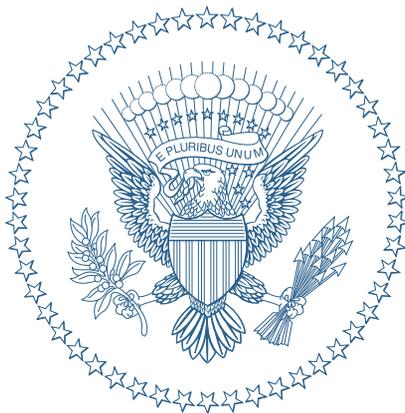


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# Foreword

The second half of 2010 found us in the middle of a tough battle to accelerate private sector job creation. Many challenges lay ahead, but there were reasons for hope and signs of progress on the road to recovery.

One of the most important economic success stories of the year was the rebirth of the American auto industry. Once teetering on the brink of collapse, with about one million jobs hanging in the balance, the auto industry was healthier than it had been in years. Taxpayer money used to save some of America's proudest companies from liquidation had been paid back with interest. Workers who had been laid off were back on the job. And a symbol of American drive and ingenuity was once again leading the world.

The recovery of the auto industry represented a huge step forward for workers, suppliers, and entire towns that depended on it for survival. But we wanted to do more to give the middle class some much-needed help. That is why we extended a tax cut that put more money into the pockets of working families. And we extended unemployment insurance to avoid putting further strain on an already-fragile economy.

In 2010, we also took steps to address the underlying causes of the recession. I signed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the most sweeping overhaul of the financial industry since the New Deal. This law will ensure that the actions of an irresponsible few will never again bring our economy to the brink of collapse. And we created the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to protect the American people from misleading and predatory practices while guaranteeing they have the clear and concise information they need to make the best financial decisions.

As we finally brought our combat mission in Iraq to an end and turned over responsibility to the Iraqi people, we continued to take the fight to the Taliban in Afghanistan and train Afghan forces to take responsibility for their own security. We paid tribute to our men and women in uniform, including Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta, who became the first living recipient of the Medal of Honor from a current conflict since Vietnam.

I was proud to sign legislation repealing the discriminatory policy known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." Particularly at a time of war, when Americans make incredible sacrifices in some of the most dangerous places on earth, no one should be forced to hide who they are in order to serve the country they love.

The last 6 months have not been easy. But I believe the progress we've made has brought us closer to the ideals that this country was founded on. And as I've traveled across the country and met Americans of every background and walk of life, I remain more hopeful than ever.





# Preface

This book contains the papers and speeches of the President of the United States that were issued by the Office of the Press Secretary during the period July 1–December 31, 2010. The material has been compiled and published by the Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration.

The material is presented in chronological order, and the dates shown in the headings are the dates of the documents or events. In instances when the release date differs from the date of the document itself, that fact is shown in the textnote. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy: Remarks are checked against an audio recording, and signed documents are checked against the original. Textnotes and cross references have been provided by the editors for purposes of identification or clarity. Speeches were delivered in Washington, DC, unless otherwise indicated. The times noted are local times. All materials that are printed in full text in the book have been indexed in the subject and name indexes and listed in the document categories list.

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Also included in the printed edition are lists of the President's nominations submitted to the Senate, materials released by the Office of the Press Secretary that are not printed in full text in the book, and proclamations, Executive orders, and other Presidential documents released by the Office of the Press Secretary and published in the Federal Register. This information appears in the appendixes at the end of the book.

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