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ed multilateral response to this crisis and support the United Nations and other multilateral organizations, neighbors, and friends of Kyrgyzstan in their efforts to assist in the normalization of the situation in the country, including providing humanitarian aid. We intend to continue our joint efforts with Kyrgyzstan, to

combat threats from narcotics trafficking and terrorism and work together to promote economic development of a stable Kyrgyzstan.

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this joint statement.

Statement on the House of Representatives Passage of Election Spending Disclosure Legislation

June 24, 2010

I congratulate the House of Representatives on today's passage of the "DISCLOSE Act," a critical piece of legislation to control the flood of special interest money into our elections. The "DISCLOSE Act" would establish the strongest-ever disclosure requirements for election-related spending by special interests, including Wall Street and big oil companies, and it would restrict spending by foreign-controlled corporations. It would give the American public the right to see exactly who is spending money in an attempt to influence campaigns for public office. The House bill is

not perfect. I would have preferred that it include no exemptions. But it mandates unprecedented transparency in campaign spending, and it ensures that corporations who spend money on American elections are accountable first and foremost to the American people. I urge the Senate to act swiftly on its version of the bill, and I look forward to working with both Chambers on prompt enactment of final legislation.

NOTE: The statement referred to H.R. 5175.

Statement on Congressional Passage of Legislation To Limit Cuts in Medicare Payments to Physicians

June 24, 2010

I'm pleased that Congress has acted to ensure the security of our seniors' health care. A 21-percent pay cut to physicians' payments would have forced some doctors to step [stop]^{*} seeing Medicare patients, an outcome we can all agree is unacceptable.

We should also agree, as I've said in the past, that kicking these cuts down the road just isn't an adequate solution to the problem. The current system of recurring cuts and temporary fixes was passed into law more than 10 years ago. It's untenable.

I believe we need to permanently reform the Medicare formula in a way that attacks our fiscal problems without punishing our hard-working doctors or endangering the benefits on which so many of our seniors rely. I look forward to working with Congress to achieve that goal, and I'm gratified that in the meantime they've taken the provisional step of blocking this pay cut.

NOTE: The statement referred to H.R. 3962.

^{*} White House correction.