

American workers, unleash the ingenuity of American businesses, and harness the dynamism of America's economy.

Thanks everybody, and have a great weekend.

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Statement on the 38th Anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision in *Roe v. Wade*

January 22, 2011

Today marks the 38th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that protects women's health and reproductive freedom and affirms a fundamental principle that government should not intrude on private family matters. I am committed to protecting this constitutional right. I also remain committed to policies, initiatives, and programs that help

prevent unintended pregnancies, support pregnant women and mothers, encourage healthy relationships, and promote adoption. And on this anniversary, I hope that we will recommit ourselves more broadly to ensuring that our daughters have the same rights, the same freedoms, and the same opportunities as our sons to fulfill their dreams.

Remarks Announcing Efforts To Strengthen Government Support for Military Families

January 24, 2011

Thank you, everybody. Everyone, please have a seat. Thank you so much.

Well, good morning, everyone. I want to thank Michelle and Jill—although I have to say, I hate following both of them. [Laughter] As I think all of you sense, when they speak, the Government listens. You should know—and I know Joe Biden would agree with this—when they speak, the President and Vice President listen. [Laughter]

So, Michelle and Jill, on behalf of all of us, thank you for being such extraordinary champions for our military families and making sure that their priorities are America's priorities.

To all the Members of Congress who are here, the members of my Cabinet, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, leaders from across the administration, and most of all, our troops, their families, their advocates: Thanks for joining us as we make an unprecedented commitment to America's military families.

Now, last month I was in Afghanistan to visit our troops and to thank them for their service,

especially during the holidays. And I think as some of you are aware, we fly in, in the dark of night for security reasons, unannounced. Folks, I'm sure, have to scramble on the other end to make sure that our visit works. And we had a wonderful crowd, a great rally. And then afterwards, I took the time not only to meet with General Petraeus and some of the other commanding officers, but I also met with a group of our special ops forces. Now, anybody who's met with SEALs and Deltas, you know these are some of the toughest, most battle-hardened troops in our military. They are involved in some of the most dangerous fighting that there is.

These are tough guys. Looking at them, you can tell they're tough. Some folks end up being tough, but these—you can just tell these guys are tough. [Laughter] And they embody the courage and character that makes our military the finest in the world. And just to give you some sense, these guys are going out on helicopter raids at night with very little support