

## Statement on Serbian National Day *February 15, 2010*

On behalf of the American people, I send my congratulations and best wishes to all those who are observing Serbian National Day. The United States and Serbia are strong partners, and here in America, those of Serbian descent

enrich our national diversity and identity. I look forward to a continued friendship and strengthened partnership between our two countries.

## Statement on Senator Evan Bayh's Decision Not To Seek Reelection *February 15, 2010*

For more than two decades, Evan Bayh has devoted his career and his life to serving his fellow Hoosiers. During that time, he has fought tirelessly for Indiana's working families, reaching across the aisle on issues ranging from job creation and economic growth to fiscal responsibility and national security. I look

forward to continuing to work with him on these critical challenges throughout the rest of the year.

Michelle and I thank Senator Bayh for his leadership and service and wish him and his family all the best in their future endeavors.

## Remarks to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Lanham, Maryland *February 16, 2010*

Thank you, everybody. Thank you. Please have a seat. Have a seat. Good morning, everybody. Before I begin, let me just acknowledge some of the people who are standing behind me here. First of all, two people who have been working really hard to make this day happen: Secretary Steven Chu—my Energy Secretary, Steven Chu, and my White House adviser on everything having to do with energy, Carol Browner.

I want to acknowledge the outstanding Governor of Maryland, Martin O'Malley, as well as his Lieutenant Governor, Anthony Brown. We've got Mark Ayers from the building trades and Billy Hite from the UA Plumbers and Pipefitters—give them a big round of applause. Gregory Jaczko, who's—the nuclear energy commission—is here. Where is he? Ed Hill, president of the IBEW International; and I want to thank Chuck Graham and everybody here at Local 26 for their great hospitality.

Thank you for the warm welcome. Thanks for showing me around. I was just mentioning that I got a chance to pull the first fire alarm

since I was in junior high. [Laughter] And I didn't get in trouble for it.

This is an extraordinarily impressive facility, where workers are instructed on everything from the installation of sophisticated energy hardware and software to the basics of current and resistance. And we need to look no further than the workers and apprentices who are standing behind me to see the future that's possible when it comes to clean energy.

It's a future in which skilled laborers are helping us lead in burgeoning industries. It's a future in which renewable electricity is fueling plug-in hybrid cars and energy-efficient homes and businesses. It's a future in which we're exporting homegrown energy technology instead of importing foreign oil. And it's a future in which our economy is powered not by what we borrow and spend, but what we invent and what we build.

That's the bright future that lies ahead for America. And it's one of—it's a future that my administration is striving to achieve each and every day. We've already made the largest investment in clean energy in history as part of