

That's in the best interest of America's security, and it's also in the best interest of America's economy. Even though we've turned our economy in the right direction over the past couple of years, many Americans are still hurting, and now is the time to focus on nation-building here at home.

Of course, there's been a real debate about where to invest and where to cut, and I'm committed to working with members of both parties to cut our deficits and debt. But we can't simply cut our way to prosperity. We need to do what's necessary to grow our economy, create good, middle class jobs, and make it possible for all Americans to pursue their dreams.

That means giving our kids the best education in the world so they have the knowledge and skills to succeed in this economy. It means rebuilding our crumbling roads, railways, and runways. And it means investing in the cutting-edge research and technologies that will spur growth in the years ahead, from clean energy to advanced manufacturing.

That's why I'm here today at Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh, one of America's leading research universities. Behind me is a display from a company called RedZone Robotics. The robots they make are used to explore water and sewage pipes and find leaks and breaks before they become expensive problems. But the folks at RedZone aren't just solving problems; they're working with unions to create new jobs operating the robots, and they're saving cities millions of dollars in infrastructure costs.

This company is just one example of how advanced manufacturing can help spur job creation and economic growth across this country. That's why this week we launched what we're calling an Advanced Manufactur-

ing Partnership. It's a partnership that brings our Federal Government together with some of America's most brilliant minds and some of America's most innovative companies and manufacturers.

Their mission is to come up with a way to get ideas from the drawing board to the manufacturing floor to the marketplace as swiftly as possible, which will help create quality jobs and make our businesses more competitive. But they also have a broader mission. It's to renew the promise of American manufacturing, to help make sure America remains in this century what we were in the last, a country that makes things, a country that outbuilds and outinnovates the rest of the world.

I know these have been tough years for American manufacturing and all the workers and families who've built their lives around it. But being here in Pittsburgh, I'm hopeful about the future. I'm hopeful when I think about how companies like RedZone are reinvigorating manufacturing or about how what started as a small trade school is now a global research university. We are a people who've always adapted to meet the challenges of a new time, who've always shaped our own destiny, and I'm absolutely confident that that's what we're going to do one more time.

Have a great weekend.

NOTE: The address was recorded at approximately 11:35 a.m. on June 24 in the National Robotics Engineering Center at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA, for broadcast on June 25. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on June 24, but was embargoed for release until 6 a.m. on June 25.

Remarks Honoring the 2010 Major League Soccer Champion Colorado Rapids June 27, 2011

The President. Thank you. Everybody, please have a seat. Now, I just want to point

out that I got the memo and dressed appropriately in the gray suit. *[Laughter]*

Welcome to the White House, and congratulations to the Colorado Rapids on winning your first MLS Cup.

I want to begin by recognizing Stan Kroenke and Coach Gary Smith for building such an extraordinary program.

And some of you know, I am a soccer dad myself. [Laughter] I have watched my share of games over the years. And I'm used to seeing everybody gather around the ball, and then it kind of pops out somewhere, and everybody runs over to the ball. [Laughter] And so I want to congratulate all the players behind me for coming so far since those days, because I'm sure your parents were thinking the same thing—that these guys can't play. [Laughter]

They may not be household names, but the great thing about sports is that, in the end, that doesn't really matter. What matters is how well a team can pull together when the chips are down, and that's exactly what the Rapids did.

This team had the second worst record of any team in the playoffs last year. But they showed up in close games, they clawed back from behind. They just kept on winning. And when the clock ran out, the Rapids were the best team in American soccer.

So this is a testament to players like Pablo, the captain, who played 286 games over 13 years before finally earning a title. Where are you, Pablo? Right here. Congratulations. Players like Omar Cummings and Conor Casey, who were the highest scoring forward combination in the league. Where are you guys? Omar? And players like Mac Kandji, who fired the cross that led to the championship-winning goal, even as he tore his ACL in the process. Mac, where are you? You doing okay? All right.

But what really sets this team apart is not how they play only. It's also why they play. They have a love for the game that has brought them together.

This team obviously has overcome quite a few cultural differences. This is like a mini United Nations right here. [Laughter] You've got players from Argentina, England, France, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Scotland, and Senegal. In fact, I heard that the night before the cham-

pionship, Kosuke Kimura—where is Kosuke? Right here. I understand that he made a very inspiring speech to the team, but it was in Japanese, so nobody really—[laughter]—understood what he was saying, but it was really inspirational, was what I heard. [Laughter]

This is also a team that makes due without the high salaries and perks that some other professional sports teams enjoy. Players can sometimes actually be seen eating at local restaurants together after practice. A few guys chipped in to buy a fishing boat that they keep hidden in the stadium parking lot. [Laughter]

But while life in the MLS isn't always fancy, it serves to bring players closer to each other and to their fans. Wells Thompson likes to take food from the stadium and give it to the homeless on nearby street corners. Where is Wells? Right here. If a fan wants a player to show up at a charity event or help out with a nonprofit, all they have to do is ask. These guys show up. More often than not, the Rapids staff only finds out about these visits after they happen.

So these aren't just good players, they're also good people. And I want to thank them for teaming up with MLS today to put on a soccer clinic here at the White House for kids from military families. You will make their summer, and you will make their parents happier when they actually know what to do on the soccer field. [Laughter]

So congratulations again to the players, to the staff, the fans back in Colorado, everybody who is part of this program. Good luck again this season, and we hope to see you back here soon. So thank you very much. Give them a big round of applause.

Colorado Rapids Managing Director Jeff Plush. So real quick, on behalf of our owner, Stan Kroenke, everyone associated with the Colorado Rapids Soccer Club and Major League Soccer, all of our players, fans, it's our honor to make you an honorary member, and present you with your very own jersey—

The President. That's good.

Mr. Plush. —commemorating the 2011 Championship.

[*At this point, the President was presented with a Colorado Rapids team jersey.*]

The President. That's a good-looking jersey.

Mr. Plush. As you know, the number 10 is the leader, so——

The President. Absolutely. That is me and Messi. We're right up there. Absolutely. [Laughter]

Mr. Plush. So thank you very much.

The President. Thank you so much. Thank you. This is terrific. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:55 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to E. Stanley Kroenke, owner, Pablo Mastroeni, midfielder, Macoumba Kandji, forward, Kosuke Kimura, defender, and Wells Thompson, midfielder, Colorado Rapids; and Lionel A. Messi, forward, FC Barcelona and the Argentine national team.

Statement on National HIV Testing Day *June 27, 2011*

National HIV Testing Day reminds each of us to do our part in fighting HIV/AIDS and get tested. It has been 30 years since we witnessed the emergence of HIV, an illness from which roughly 600,000 Americans have died and with which more than 1 million Americans live. After years of critical investments in research, prevention, and care, we now have the tools to stem the spread of the disease and extend the lives of those Americans living with HIV. And for the first time, we have a comprehensive plan for addressing the HIV/AIDS epidemic in our country.

Last July, my administration released a national HIV/AIDS strategy for the United States which commits this Nation to reducing new HIV infections, increasing access to care for

people living with HIV, and reducing HIV-related health disparities. The strategy's release came amid important scientific advances to help protect the health of people with HIV and prevent further transmission. One in five Americans living with HIV is not aware of their infection, and this research highlights the imperative of making sure people know their HIV status and getting those who do have HIV into care.

All of us have a responsibility to ourselves and those around us to know our status and reduce our risk. So on this National HIV Testing Day and every day, I encourage every American to join the fight against HIV/AIDS and get tested.

Remarks at Alcoa Davenport Works in Riverdale, Iowa *June 28, 2011*

Hello, hello! Thank you. Please—you can cut the music. Thank you, everybody. Have a seat, have a seat. It is great to see all of you. Good to be back in the Quads.

Hello, Iowa! I see a couple of old friends here. I want to start by recognizing a few folks who are with us today. First of all, Governor Branstad is here. Congressman Bruce Braley is here. Congressman Dave Loebsack is here. Bobby Schilling is here. Michael Freemire, the mayor of Bettendorf, is here. And Jeff Grindle, mayor of Riverdale, is here. The chairwoman

of the National Association of Manufacturers, Mary Andringa, is here. The CEO of Alcoa, Klaus Kleinfeld, is here; vice president and general manager, Davenport, Malcolm Murphy, is here. And an old friend of mine who actually drove me around a couple times while I was traveling around Iowa, Skip McGill, is here, president of the local USW.

You know, I know you've been seeing a lot of politicians around lately. Something tells me that you may see a few more before February is over. But Iowa, you and I, we go a long way