

OUR VOICES

MAKING POLITICS WORK FOR WORKING FAMILIES IN 2012

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President Obama's Record on Behalf of Working Families

JOB CREATION

As the country faced its worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, President Obama and Democratic leaders enacted solutions that created or saved at least 4 million jobs.

- Created 3.6 million jobs under the economic recovery plan.
- Preserved more than 300,000 state and local public sector jobs—preventing layoffs of police officers, firefighters, healthcare workers, teachers and other trusted public servants.

RELIEF FOR WORKING FAMILIES

As unemployed Americans were getting back on their feet, President Obama helped to alleviate the strain on working and middle-class families.

- Provided tax cuts to 95 percent of working families.
- Extended subsidized COBRA premiums for unemployed workers, allowing them to receive an additional six months of health benefits.
- Stood up to congressional Republicans to extend unemployment insurance benefits—assisting 2.5 million Americans who lost their jobs in the recession.
- Invested \$2 billion to provide education and career training programs to dislocated workers.
- Expanded Pell Grants and revamped the student loan program by eliminating fees paid to private banks.

EXPANDING HEALTHCARE COVERAGE

Delivering on a Democratic promise first made by President Harry Truman, President Obama and Democratic leaders enacted into law the historic Affordable Care Act and expanded coverage to children. Together these acts:

- Expanded coverage to an additional 32 million uninsured Americans.
- Prevented people with pre-existing conditions from being denied quality insurance coverage.
- Allowed parents to keep their children on their health plans until age 26.
- Ensured 11 million children have access to healthcare under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

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WALL STREET ACCOUNTABILITY

After a financial meltdown that led to the biggest economic recession since the Great Depression, President Obama led the way in holding Wall Street accountable for its actions and protecting working families from misleading and predatory practices.

- Enacted a sweeping financial reform package to stop Wall Street's reckless behavior with our hard-earned savings and increase oversight to put an end to "too big to fail."
- Established the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, creating an independent advocate for consumers and increasing oversight over big banks and mortgage companies.
- Enacted the CARD Act that reins in and reduces credit card rates and fees.

RETIREMENT SECURITY

President Obama believes hard work should be rewarded with dignity at retirement and is committed to protecting and strengthening Social Security for 38 million retirees and their family members.

- Vowed to protect Social Security benefits and refused to increase the Medicare eligibility age.
- The president's economic recovery act provided immediate relief to retirees, giving beneficiaries a one-time payment of \$250.

SUPPORTING COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

President Obama has continually voiced the need for comprehensive immigration reform, understanding that a practical, balanced approach is the only solution to end the exploitation of undocumented workers.

- The president is an ardent supporter of the DREAM Act—legislation that provides upstanding undocumented immigrants who were brought to America as children a pathway to citizenship.
- The Obama administration is leading the challenge against radical immigration laws enacted in states such as Arizona and Alabama.
- President Obama released a strong policy that halted deportation proceedings for noncriminal immigrants.