

commander, NATO International Security Assistance Force, Afghanistan. The Office of the

Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of these remarks.

Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Transmitting Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Amendments June 22, 2010

Dear Madam Speaker:

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed amendments to Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 proposals in my FY 2011 Budget for the Departments of Homeland Security and Justice.

These amendments would support efforts to secure the Southwest border and enhance Federal border protection, law enforcement, and counternarcotics activities.

The amounts requested would be partially offset by cancelling \$100 million from a lower priority program within the Department of Homeland Security. The proposed budget au-

thority for FY 2010 would, therefore, increase by a net total of \$500 million as a result of these amendments.

This request responds to urgent and essential needs. Therefore, I request these proposals be considered as emergency requirements. The details of this request are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA

Remarks at a Reception Honoring Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month June 22, 2010

The President. Hello, everybody! I was going to say welcome to the White House, but you guys seem like you feel right at home. [*Laughter*] You don't need me to tell you this is the people's house.

The—a couple of acknowledgements that I want to make very quickly. First of all, our Director of the Office of Personnel Management, who has just done an extraordinary job across the Government, give John Berry a big round of applause, please. We love John.

Audience member. All right, John!

The President. All right, John! [*Laughter*]

Our Chair of the Export-Import Bank, helping to bring jobs here to the United States of America, Fred Hochberg. Where is he? Our Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, doing outstanding work each and every day, Nancy Sutley. Where is she? Nancy's a little vertically challenged—[*laughter*—]but I see her over there. [*Laughter*]

We've got here a trailblazer for Federal appointees—we are so proud of her—Ms. Rober-

ta Achtenberg is here. Give Roberta a big round of applause. And then I understand we've got a terrific country singer—Chely Wright is in the house.

Now, in addition, I know they had to leave because they had votes, but you guys obviously don't have just fiercer warriors on your behalf than a couple of our openly gay and lesbian Members of Congress, Tammy Baldwin and Jared Polis, so give them—[*applause*]. They are openly terrific. [*Laughter*] They do great work.

And it is also great to have so many activists and organizers from around the country, folks who fight every day for the rights of parents and children and partners and citizens to be treated equally under the law. And so we are very proud of all of you.

Oh, and by the way, the guy standing next to me, this is Joe Biden.

Audience member. All the way from Pennsylvania.

Vice President Joe Biden. Delaware.