

Audience member. You're not one.

The President. They—

Audience members. Boo!

The President. No, that's—it's a wonderful thing. As I was driving by, people were waving. Everybody was clapping. And then one guy's like, "Eh." [*Laughter*] He saw me through the window too. He went, "Eh." [*Laughter*] I thought, that's a great thing about the country.

Look—but I want everybody to learn the lesson from this debate. In reaching this milestone, it doesn't represent the end of all our problems. We still have jobs to create and deficits to reduce. We still have children to educate. We still face enormous challenges in this country. Jobs haven't been returning fast enough, despite everything that we're doing. The economy is growing again, but people still haven't been hired back as fast as they need to. Small businesses are still having trouble get-

ting credit out there. So there are all kinds of issues we're going to have to work on.

But what this fight has taught us about ourselves and about this country, it's bigger than any one issue. It reminds us that change is never easy, but it's always possible. It reminds us that in the United States of America, we still have the power to shape our own destiny. And it reminds us that we as a people don't shrink from a challenge. We don't shirk our responsibilities, we embrace challenges. We don't fear the future, we shape the future. That's what we do. That's who we are. That's what you're about. That's why you're here. That's why I ran for President of the United States of America. That's what makes us the United States of America.

Thank you, Portland. God bless you. God bless the United States of America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:17 p.m. at the Portland Exposition Building.

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on the Free Flow of Information to and Exercise of Universal Rights in Iran

April 1, 2010

Dear Madam Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

Consistent with the authorities contained in section 1264 of the Victims of Iranian Censorship Act (Subtitle D of Title XII of Public Law 111–84, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010), I am providing a report prepared by my Administration. This report details U.S. efforts to ensure the free flow of information to Iran and to enhance the abil-

ities of Iranians to exercise their universal rights.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the Senate.

Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Reception in Boston, Massachusetts

April 1, 2010

The President. Hello, Boston. It's good to be back. Good to be back in Beantown.

Audience member. We love you, President Obama!

The President. I love you back.

Audience member. Keep smiling! [*Laughter*]

The President. I can't help it. [*Laughter*] There are a couple people I want to make sure I acknowledge: our Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray is in the house. I believe a sizable portion of the Massachusetts congressional delegation is here. Please wave. Where are they? I see—who do I got? Markey, Capuano—who