilding.** The focus of my talk this morning has been on the Recovery Act as a lifesaver. It is a central part of our strategy to rescue the economy – complementing our efforts to stabilize the financial system, restart lending, and help homeowners in distress. But, the President has always made clear that rescue is not enough. The U.S. economy had problems
even before the current crisis. For this reason, the Administration is working with Congress to help rebuild the economy better. It is as if, when you went to the doctor for that strep throat, he discovered you had high blood pressure as well. The antibiotic was great for the infection, but he prescribed other medicine, a better diet, and a good dose of exercise for the blood pressure.

That is what the President is trying to do for the economy. He is urging health care reform to slow the growth rate of spending, tame the budget deficit, and provide all Americans with the secure health insurance coverage. We are working with Congress to pass financial regulatory reform to make sure that we never again walk as close to the edge of a cliff as we did last September. And we are committed to comprehensive energy and climate legislation to stimulate the move to renewable energy and combat climate change. In short, we are urging serious medicine for serious economic problems. If we can accomplish these important changes, we will not only come through the current crisis, we will emerge even stronger and healthier than before.
ENDNOTES


4 These numbers reflect outlays through July 3, 2009 from Recovery.gov website and internal calculations from the Department of Treasury through June 24, 2009.


6 The January 29, 2009 GDP release reported that real GDP declined at an annual rate of 0.5% in 2008:Q3 and 3.8% in 2008:Q4. The recently revised estimates show that the declines were 2.7% and 5.4%, respectively.

7 We estimate that the unemployment rate has increased about 1½ percentage points more than one would have predicted based on the usual relationship between unemployment and real GDP. We derive this estimate as follows. Standard estimates of the Okun’s Law relationship suggest that for every percent that real GDP falls relative to its normal trend, the unemployment rate will rise about four-tenths of a percentage point. Our estimates suggest that real GDP growth has fallen 7.5 percent relative its normal trend since the business cycle peak in 2007:Q4 (where the gap is measured using the difference in logarithms). Therefore, unemployment would be predicted to have increased 3.0 percentage points so far during the recession. This is roughly 1½ percentage points below its actual 4.6 percentage point increase from December 2007 to June 2009.

8 These data are from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, National Income Product Accounts, Table 1.1.1.

9 NBER recession quarters are shown in grey.

11 These figures are for the change from the previous quarter in the average monthly change in employment. NBER recession quarters are shown in grey.

12 These forecasts are based on a vector autoregression using the logarithms of real GDP (in billions of chained 2005 dollars) and employment (in thousands, in the final month of the quarter) estimated over the period 1990:Q1-2007:Q4. There are four lags, and the estimates are used to make projections beginning in 2009:Q2. Changes in the specification, such as using fewer lags and extending the sample through 2009:Q1, generally lead to projections of even slower recoveries of GDP and employment growth.


15 These data are from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, National Income Product Accounts, Table 1.1.2.


17 These recent forecasts are based on a substantial amount of second quarter data. In three cases, preliminary estimates are available for second quarter GDP growth. They are quite close to the forecasts made in July. Using the preliminary estimates for these three countries does not change the results. The November 2008 and current forecasts are from J.P. Morgan, Global Data Watch, “Global Economic Outlook Summary,” November 7, 2008, p. 5; and Global Data Watch, “Global Economic Outlook Summary,” July 17, 2009, p. 5. The sample was determined by data availability for G-20 and other large OECD countries. Discretionary stimulus is measured as the average of estimates from the OECD, the IMF, and the Brookings Institution of discretionary fiscal stimulus in 2009 as a percent of GDP (see note 3 for details).

18 The estimated regression is:

\[ 2009:Q2 \text{ GDP growth expected as of July minus the expectation as of November} = -4.4 + 2.1 \times \text{discretionary stimulus}. \]

The t-statistic on the stimulus variable is 2.9. Excluding non-OECD countries increases the magnitude and statistical significance of the coefficient. Replacing the JP Morgan forecast with forecasts from an autoregression for each country using four lags of quarterly GDP growth estimated over the period 1990-2008 has little effect on the results. These findings are consistent with earlier work finding that fiscal expansions have mitigated the effects of past banking and financial crises (see International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook 2009, Chapter 3, http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2009/01/pdf/text.pdf).

20 See, for example, the Blue Chip Economic Indicators, July 10, 2009.

Dear Chiefs of Staff:

As I mentioned on this morning’s call, there are two speeches that we’re pushing today: Christy Romer’s speech on the Recovery Act, and John Brennan’s counterterrorism speech. John’s speech is attached below.

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Remarks by John O. Brennan, Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism – As Prepared for Delivery
“A New Approach to Safeguarding Americans”
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Thank you, Steve, for your kind introduction, and thank you all for the opportunity to speak with you today. The Center for Strategic and International Studies has long provided some of the most insightful analysis and innovative ideas for strengthening our national security. So this is a very fitting forum for the subject I want to address today—the new thinking and new approach that President Obama brings to the task of safeguarding the American people from violent extremism and terrorist attacks.

President Obama has now been in office for over six months. In that time, he has rightly focused on urgent domestic challenges, including the Nation’s economic recovery and reforming health insurance and reducing the cost of healthcare for the American people. At the same time, he has never lost sight of what he has called his “single most important responsibility as President”—keeping the American people safe.

To this end, he and Secretary of State Clinton have renewed America’s commitment to diplomacy: rebuilding old alliances; strengthening critical partnerships with nations such as Russia and China; and naming special envoys and representatives to focus on some of most pressing international challenges, from Middle East peace, to Afghanistan and Pakistan, to climate change, to the crisis in Darfur. He has launched a new era of engagement with the world, including committing the United States to a new partnership with Muslims around the world—a partnership based on mutual interests and mutual respect.

To confront the transnational threats of the 21st Century, he has launched new initiatives: strengthening the global non-proliferation regime; promoting food security that fights world hunger and lifts people around the world out of poverty; and bolstering the nation’s digital defense against cyber attacks.

And to refocus the fight against those who attacked our embassies in Africa eleven years ago tomorrow and our homeland eight years ago next month, the President is proceeding with his plan to end the war in Iraq and to defeat al Qaeda and its allies in Afghanistan and Pakistan. And to ensure that our counterterrorism efforts strengthen our national security—and not undermine it—he banned the use of enhanced interrogation techniques, is proceeding with a new plan to swiftly and certainly deal with detainees, and will close the prison at Guantanamo Bay.
Most recently, key members of the President’s national security team have laid out how
their departments and organizations are implementing these new strategies. Secretary
of State Clinton outlined how American diplomacy will advance American interests by
building new partnerships, promoting universal values, and heeding the power of our
examples. Secretary of Defense Gates is reforming how we acquire weapons and
reorienting our armed forces for the unconventional, irregular conflicts of today and the
future.

Last week, Secretary of Homeland Security Napolitano highlighted the local, state,
federal and international partnerships that will be required to keep the homeland
secure from terrorist attack. FBI Director Mueller has been tireless in his efforts over the
past eight years forging similarly strong partnerships with a wide array of law
enforcement organizations at home and abroad. And General Jones, the President’s
National Security Advisor, earlier this year addressed how the Administration will
more effectively address transnational challenges through a newly integrated National
Security Staff at the White House.

Today—as the President’s principal advisor on counterterrorism—I want to outline the
President’s efforts to safeguard the American people from the transnational challenge
that poses one of the greatest threats to our national security—the scourge of violent
extremists who would use terrorism to slaughter Americans abroad and at home.

I want to note at the outset that my professional and personal experience has greatly
shaped my perspective on how best to confront the challenges we face. During a
25-year career in government, I saw first-hand the mayhem and destruction that
terrorists wreak. I have seen close friends and fellow intelligence officers—good,
courageous, heroic Americans—injured, maimed, and killed in terrorist attacks. Eight
years ago this morning I read warnings that Osama bin Laden was determined to strike
inside the U.S., but our government was unable to prevent the worst terrorist attack in
American history that would occur on 9/11.

In the years since, I have seen the significant progress made in safeguarding the
American people—unprecedented coordination and information sharing between
federal agencies and with state and local governments; improved security at our
borders and ports of entry; disruption of terrorist recruitment and financing; and a
degradation of al Qaeda’s ability to plan and execute attacks. And credit for much of
this progress belongs to our armed forces, diplomats, intelligence officers, and law
enforcement personnel at every level. They risk their lives. Many have given their
lives. And this Nation owes them an enormous debt of gratitude.

At the same time, I have seen—we all have seen—how our fight against terrorists
sometimes led us to stray from our ideals as a nation. Tactics such as waterboarding
were not in keeping with our values as Americans, and these practices have been
I believe President Obama is absolutely correct: such practices not only fail to advance our counterterrorism efforts, they actually set back our efforts. They are a recruitment bonanza for terrorists, increase the determination of our enemies, and decrease the willingness of other nations to cooperate with us. In short, they undermine our national security.

A deep appreciation for our Nation’s unique example and relationships with the world has always informed my service. This includes our ties with Muslim communities. While in college in the mid 1970s, I spent a summer traveling through Indonesia, where, like President Obama, I came to see the beauty and diversity of Islam. In the decades since, I studied as an undergraduate at the American University of Cairo, I worked as a State Department political officer in Saudi Arabia, and I served as a CIA station chief in the region. And, in that time, I saw how Arab and Muslim attitudes toward the U.S. hardened, often into hatred.

It was these collective experiences—and the worldview they shaped—that led me to an extended discussion with President-elect Obama last November. He, too, was deeply concerned with how the United States was viewed in the world and how these attitudes were fueling the flames of hatred and violence. He showed a clear understanding of the historical forces and conditions shaping the world and the unique role and responsibility of the United States at this moment in history. And so I decided to return to public service, as the President’s senior advisor for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism.

But since my return to public service, I have been deeply troubled by the inflammatory rhetoric, hyperbole, and intellectual narrowness that has often characterized the debate over the President’s national security policies, particularly those relating to the fight against terrorists. Some like to claim that the President’s policies somehow represent a wholesale dismantling of counterterrorism policies and practices adopted by his predecessor. Others claim that the President’s policies constitute a wholesale retention of his predecessor’s policies. Well, they can’t both be right. In fact, both are wrong.

As he has said, the President rejects an absolutist approach or the imposition of a rigid ideology on our problems. Like the world itself, his views are nuanced, not simplistic; practical, not ideological. He understands the complexities and many dimensions of the challenges presented by violent extremism. He understands that preventing terrorists from slaughtering the innocent sometimes requires making very difficult decisions—deployment of military forces, authorization of sensitive intelligence activities, the handling and disposition of terrorists that we capture and detain; and the policies we make and the measures we take to protect our homeland. And so, as he has said on many occasions, he rejects the false choice between ensuring our national security and
upholding civil liberties. The United States of America has done both for centuries—and must do so again.

As we move ahead, the President feels strongly that we maintain a robust dialogue with the American people, indeed with the world, about the full range of our efforts to prevent terrorist attacks. With that in mind, I want to sketch out how the President sees this challenge and how the administration is confronting it. And I want to distinguish between two related but very distinct challenges: the immediate, near-term challenge of destroying Al Qaeda and its allies—those ready and willing to kill innocent civilians—and the longer-term challenge of confronting violent extremism generally.

First, the immediate challenge—the persistent and evolving threat from al Qaeda and its allies. President Obama is under no illusions about the imminence and severity of this threat. Indeed, he has repeatedly and forcefully challenged those who suggest that this threat has passed. To Americans who ask why our forces still fight and die in Afghanistan, he has made it clear that al Qaeda is actively plotting to attack us again and that he will not tolerate Afghanistan—or any other country—being a base for terrorists determined to kill Americans. To those abroad who doubt al Qaeda’s motives or murderous history, he said in Cairo “these are not opinions to be debated; these are facts to be dealt with.”

So here are the facts.

Al Qaeda and its affiliates are under tremendous pressure. After years of U.S. counterterrorism operations, and in partnership with other nations, al Qaeda has been seriously damaged and forced to replace many of its top-tier leadership with less experienced and less capable individuals. It is being forced to work harder and harder to raise money, to move its operatives around the world, and to plan attacks.

Nevertheless, Al Qaeda has proven to be adaptive and highly resilient and remains the most serious terrorist threat we face as a Nation. The group’s intent to carry out attacks against the United States and U.S. interests around the world—with weapons of mass destruction if possible—remains undiminished, and another attack on the U.S. homeland remains the top priority for the al Qaeda senior leadership.

From its safe haven in Pakistan’s Federally Administered Tribal Areas, the so-called FATA, al Qaeda continues to recruit and train fighters—including extremists from Western nations—and to plot attacks. Finally, Al Qaeda’s own capabilities are further leveraged by the web of relationships the group maintains with other locally run terrorist organizations around the world, from Iraq to the Arabian Peninsula, from East Africa to the Sahel and Maghreb regions of North Africa.

In short, we continue to face a dynamic and evolving threat.
Faced with this clear threat, President Obama has articulated a clear policy — to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat al Qaeda and its allies. That is our mission, and the President described it in no uncertain terms in his Inaugural when he said, “Our nation is at war against a far-reaching network of violence and hatred.” And to win this war against al Qaeda, the administration continues to be unrelenting, using every tool in our toolbox and every arrow in our quiver.

As part of the President’s new strategy in Afghanistan and Pakistan, U.S. forces are pushing the Taliban out of key population areas in Afghanistan so we can prevent the return of al Qaeda to that country.

In partnership with Pakistan—which, in the face of unrelenting brutality from al Qaeda and its allies, has shown new resolve in this fight—we are confronting al Qaeda directly, inflicting significant losses to the Taliban and al Qaeda.

In East Africa and the Trans-Sahel region, we are sharing intelligence with partner nations and building the capacity of their security forces to deny al Qaeda safe havens.

We are actively working with and through the international banking community to deny resources and funding to the al Qaeda network and the businesses that support them.

And through strong law enforcement investigations and successful prosecutions of terrorists and their supporters, we and our allies are disrupting and deterring future terrorist attacks here and abroad.

I would add one personal observation. Over the past six months we have presented President Obama with a number of actions and initiatives against al Qaeda and other terrorist groups. Not only has he approved these operations, he has encouraged us to be even more aggressive, even more proactive, and even more innovative, to seek out new ways and new opportunities for taking down these terrorists before they can kill more innocent men, women, and children.

To this end, the President is devoting new resources, investing in new capabilities, approving new actions, and adapting our policies across the board.

He is confronting what he has identified as the most immediate and extreme threat to global security — the possibility that terrorists will obtain and use a nuclear weapon. That is why he has taken a number of critical steps: leading the effort for a stronger global nonproliferation regime; launching an international effort to secure the world’s vulnerable nuclear material in four years; and hosting a Global Nuclear Summit next year. The risk of just one terrorist with just one nuclear weapon is a risk we simply
cannot afford to take.

To ensure our military has the new capabilities and technologies its needs for this fight, he accelerated the increase in the size of the Army and the Marines, has approved another increase in the size of the Army, is expanding our Special Forces, and is increasing the intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance assets our troops need in Afghanistan.

To ensure we have the timely and accurate intelligence that prevents terrorist attacks and saves lives, we are continuing to adapt and strengthen the intelligence community by expanding human intelligence; strengthening operations; enhancing the workforce with improved linguistic and cultural skills; filling intelligence gaps; improving collaboration across the intelligence community; and promoting greater coordination with foreign intelligence partners.

And to better secure the homeland from attack, we’re taking the steps Secretary Napolitano described last week: enhancing information sharing arrangements with our allies and partners; strengthening partnerships with state and local officials, law enforcement, and first responders; and improving the security of our critical infrastructure, borders, ports, and airports.

Our homeland security efforts include working aggressively to prevent and prepare for bio-terrorism, which is why the President’s budget makes major investments in our public health infrastructure, including new technologies to detect attacks and new vaccines to respond in a crisis. And I would note that our coordinated response to the H1N1 virus—across the federal government, with state and local governments, and with the private sector and the public—and our extensive preparations for the coming flu season will ensure that we are better prepared for any future bio-terrorist attack.

So there should be no doubt. As the President has told us privately and as he has said publicly, this administration “will do everything in our power to keep the American people safe...with certainty that we can defeat al Qaeda.”

At the same time, the President understands that military power, intelligence operations, and law enforcement alone will never solve the second, longer-term challenge we face: the threat of violent extremism generally, including the political, economic, and social factors that help put so many individuals on the path to violence. And here is where I believe President Obama is bringing a fundamentally new and more effective approach to the long-term obligation of safeguarding the American people. This new approach has five key elements.

First, and perhaps most significantly, the fight against terrorists and violent extremists has been returned to its right and proper place: no longer defining—indeed,
distorting—our entire national security and foreign policy, but rather serving as a vital part of those larger policies. President Obama has made it clear that the United States will not be defined simply by what we are against, but by what we are for—the opportunity, liberties, prosperity, and common aspirations we share with the world.

Rather than looking at allies and other nations through the narrow prism of terrorism—whether they are with us or against us—the administration is now engaging other countries and peoples across a broader range of areas. Rather than treating so many of our foreign affairs programs—foreign assistance, development, democracy promotion—as simply extensions of the fight against terrorists, we will do these things—promote economic growth, good governance, transparency and accountability—because they serve our common interests and common security; not just in regions gripped by violent extremism, but around the world.

We see this new approach most vividly in the President’s personal engagement with the world—his trips, his speeches, his town halls with foreign audiences—where he addresses terrorism directly and forcefully. At the same time, terrorism is recognized as one of the many transnational challenges the world will face in the 21st Century. We saw this in his speech in Cairo, where he spoke of a “broader engagement” with the world’s Muslims, including the issues important to them: education, public health, economic development, responsive governance, and women’s rights.

Indeed, it was telling that the President was actually criticized in certain quarters in this country for not using words like “terror,” “terrorism” or “terrorist” in that speech. This goes to the heart of his new approach. Why should a great and powerful nation like the United States allow its relationship with more than a billion Muslims around the world be defined by the narrow hatred and nihilistic actions of an exceptionally small minority of Muslims? After all, this is precisely what Osama bin Laden intended with the Sept. 11 attacks: to use al Qaeda to foment a clash of civilizations in which the United States and Islam are seen as distinct identities that are in conflict. In his approach to the world and in his approach to safeguarding the American people, President Obama is determined not to validate al Qaeda’s twisted worldview.

This leads directly to the second element of the President’s approach—a clear, more precise definition of this challenge. This is critically important. How you define a problem shapes how you address it. As many have noted, the President does not describe this as a “war on terrorism.” That is because “terrorism” is but a tactic—a means to an end, which in al Qaeda’s case is global domination by an Islamic caliphate. Confusing ends and means is dangerous, because by focusing on the tactic, we risk floundering among the terrorist trees while missing the growth of the extremist forest. And ultimately, confusing ends and means is self-defeating, because you can never fully defeat a tactic like terrorism any more than you can defeat the tactic of war itself.
Likewise, the President does not describe this as a “global war.” Yes, al Qaeda and other terrorists groups operate in many corners of the world and continue to launch attacks in different nations, as we saw most recently in Jakarta. And yes, the United States will confront al Qaeda aggressively wherever it exists so that it enjoys no safe haven. But describing our efforts as a “global war” only plays into the warped narrative that al Qaeda propagates. It plays into the misleading and dangerous notion that the U.S. is somehow in conflict with the rest of the world. It risks setting our Nation apart from the world, rather than emphasizing the interests we share. And perhaps most dangerously, portraying this as a “global” war risks reinforcing the very image that al Qaeda seeks to project of itself—that it is a highly organized, global entity capable of replacing sovereign nations with a global caliphate. And nothing could be further from the truth.

Nor does President Obama see this challenge as a fight against “jihadists.” Describing terrorists in this way—using a legitimate term, “jihad,” meaning to purify oneself or to wage a holy struggle for a moral goal—risks giving these murderers the religious legitimacy they desperately seek but in no way deserve. Worse, it risks reinforcing the idea that the United States is somehow at war with Islam itself. And this is why President Obama has confronted this perception directly and forcefully in his speeches to Muslim audiences, declaring that America is not and never will be at war with Islam.

Instead, as the President has made clear, we are at war with al Qaeda, which attacked us on 9/11 and killed 3,000 people. We are at war with its violent extremist allies who seek to carry on al Qaeda’s murderous agenda. These are the terrorists we will destroy. These are the extremists we will defeat.

Even as the President takes a more focused view of the threat, his approach includes a third element: a broader, more accurate understanding of the causes and conditions that help fuel violent extremism, be they in Pakistan and Afghanistan or Somalia and Yemen.

The President has been very clear on this. Poverty does not cause violence and terrorism. Lack of education does not cause terrorism. But just as there is no excuse for the wanton slaughter of innocents, there is no denying that when children have no hope for an education, when young people have no hope for a job and feel disconnected from the modern world, when governments fail to provide for the basic needs of their people, then people become more susceptible to ideologies of violence and death. Extremist violence and terrorist attacks are therefore often the final murderous manifestation of a long process rooted in hopelessness, humiliation, and hatred.

Therefore, any comprehensive approach has to also address the upstream factors—the conditions that help fuel violent extremism. Indeed, the counterinsurgency lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan apply equally to the broader fight against extremism:
we cannot shoot ourselves out of this challenge. We can take out all the terrorists we want—their leadership and their foot soldiers. But if we fail to confront the broader political, economic, and social conditions in which extremists thrive, then there will always be another recruit in the pipeline, another attack coming downstream. Indeed, our failure to address these conditions also plays into the extremists’ hands—allowing them to make the false claim that the United States actually wants to keep people impoverished and unempowered.

It is important to note that these factors not only help fuel violent extremism but also contribute to a wide range of national security threats—from other types of organized violence and sociopolitical instability to resource competition. And addressing these factors will help the United States deal with a wide range of threats, including violent extremism.

This is why the President’s approach includes a critical fourth element—the recognition that addressing these upstream factors is ultimately not a military operation but a political, economic, and social campaign to meet the basic needs and legitimate grievances of ordinary people: security for their communities, education for children, a job and income for parents, and a sense of dignity and worth.

The extremists know this; wherever governments are unable to provide for the legitimate needs of their people, these groups step into the void. It is why they offer free education to impoverished Pakistani children, where they can recruit and indoctrinate the next generation. It is why Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza provide so many social services to the poor even as they commit heinous acts of terror. It is why the terrorist warlord in Somalia can so easily recruit a destitute teenager who sees nothing but a future of poverty and despair.

President Obama understands that successfully defeating these extremists over the long term requires breaking this bond—exposing al Qaeda as nothing but the death cult that it is and isolating extremists from the people they pretend to serve. Often, the extremists do this themselves. Time and again, their barbarism, brutality, and beheadings have provoked backlashes among ordinary people, from Afghanistan under the Taliban to al Qaeda in Iraq and increasingly in Pakistan today.

Going forward, people must come to see that it is the likes of al Qaeda and the Taliban, Hezbollah, and Hamas—not the United States—that is holding their aspirations hostage; that of all those al Qaeda has killed, most have been Muslims; that the murder of innocent civilians, as the President said in Cairo, is not how moral authority is claimed, but how it is surrendered; that the future offered by extremists is not one of peace but violence, not of hope and opportunity but poverty and despair.

Indeed, it is people in these countries, not the United States, who ultimately will isolate
these extremists: governments that provide for the basic security and needs of their people; strong and transparent institutions free from corruption; mainstream clerics and scholars who teach that Islam promotes peace, not extremism; and ordinary people who are ready to choose a future free from violence and fear. Still, the United States can and must play its part. For even as we condemn and oppose the illegitimate tactics used by terrorists, we need to acknowledge and address the legitimate needs and grievances of the ordinary people those terrorists claim to represent.

Which leads to the fifth and final part of the President’s approach—integrating every element of American power to ensure that those “upstream” factors discourage rather than encourage violent extremism. After all, the most effective long-term strategy for safeguarding the American people is one that promotes a future where a young man or woman never even considers joining an extremist group in the first place; where they reject out of hand the idea of picking up that gun or strapping on that suicide vest; where they have faith in the political process and confidence in the rule of law; where they realize that they can build, not simply destroy—and that the United States is a real partner in opportunity, prosperity, dignity, and peace.

That is why President Obama is committed to using every element of our national power to address the underlying causes and conditions that fuel so many national security threats, including violent extremism. We will take a multidimensional, multi-departmental, multi-national approach.

We will use our military power, not only to take down al Qaeda and its allies, but to train and build up the capacity of foreign militaries and security forces—as we are doing from Iraq to Afghanistan to Africa—because if these militaries and security forces can uphold the rule of law, if these countries can take responsibility for their own security, then militias, warlords, and terrorists will find it harder to win sympathizers and recruits with the false promise of security and stability. So the President has increased funding to help build the capacity of foreign law enforcement, border security, and judiciaries.

We will use our power to demonstrate that seemingly intractable problems and legitimate grievances can be resolved through diplomacy, dialogue, and the democratic process. That is why we are supporting national elections in Afghanistan and helping to protect the rights of all Afghans. That is why the President has made clear that our relationship with Pakistan is grounded in support for Pakistan’s democratic institutions and the Pakistani people. That is why we support an Iraqi government that promotes national unity and is nonsectarian. And that is why the administration is aggressively pursuing negotiations to achieve the goal of two states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security.

We will also use our economic power to promote opportunity and prosperity. This will
help restore people’s hope in the political process and in legitimate institutions. In Afghanistan, this means a dramatic increase in our development efforts—working with the government to end corruption, improve the delivery of basic services and build an economy that isn’t dominated by drugs. In Pakistan, it means a billion and a half dollars in direct support to the Pakistani people every year for education, health care, and infrastructure, as well as opportunity zones to spark development in the border regions. And we are harnessing our economic power to make substantial increases in foreign assistance generally—including poverty reduction, global health, and food security—not as a crutch for societies in need, but as a catalyst for development, good governance, and long-term prosperity.

Finally, as I described, we will harness perhaps our greatest asset of all—the power of America’s moral example. Even as we aggressively pursue terrorists and extremists, we will uphold the values of justice, liberty, dignity and rule of law that make people want to work with us and other governments want to partner with us.

Taken together, the policies and priorities I’ve described constitute the contours of a new strategic approach—a new way of seeing this challenge and a new way of confronting it in a more comprehensive manner. The President understands that for the fanatical few, no amount of outreach and engagement will ever dissuade them from violence and murder. So faced with that persistent and evolving terrorist threat, President Obama and his administration will be unrelenting, unwavering, and unyielding in its efforts to defeat, disrupt, and dismantle al Qaeda and its allies.

At the same time, the United States will pursue a more effective and comprehensive approach against the longer-term threat of violent extremism in the five key areas I described.

And at home, we know that we can rely on the extraordinary capabilities of the American people to be fully engaged in our shared effort to protect ourselves. We will not live our lives in fear, but rather in confidence, as we strengthen our ability to prevent attacks and reduce our vulnerabilities wherever they exist. So, just as we work to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat terrorism with a wide range of efforts abroad, we will also strengthen our efforts here at home to create strong and resilient communities prepared to stand together and let the terrorists know that they will never succeed in shaking our will.

In less than four weeks, America and the world will again mark the anniversary of that terrible day in September when so many innocents were ruthlessly murdered as they went about their daily lives. The U.S. government was unable to prevent that attack. But the American people should know: we are doing everything in our power to prevent another one. And eight years on, that mission demands nothing less than the new thinking that President Obama brings to this challenge and the new approach that
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Thank you very much.

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To: "Gina (Sheila) McCarthy" <mccarthy.gina@epa.gov>, "Lisa Heinzerling" <heinzerling.lisa@epa.gov>, "David McIntosh" <mcintosh.david@epa.gov> 
Date: 08/13/2009 06:02 PM 
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Sent: 08/13/2009 06:00 PM AST 
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