

convinced me to redouble my efforts to work hard to pass this bill.

The United States Senate has just passed a lobbying reform bill which will require all of our lobbyists to register for a change and require them to report any gifts beyond a very small amount that they give to any Member of Congress. And I've introduced the toughest campaign finance reform law ever, to lower the cost of campaigns, reduce the influence of political action committees, and open the airwaves to honest debate, all paid for by lobbyists, by repealing the lobbyist tax deduction.

This is a bright and a hopeful day. We've come together not to better one group or one cause but to work together in the common cause of a reinvigorated America. We've been able to bring deep discipline to our budget, positive purpose to our spending, and created the sea change the American people voted for in November, or at least the beginning of that sea change. Now we've got to see through it all the way to the end. The rest of the road won't be easy, just as the last 3 months have not been. But we can do it, and then we'll have

something to really celebrate when we've passed the budget, an economic plan, and gotten this country turned around.

Even as we celebrate these changes, let's also remember why we're free enough to make them. May the 15th is Armed Forces Day. And I would like to conclude by honoring those who serve, whose bravery and sacrifice and devotion to country has preserved our liberties and made America the custodian of freedom's dream for the entire world.

I speak for all in my administration in expressing gratitude and profound respect for each member of our Armed Forces, for their supportive families and for their mission. From my first months in office, I can assure you that America has the strongest, best trained, and most faithful Armed Forces in the world, men and women so worthy of the great responsibilities borne by them in our Nation. May God protect them and guide the United States.

NOTE: The address was recorded at 8 a.m. on May 14 in the Map Room at the White House for broadcast at 10:06 a.m. on May 15.

## Statement Endorsing the Candidacy of Michael Woo for Mayor of Los Angeles

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On June 8, Los Angeles voters will select the first new mayor in two decades, a mayor who must reinvigorate the economy and ensure the safety of all communities. I endorse Michael Woo because I believe he is the best person to meet these challenges.

As a councilman, Mike Woo has put people first, consistently fighting for the middle class against the special interests, appealing to our hopes not our fears. He created innovative programs to finance small business, reformed the city's ethics laws, and developed a model community service program. He has fought to get criminals and their guns off the streets.

Early last year, Mike Woo stood with me to support an agenda of change to help working families, rebuild our cities, and bring people together. Mike Woo has dedicated his life to creating jobs in southern California and making government work for all people. The people of Los Angeles can trust Mike Woo to work long and hard to get the job done for them.

As mayor, Mike Woo will be my partner to reinvigorate the southern California economy, put more police on the streets, and inspire the many different communities that comprise Los Angeles to pull together again. I look forward to working with him for change.