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TO: Senator Dole

FROM: Kathy Ormiston and David Taylor

SUBJECT: Speech to National Governors' Association
Monday, February 1
J.W. Marriot Hotel Grand Ballroom

Time and Place

The Governors are expecting that you will begin speaking at approximately 3:45. The meeting will end whenever you are finished. Governor Romer (D-Colorado), the NGA Chair will likely introduce you, although they may ask Governor Finney to do the honors.

Format and Audience

They would like you to speak 15 to 20 minutes with a Q&A session. The Association expects between 500 and 800 people will attend, including all 50 governors.

200 press are registered to attend the meeting. C-Span currently plans to cover.

Topic

How to decrease the federal deficit, while changing priorities to increase government investment. In your view, what are the costs of failing to cut the deficit and of failing to increase the investment portion of the budget?

Other Speakers

Senator Mitchell will open the meeting at 2:45.

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NATIONAL GOVERNORS'

ASSOCIATION SPEECH

**I ALWAYS ENJOY SPEAKING
TO AMERICA'S GOVERNORS. I'M
JUST NOT CERTAIN I ENJOY THE
TOPIC YOU ASSIGNED ME TODAY
-- SOLVING THE FEDERAL
DEFICIT. FIVE YEARS AGO,
WHEN I WAS CAMPAIGNING FOR
PRESIDENT ON THE DEFICIT**

**ISSUE, MANY VOTERS DIDN'T
WANT TO HEAR THE TRUTH.
HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED. I
CREDIT ROSS PEROT FOR
CHANGING AMERICA'S FOCUS
AND HELPING MAKE THE DEFICIT
A TOP ISSUE NOW.**

**WE MAY BE REPUBLICANS
AND DEMOCRATS, SENATORS
AND GOVERNORS, BUT WE ARE**

**IN TUNE WHEN IT COMES TO
PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE --
AND THAT'S THE FEDERAL
DEFICIT.**

**IN MY VIEW, ONE CLEAR
MESSAGE COMING OUT OF
ELECTION YEAR 1992 IS THAT
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT
ACTION ON THE FEDERAL
DEFICIT. LAST YEAR, THE**

**PEOPLE TOOK A HARD LOOK AT
THE \$300 BILLION DEFICIT
CONGRESS SENT THEM LAST
YEAR. FIRST, PEOPLE FAINTED
FROM STICKER SHOCK; AND
THEN THEY GOT MAD.
AMERICANS STORMED TO THE
VOTING BOOTH, KNOWING FULL
WELL WHAT AMERICA'S \$4
TRILLION DOLLAR DEBT IS**

**DOING TO THEM, TO THEIR
CHILDREN AND TO THEIR
GRANDCHILDREN.**

**IF YOU ARE LIKE ME, IT'S
HARD TO IMAGINE WHAT
TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS REALLY
MEANS, BUT LET ME JUST
DETAIL WHAT YOU COULD DO
WITH \$4 TRILLION: YOU COULD
BUY AN AVERAGE SIZE IN-**

**GROUND CONCRETE SWIMMING
POOL FOR EVERY HOMEOWNER
IN AMERICA; PAY A 40-HOUR-A-
WEEK MINIMUM WAGE
PAYCHECK TO EVERY PERSON
IN THE WORLD; PAY A YEAR OF
TUITION TO HARVARD FOR
EVERY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
IN THE COUNTRY; AND SEND
EVERY AMERICAN OVER THE**

**AGE OF 18 ON A TWO-WEEK
CLUB MED VACATION...AND
STILL HAVE \$3 TRILLION LEFT
OVER!**

**SO LET ME STATE THE
OBVIOUS: OUR GOVERNMENT IS
BROKE. FOR TOO LONG,
WASHINGTON HAS TREATED THE
FEDERAL TREASURY AS IF IT
WERE A GIANT SHOPPING MALL,**

**OFFERING AN UNLIMITED
SUPPLY OF MERCHANDISE ON A
NO-MONEY-DOWN, NO-CREDIT-
LIMIT BASIS.**

ECONOMIC NEWS

**THE GOOD NEWS IS, THERE
ARE SOME RECENT
ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC
TRENDS: INFLATION IS STAYING
DOWN, AND SO ARE INTEREST**

**RATES; HOUSING STARTS ARE
GOING UP, CONSUMER
CONFIDENCE AND SPENDING IS
WAY UP, TOO, WHILE THE LAST
QUARTER GROWTH IS A FAIRLY
BULLISH 3.8%. THE BUSH
RECOVERY IS WELL UNDER WAY.
IT WON'T HELP HIM, BUT IT MAY
BE THE FOUNDATION UPON
WHICH WE CAN BUILD A LONG-**

TERM RECOVERY.

**STILL, JOB CREATION LAGS
BEHIND. WHY? THE ANSWER IS,
I BELIEVE, FAIRLY SIMPLE.**

**UNLIKE PAST RECOVERIES, OUR
ECONOMY IS STRAINING
AGAINST THE WEIGHT OF THAT
\$4 TRILLION DEBT. THIS FISCAL
MILLSTONE IS A DRAG ON OUR
ECONOMIC RECOVERY, AS OUR**

**ANNUAL DEFICITS DEVOUR
RESOURCES NEEDED TO SPUR
ADDITIONAL GROWTH.**

**AMERICA NEEDS
COMPREHENSIVE, LONG-TERM,
ENFORCEABLE DEFICIT
REDUCTION TO SUSTAIN
ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TO
RAISE THE NEXT GENERATION'S
STANDARD OF LIVING. THE**

**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET
OFFICE ESTIMATES THAT
ELIMINATING THE DEFICIT
COULD ADD MORE THAN 5
PERCENT TO THE SUSTAINABLE
LEVEL OF CONSUMPTION IN THE
NEXT CENTURY. THAT'S A
LEGACY I'D BE PROUD TO LEAVE
TO THE NEXT GENERATION
WHERE TO CUT FEDERAL**

SPENDING

**LET'S FACE IT, THOUGH,
TOUGH SPEECHES WON'T CUT
THE DEFICIT. TOUGH DECISIONS
WILL.**

**WE ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO THE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE
PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC
PACKAGE ON FEBRUARY 17TH.**

**AND I WILL SAY THIS. IF HE
BRINGS REAL DEFICIT
REDUCTION TO THE TABLE --
NOT JUST TAX INCREASES AND
DEFENSE CUTS, BUT BROAD
DEFICIT REDUCTION THAT
EMPHASIZES TOUGH,
ENFORCEABLE CUTS IN
FEDERAL SPENDING;
ELIMINATION OF OUTDATED**

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS; AND REAL
BUDGET REFORMS -- THEN
PRESIDENT CLINTON CAN
EXPECT STRONG BIPARTISAN
SUPPORT.**

**NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THE
PRESIDENT MADE A LOT OF
PROMISES ABOUT REDUCING
THE DEFICIT DURING THE
CAMPAIGN. HE ALSO MADE**

**SOME PROMISES ABOUT
SPENDING PROGRAMS AND A
MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT. BUT,
REALITY IS BEGINNING TO SET
IN AND THE PRESIDENT IS
LEARNING THAT FULFILLING
THOSE CAMPAIGN PROMISES
WILL REQUIRE SOME TOUGH
DECISIONS.**

THE WHITE HOUSE IS

**TELLING US EVERYTHING IS ON
THE TABLE. BUT, IT'S NOT AT
ALL CLEAR WHICH DIRECTION
THIS ADMINISTRATION IS
HEADED. CANDIDATE CLINTON
PROMISED TO LOWER THE TAX
BURDEN ON MIDDLE CLASS
AMERICANS, BUT PRESIDENT
CLINTON IS NOW CONSIDERING
A REGRESSIVE, BROAD-BASED**

**ENERGY TAX TO HELP FINANCE
HIS DEFICIT REDUCTION
PACKAGE, ALONG WITH
INCREASING TAX RATES FOR
INDIVIDUALS AND
CORPORATIONS. IT'S MY HOPE
THAT THE PRESIDENT TAKES A
HARD LOOK AT THE EFFECTS OF
THESE TAX PROPOSALS ON JOB
CREATION, MANUFACTURING**

**COSTS, CONSUMER PRICES,
EXPORTS, AND OTHER
FACTORS... BEFORE MAKING A
FINAL DECISION.**

**APPARENTLY, A PLAN TO
CUT SOCIAL SECURITY IS ALSO
ON THE TABLE. BUT, SOCIAL
SECURITY IS NOT
CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEFICIT
NOW OR INTO THE**

**FORESEEABLE FUTURE. I DON'T
THINK YOU'LL FIND MANY
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
WILLING TO TAMPER WITH
SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.
THE OPPOSITION TO THIS
PROPOSAL IS BIPARTISAN.
CHAIRMAN MOYNIHAN HAS
CALLED IT "UNACCEPTABLE".
IF THE ADMINISTRATION IS**

**SERIOUS ABOUT DEFICIT
REDUCTION, WE ARE READY TO
SIT DOWN AT THE TABLE -- AS
LONG AS THERE ARE OPEN
MINDS ON ALL SIDES.**

**ENTITLEMENT CAP
IN YOUR "POLICY ON THE
FEDERAL DEFICIT", YOU
RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO
CONTROL ENTITLEMENT**

**SPENDING, AND ADD YOUR
SUPPORT TO A CAP ON
ENTITLEMENT SPENDING. IT
WILL BE DIFFICULT TO MAKE
ANY REAL PROGRESS IN
CONTROLLING THE DEFICIT
UNTIL CONGRESS CAPS THESE
MANDATORY SPENDING
PROGRAMS, WHICH NOW
CONSUME ALMOST TWO-THIRDS**

OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET.

**LAST YEAR, SENATORS
DOMENICI, NUNN, RUDMAN, AND
ROBB TRIED TO ADD AN
ENTITLEMENT CAP TO THE
BUDGET RESOLUTION. BUT THEN
THEIR COURAGEOUS EFFORT
FIZZLED WHEN THEIR
OPPONENTS BEGAN OFFERING
AMENDMENTS TO EXEMPT**

**POPULAR ENTITLEMENT
PROGRAMS -- SUCH AS VETERAN
PROGRAMS -- FROM THE
DISCIPLINE OF A SPENDING CAP.
ONLY 4 DEMOCRATS AND 24
REPUBLICANS HAD THE
COURAGE TO VOTE AGAINST
WATERING DOWN THIS RARE
DISPLAY OF CONGRESSIONAL
BACKBONE.**

OTHER DEFICIT REDUCTION

OPTIONS

**WITH OR WITHOUT THE
DISCIPLINE OF AN ENTITLEMENT
CAP, WE WILL NEED TO TAKE A
PROGRAM BY PROGRAM
APPROACH TO CUTTING
ENTITLEMENT SPENDING AND
LIMITING REVENUE LOSS. I
PERSONALLY BELIEVE YOU MAY**

**WELL SEE AN EMPHASIS BY THE
CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ON
MEANS TESTING, AS WELL AS
ON LIMITING THE FEDERAL
EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. THE
PRESIDENT WILL NEED TO TAKE
A FRESH LOOK AT EVERY
ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM FROM
AGRICULTURE TO VETERANS.**

MEDICARE PART B

**ONE AREA WE COULD
EXAMINE IS THE FEDERAL
SUBSIDY OF PART B OF THE
MEDICARE PROGRAM. WE ARE
SPENDING ABOUT \$38 BILLION A
YEAR, PAYING 75 PERCENT OF
EVERYBODY'S PART B PREMIUM,
WHETHER THE RECIPIENT IS ON
SKID ROW OR PARK AVENUE.**

**THAT'S BIG MONEY, AND WE
NEED TO MAKE THOSE WHO
CAN PAY MORE OF THEIR PART
B PREMIUM DO SO.**

TAX-FREE FRINGE BENEFITS

**ANOTHER AREA OF
CONCERN IS NONRETIREMENT
FRINGE BENEFITS. ACCORDING
TO CBO, TAX-FREE EMPLOYER-
PAID HEALTH AND LIFE**

**INSURANCE PREMIUMS COST
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
ABOUT \$39 BILLION IN LOST
INCOME TAXES AND \$26 BILLION
IN LOST PAYROLL TAXES IN
1992.**

**THESE EXCLUSIONS HAVE
BEEN CRITICIZED AS BEING
BOTH UNFAIR AND INEFFICIENT.
WHILE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS**

**CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR
HEALTH INSURANCE, WE GIVE A
HUGE TAX SUBSIDY TO THOSE
WITH GENEROUS HEALTH
INSURANCE PLANS.**

**EMPLOYER PROVIDED
INSURANCE MAY ALSO BE A
MAJOR FACTOR IN THE RAPID
INCREASE IN HEALTH CARE
COSTS. PUBLIC POLICY**

**EXPERTS CONTEND THAT
CONSUMERS WHO PAY A LOWER
PERCENTAGE OF THEIR HEALTH
CARE BILL HAVE LESS OF A
STAKE IN REDUCING THEIR
MEDICAL COSTS. THE
IMPOSITION OF A SO-CALLED
"TAX CAP" ON EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS COULD ADDRESS
BOTH OF THESE POLICY**

CONCERNS.

HEALTH CARE

**HEALTH CARE SPENDING IS
ONE OF THE BIGGEST FACTORS
IN THE HUGE INCREASE IN
ENTITLEMENT SPENDING. AS
THE STATES KNOW ONLY TOO
WELL, CERTAINLY HEALTH CARE
REFORM IS CRITICAL TO ALL OF
US.**

**PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS
SAID HE IS STRONGLY
COMMITTED HIMSELF TO
REFORMING AMERICA'S HEALTH
CARE SYSTEM. HE WILL SUFFER
NO SHORTAGE OF ADVICE ON
THIS MISSION. LAST YEAR
THERE WERE MORE THAN
THIRTY HEALTH REFORM
PROPOSALS IN CONGRESS, YET**

**NONE OF THEM HAD ENOUGH
SUPPORT NECESSARY TO PASS.**

**WHILE WE HAVE EXPENDED
ENORMOUS RESOURCES TO
BUILD THE FINEST HEALTH CARE
DELIVERY SYSTEM IN THE
WORLD -- MILLIONS OF
AMERICANS, OFTEN THOSE
MOST IN NEED -- DO NOT HAVE
ADEQUATE ACCESS TO THE**

**SYSTEM. HOWEVER, WHILE
EAGER TO ADDRESS THE REAL
PROBLEMS WITH THE SYSTEM,
LET'S NOT DESTROY WHAT WE
KNOW TO BE GOOD, OR IGNORE
THE REALITIES OF THE NEEDS
OF A DIVERSE POPULATION IN A
COUNTRY THE SIZE OF THE U.S..**

**PRINCIPLES OF
HEALTH CARE REFORM**

**WHATEVER SOLUTIONS WE
AGREE TO, BE IT "MANAGED
COMPETITION" OR SOME OTHER
METHOD OF REFORM, IT MUST
BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO
ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF NOT
ONLY NEW YORK CITY, BUT
ALSO RUSSELL, KANSAS. THE
SPECIAL HEALTH CARE
PROBLEMS CONFRONTING**

**RURAL AMERICA CANNOT BE
IGNORED, OR LEFT AS AN
AFTERTHOUGHT.**

**STATES SHOULD CONTINUE
TO HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO
FIND OUT WHAT WORKS BEST
FOR THEIR OWN NEEDS,
WITHOUT BEING SADDLED WITH
CRUSHING MANDATES. HEALTH
CARE MUST BE MADE**

**AVAILABLE TO ALL AMERICANS
THROUGH A COMPETITIVE
PRIVATE SECTOR HEALTH CARE
SYSTEM -- WITH THE
GOVERNMENT SERVING AS A
BACK UP FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
NO ACCESS TO PRIVATE
INSURANCE. THE COST OF
HEALTH CARE MUST BE
REDUCED BY REFORMING THE**

**HEALTH CARE MARKET PLACE,
NOT THROUGH ARBITRARY
PRICE CONTROLS.**

**THE ISSUES WE FACE HERE
ARE NEITHER SIMPLE NOR
INEXPENSIVE, BUT THEY MUST
BE ADDRESSED. NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT, HEALTH CARE IS AN
AREA THAT CRIES OUT FOR A
BIPARTISAN COOPERATION. IT**

**WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PASS
ANY MAJOR REFORM WITHOUT
IT.**

THE PEACE DIVIDEND

**THIS YEAR WE WILL BE
DRAFTING OUR FIRST BUDGET IN
THREE YEARS WITHOUT
SEPARATE CAPS ON DEFENSE,
DOMESTIC, AND INTERNATIONAL
DISCRETIONARY SPENDING.**

**SOME LIBERALS WILL SEE THIS
AS A LICENSE TO RAID THE
DEFENSE BUDGET AT WILL. IN
MY OPINION, THAT WOULD BE A
DISASTER.**

**DESPITE WHAT SOME
WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE,
PRESIDENT BUSH MADE MAJOR
CUTS IN DEFENSE SPENDING. IN
FACT, SINCE 1989, MORE THAN**

**\$300 BILLION HAS BEEN CUT
FROM OUR LONG-RANGE
DEFENSE BUDGET. WE ARE
NOW IN THE PROCESS OF
CLOSING 800 BASES AND
INSTALLATIONS WORLDWIDE.
CLOSE TO 120 DIFFERENT
WEAPONS SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN
CANCELED.**

THESE CUTBACKS HAVE

**ROCKED OUR ECONOMY. SOME
ESTIMATE THAT TOTAL JOB
LOSS MAY BE CLOSE TO 1.6
MILLION, IF YOU INCLUDE
MILITARY AND CIVILIAN JOBS IN
THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
AND JOBS WITH DEFENSE
CONTRACTORS.**

**THE CLINTON
ADMINISTRATION PROMISES TO**

**CUT DEEPER, BUT IT'S CLEAR
WORKING AMERICA JUST CAN'T
AFFORD ANY MORE RADICAL
CUTBACKS.**

BUDGET REFORM

**A RECENT SURVEY OF 118
U.S. GOVERNORS AND FORMER
GOVERNORS FOUND THAT 92
PERCENT BELIEVE "A LINE-ITEM
VETO FOR THE PRESIDENT**

**WOULD HELP RESTRAIN
FEDERAL SPENDING", AND 77
PERCENT SUPPORT A BALANCED
BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION. WELL, I AM
GLAD TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT,
AND I HOPE WE CAN COUNT ON
THE SUPPORT OF YOUR FORMER
COLLEAGUE FROM ARKANSAS.**

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, BOTH

**THESE MEASURES WOULD HELP
US CUT WASTEFUL SPENDING
AND BRING SOME REAL
DISCIPLINE TO THE FEDERAL
BUDGET PROCESS, AND I'M
COMMITTED TO BRINGING BOTH
TO A VOTE EARLY THIS YEAR.**

INFRASTRUCTURE

**NOW THAT I HAVE GIVEN
YOU THE GRIM NEWS ABOUT**

**THE FEDERAL BUDGET, I WOULD
LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS
ABOUT PUBLIC INVESTMENT
SPENDING.**

**FOR MUCH OF THE PAST
DECADE MUCH OF THE REAL
WORK IN THE GOVERNMENTAL
TRENCHES HAS BEEN DONE BY
YOU, THE LEADERS OF OUR
STATES. YOU ARE ON THE**

**FIRING LINE, DAY IN AND DAY
OUT: EDUCATING OUR YOUTH,
BUILDING THE ROADS AND
BRIDGES FOR THE FUTURE,
ATTEMPTING TO BROADEN YOUR
TAX BASES BY EXPANDING
PRIVATE INDUSTRY, AND, LAST
BUT NOT LEAST, TRYING TO PAY
FOR SOME OF THESE EFFORTS
BY FLOATING STATE BONDS.**

**LET ME SPEAK BLUNTLY.
WE WILL HAVE, IF THE NEW
PRESIDENT WISHES, A SHORT-
TERM STIMULUS PACKAGE THIS
YEAR. THE PACKAGE MAY BE,
AS LABOR SECRETARY REICH
SAID EARLIER THIS WEEK,
CLOSE TO \$15 BILLION IN SIZE,
AND INCLUDE FUNDS FOR CHILD
IMMUNIZATIONS AND SUMMER**

**JOB PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS,
ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND
MAINTENANCE. AND WHILE THE
PROGRAM MAY PROVIDE SOME
SORT OF ECONOMIC BOOST, IT
WON'T BE ENOUGH TO PREVENT
A SIZABLE INCREASE IN THE
FEDERAL DEFICIT.**

**WHAT SIGNAL WILL THIS
SEND TO AMERICANS? WHAT**

**SIGNAL WILL THIS SEND TO
FINANCIAL MARKETS -- THE
PEOPLE WHO JUDGE YOUR
BOND ISSUES EVERY DAY? IS
THIS TYPE OF PACKAGE THE
RIGHT MEDICINE TO IGNITE
LONG-TERM, SUSTAINABLE
GROWTH?**

**YOU KNOW WHAT HIGH
INTEREST RATES FOR FEDERAL**

**BONDS MEAN TO YOU. HIGH
RATES MEAN THAT YOU AND
YOUR TAXPAYERS MUST PAY
MORE TO FLOAT STATE BONDS.
THAT MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT
FOR EACH OF YOU TO FUND
NEW EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES,
NEW HEALTH PROGRAMS, AND
NEW CRIMINAL JUSTICE GOALS
FOR YOUR STATES. IN FACT, IT**

**MIGHT BE INTERESTING TO SEE
IF THE ADDITIONAL INTEREST
COSTS OF FEDERAL DEFICIT
SPENDING ON YOUR BUDGET
OFFSETS PARTIALLY OR EVEN
COMPLETELY THE BENEFITS
THAT A \$20 BILLION
INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE
MAY BRING YOU.**

SO, AS WE MOVE TOWARD A

**STIMULUS PACKAGE, WE
SHOULD COUNT THE COSTS.
THERE IS NO FREE LUNCH, AND
THERE IS NO FREE STIMULUS:
YOU IN THIS ROOM, AND YOUR
CITIZENS, WILL PAY FOR IT. THE
BOTTOM LINE IS THAT YOU
CANNOT SOLVE THE DEFICIT
PROBLEM BY ADDING TO IT.
GOVERNMENT MANDATES**

**ONE AREA IN WHICH
REPUBLICANS INTEND TO BE ON
THE FRONT LINE, IS THE ISSUE
OF FEDERAL MANDATES. IN
OUR EFFORTS TO CONTROL THE
DEFICIT, WE CAN NO LONGER
TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT BY
SHIFTING THE FINANCIAL
BURDEN TO STATE AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT.**

**DURING THE CAMPAIGN,
PRESIDENT CLINTON PROMISED
TO WORK FOR "A NEW REALITY
AND PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT."**

**UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE
THOSE ON CAPITOL HILL WHO
DID NOT GET THE MESSAGE.**

**A 1991 STUDY FOUND THAT
THE 101ST CONGRESS ADOPTED**

**AT LEAST 20 NEW MANDATES
THAT WILL COST THE STATES
\$15 BILLION DURING THE NEXT
FIVE YEARS. EACH OF YOU HAS
YOUR OWN BUDGET TO
CONTEND WITH. YOU DON'T
NEED MORE FEDERAL
MANDATES, BUT THAT'S
EXACTLY WHAT THE
DEMOCRATS ON CAPITOL HILL**

**HAVE PUT AT THE TOP OF THEIR
AGENDA.**

**NEXT WEEK, THE HOUSE
WILL VOTE ON AN EXPENSIVE,
UNFUNDED FEDERALLY-
MANDATED PLAN TO REQUIRE
STATES TO REGISTER VOTERS --
THE SO-CALLED MOTOR VOTER
BILL. THE SENATE COULD TAKE
UP THE BILL BEFORE THE END**

**OF FEBRUARY AND THAT'S JUST
THE BEGINNING.**

**REPUBLICANS SUPPORT
INCENTIVES TO IMPROVE VOTER
REGISTRATION, BUT LIKE A LOT
OF YOU, WE BELIEVE THAT
WASHINGTON DOES NOT HAVE
ALL THE ANSWERS. BUT IF
WASHINGTON IS GOING TO
STICK YOU WITH BIG**

**GOVERNMENT MANDATES, WE
ALSO SHOULDN'T STICK YOU
WITH THE TAB.**

**THE IMPORTANCE OF SACRIFICE
IN HIS INAUGURAL
ADDRESS, PRESIDENT CLINTON
TALKED ABOUT THE NEED FOR
SACRIFICE TO ENSURE
OPPORTUNITY FOR FUTURE
GENERATIONS. "SACRIFICE" IS A**

**WORD THAT STRIKES FEAR IN
THE HEARTS OF MANY IN
WASHINGTON. MANY OF YOU
KNOW THE MEANING OF
SACRIFICE. MOST OF YOU NEED
TO BALANCE YOUR BOOKS, AND
THAT OFTEN MEANS MAKING
THE TOUGH CALLS. AS FAR AS
I'M CONCERNED, IF PRESIDENT
CLINTON AND OUR DEMOCRAT**

**COLLEAGUES ARE READY TO
WAGE A RELENTLESS ATTACK
ON THE DEFICIT PROBLEM
WITHOUT BIG TAX INCREASES,
SENATE REPUBLICANS WILL BE
READY TO ROLL UP OUR
SLEEVES AND DO OUR SHARE
OF THE HEAVY LIFTING.**

**THE FIRST PLACE WE
SHOULD START IS ON CAPITOL**

**HILL AND IN THE WHITE HOUSE -
- CUTTING BACK ON STAFF,
BUDGETS, OVERHEAD AND
SUPER PERKS SUCH AS THE
FRANKING PRIVILEGE, WHICH IS
AN OUT-OF-CONTROL "FREEBIE"
FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.
WHEN THE TAXPAYERS SEE THE
MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT
ARE WASTED ON ALL THAT**

**FRANKED PROPAGANDA, I
DOUBT IF THEY FEEL
"PRIVILEGED" TO PAY FOR IT
ALL.**

**IT'S TIME TO GET TO WORK.
REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS AND
INDEPENDENTS. THERE'S A NEW
COALITION OUT THERE. IT IS
ALL THOSE VOTERS WHO CARE
A LOT LESS ABOUT POLITICS**

**THAN THEY DO ABOUT THE
FUTURE. IT'S TIME TO HEAR
THEIR MESSAGE. LET'S TAKE
ON THE DEFICIT TOGETHER.
FOR OUR CHILDREN AND OUR
GRANDCHILDREN.
THANK YOU.**

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