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NOTE: Executive Order 13567 is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

Remarks During a Tour of TechBoston Academy in Boston, Massachusetts March 8, 2011

Hey guys! What's going on? How's everybody doing? Hello, everybody! Hello, hello, hello! Good to see you. Mark, good to see you. Nice to meet you.

So I'm not going to make a long speech right now. I've got to speak in the other room, and I hope you guys will be able to hear it.

I just want to say how proud I am of all of you. You guys are doing great in school. I want to shake some hands. I expect everybody here to keep working hard. How many seniors here? How many juniors? Sophomores? *[Applause]* All right. Sophomores. Freshmen. Okay, well,

the sophomores—the juniors and the seniors, I know they're working hard because they're starting to apply to college. Sophomores, you still got a lot of time, so you guys got to stay focused. All right? All right. But I'm expecting everybody here to go to college, everybody here to succeed. And I appreciate you guys very much. I'm just going to shake as many hands as I can.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:33 p.m. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Remarks at TechBoston Academy in Boston March 8, 2011

The President. Hello, TechBoston! Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you, everybody. Everybody, please have a seat. Everybody, please have a seat.

We are thrilled to see especially the students here today. I am grateful for the presence of a few other outstanding leaders. First of all, the great mayor of Boston, Tom Menino, is in the house. There he is over there. Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray's here. Where's Tim? Tim, good to see you. The outstanding Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, is in the house.

To all of you who are contributing to the outstanding education of these young people, I could not be prouder to be here. It is wonderful to be back in Massachusetts. Some of you may know I spent some time in school here myself. I was much younger. I had no gray hair. *[Laughter]* There were definitely no SMART Boards back then. *[Laughter]* The most exciting new technology was an electric pencil sharpener. *[Laughter]* So times have changed. You remember those? *[Laughter]* Do

you know what pencils are? Do you guys use pencils?

I am so grateful to have Melinda Gates joining us here today. Of course, we all know Melinda's husband Bill, who couldn't hack it at school here, dropped out. *[Laughter]* Then he started a modest—modestly successful computer company. That was a joke, guys. *[Laughter]* Bill Gates actually created a really big company. *[Laughter]* But Melinda's a force in her own right. She is one of the world's most generous, but also effective, philanthropists, successful businesswoman, and most important for today, she has been an extraordinary leader when it comes to education reform. Microsoft and the Gates Foundation have been partners with TechBoston since it got started, and we are very grateful for their support. Proud of them.

Melinda's absolutely right, by the way. One of the things that I've benefited from in this effort to make sure our schools are working for every young person is my Secretary of Educa-