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Nomination for Posts at the Department of Labor

June 25, 1993

The President announced today that he intends to nominate economists Bernard Anderson and Katharine Abraham to positions at the Department of Labor. If confirmed, Anderson will serve as Assistant Secretary for the Employment Standards Administration, and Abraham will serve as Commissioner of Labor Statistics.

“Applying adequate enforcement standards and tracking the well-being of our Nation’s work force are two of the Labor Department’s most important responsibilities,” said the President. “Bernard Anderson and Katharine Abraham will fulfill them with rigor and integrity.”

The President’s Radio Address

June 26, 1993

Good morning. I want to talk to you about the battle that I’ve been waging to fulfill the central commitment of my campaign for President: to make the economy grow, create jobs, and make our Government in Washington work again for all the American people.

But first, let me take just a moment to congratulate the FBI, the New York Police Department, and the United States attorney in New York for breaking up the terrorist ring. The American people need to be reassured by the effectiveness and the determination of our Federal authorities at the national and at the local level to combat terrorism. And the people who would engage in these kinds of acts in this country need to know that we’re going to be tough on anyone, anywhere in the world, who threatens or carries out terrorist actions against any American citizen.

Back to the economy. For years, your Government in Washington refused to make the hard decisions necessary for America to compete and win in a global economy. Very often, political leaders told you exactly what you wanted to hear, but they didn’t hear your real problems or honor your values. For more than a decade, the National Government borrowed and spent, raised taxes on the middle class, reduced the burden on the privileged, ran up the huge national debt we now have, and discouraged the

creation of jobs by reducing our investment. Meanwhile, we ignored problems like health care and the cost and availability of that service and many others.

Now, if we want to preserve the American dream, opportunity for those who work hard and play by the rules, we have to change. And change is hard. For the last 5 months, I’ve been fighting for a plan to create economic growth, one that reduces the deficit and brings down interest rates and increases investment in education, technology, and jobs. It requires deep spending cuts and some tax increases, asking by far the most from those who have the most to pay.

Congress is rising to the occasion. Last month the House voted for a new direction, and just this week the Senate acted courageously in doing the same. In the next few weeks, representatives from both the House and the Senate will be meeting to reconcile the differences between the two bills. The negotiations will be difficult, but I’m going to work hard to keep the essential characteristics of the economic plan that I believe so deeply in: at least \$500 billion of deficit reduction in a trust fund so that the