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Government thinks about program management and budgeting. We still have work to do, and improving the effectiveness of

Government and providing good value to taxpayers will continue to be a top priority of my administration.

## Statement on the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate

*July 27, 2005*

The United States has joined with Australia, China, India, Japan, and South Korea to create a new Asia-Pacific partnership on clean development, energy security, and climate change. This new results-oriented partnership will allow our nations to develop and accelerate deployment of cleaner, more efficient energy technologies to meet national pollution reduction, energy security, and climate change concerns in ways

that reduce poverty and promote economic development. The six Asia-Pacific partners will build on our strong history of common approaches and demonstrated cooperation on clean energy technologies. I have directed Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of Energy Sam Bodman to meet with their counterparts this fall to carry forward our new partnership and provide direction for our joint work.

## Statement on House of Representatives Passage of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement

*July 28, 2005*

I am proud that the House of Representatives has acted to advance America's economic and national security interests by passing the CAFTA-DR agreement. CAFTA helps ensure that free trade is fair trade. By lowering trade barriers to American goods in Central American markets to a level now enjoyed by their goods in the U.S., this agreement will level the playing field and help American workers, farmers, and small businesses. The agreement is

more than a trade bill; it is a commitment of freedom-loving nations to advance peace and prosperity throughout the Western Hemisphere. We have a moral obligation and a vital national security interest in helping the democracies of Central America and the Dominican Republic succeed, and CAFTA furthers that goal. I look forward to signing this important legislation into law.

## Statement on House of Representatives Passage of Medical Liability Reform Legislation

*July 28, 2005*

I am pleased that the House of Representatives has again passed medical liability

reform legislation. The Nation's medical liability system is badly broken, as frivolous