

are going to be well financed, and they are going to be working hard. They see this as their best opportunity to go back to the same system that they had in place all those years.

Now, ultimately, though, you know, when I ran for office, a lot of people were skeptical that I could win the Senate. Obviously, people were skeptical we could win the Presidency. There were times where I was skeptical, but the one thing I wasn't skeptical about was you, the American people.

I've always had confidence in you, that ultimately, despite all the special interest ads—and by the way, right now we've got a Supreme Court decision that's allowing uninhibited special interest spending on ads, and we've got legislation in the Senate and the House to try to fix this. But the other side, of course, is saying no. And we're going to keep on fighting to make sure that foreign corporations and big special interests can't just fund unlimited ads without

even disclosing who they are. But despite all that, I always have confidence that the American people can cut through the nonsense and ultimately do what's best not just for the next election, but for the next generation.

I have confidence in you. And so if you will stand with me and if you will stand with all these outstanding candidates in the weeks to come, I promise you we will work as hard as we have ever worked for as long as it takes to create the kind of America that our children and our grandchildren deserve.

God bless you, Chicago. God bless you, Illinois. God bless the United States of America. Thank you, everybody. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 5:30 p.m. at the Chicago Cultural Center. In his remarks, he referred to Sheena Patton, regional field director, Organizing for America; and House Republican Leader John A. Boehner.

Statement on Kenya's Constitutional Referendum

August 5, 2010

The United States congratulates the Kenyan people and Government on the holding of a peaceful, transparent, and credible constitutional referendum. This was a significant step forward for Kenya's democracy, and the peaceful nature of the election was a testament to the character of the Kenyan people. My administration has been pleased to support Kenya's democratic development and the Kenyan people, including through the visit of Vice President Biden earlier this year.

The overwhelming approval of the proposed new constitution reflects the desire of the Kenyan people to put their country on a path toward improved governance, greater stability,

and increased prosperity. As it is fully implemented, the new constitution can play a decisive role in achieving these objectives in a way which benefits all Kenyans.

Kenyans across the political, social, and ethnic spectrum now have a chance to come together to support implementation through an inclusive dialogue. Reaching out to one another, Kenyans will be able to take advantage of this historic opportunity to move their country forward. As Kenya's close friend and partner, the United States will work with the international community to support the implementation process and to stand with the Kenyan people as they reach for a better future.

Remarks Following a Tour of Gelberg Signs

August 6, 2010

Thank you, everybody. Thank you. Please, everybody, have a seat. It is wonderful to be here. I want to acknowledge a couple folks who are present. First of all, we've got Representa-

tive Eleanor Holmes Norton right here, doing great work. I want to thank Mayor Adrian Fenty for being here. We've got local city council members who are here with us today. And I