

then the money has got to come from somewhere. And so my question is: Would you rather keep tax loopholes for oil companies, or do you want construction workers to have a job rebuilding our schools and our roads and our bridges? Would you rather keep tax breaks for billionaires that they don't need, or would you rather put teachers back to work and help small businesses and cut taxes and reduce our deficit?

It's time to build an economy that creates good middle class jobs in this country. It's time to build an economy that honors the values of hard work and responsibility. It's time to build an economy that lasts.

And, Denver, that starts now. And I need your help to make it happen. I just want you to—just remember, Republicans and Democrats in the past have supported every kind of proposal that's in here. There's no reason not to pass it just because I proposed it. We need to tell them it's time to support these proposals right now.

There are some Republicans in Washington who have said that some of this might have to wait until the next election.

*Audience members.* No!

*The President.* Maybe we should just stretch this out rather than work together right now. Some even said that if they agree with the proposals in the "American Jobs Act," they still shouldn't pass it because it might give me a win. Think about that. Give me a win? Give me a break! That's why folks in Washington—that's why folks are fed up with Washington.

There are some folks in Washington who don't get it. This isn't about giving me a win. This is about giving Democrats and Republicans a chance to do something for the American people. It's about giving people who are hurting a win. That's what this is about.

It's about giving small-business owners a win and entrepreneurs a win and students a win and working families a win, giving all of us a win.

The next election is nearly 14 months away. The American people don't have the luxury of waiting that long. There are folks here in Colorado who are living paycheck to paycheck, week to week. They need action, they need it now.

So I'm asking all of you, I need you to lift up your voices. Not just here in Denver, but anyone watching, anybody listening, anybody following online, I need you to call, e-mail, tweet, fax, visit, tell your Congressperson—unless it's the Congresspersons here, because they're already on board—tell them you are tired of gridlock, you are tired of the games. Tell them the time for action is now. Tell them you want to create jobs now. Tell them to pass the bill.

If you want construction workers on the job, pass the bill. If you want teachers back in the classroom, pass the bill. If you want a tax cut for small-business owners, pass the bill. If you want to help our veterans share in the opportunity that they defended, pass the bill.

It is time to act. We are not a people who sit back and wait for things to happen. We make things happen. We're Americans. We are tougher than the times that we live in, and we are bigger than the politics we've been seeing out of Washington. We write our own destiny. It is in our power to do so once more. So let's meet this moment, let's get to work, and let's show the world once again why the United States of America is the greatest nation on Earth.

Thank you. God bless you. God bless the United States of America. Go Lancers!

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:20 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to Josefina Petit Higa, principal, Abraham Lincoln High School; and Warren E. Buffett, chief executive officer and chairman, Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

## Videotaped Remarks on the Observance of Rosh Hashanah September 27, 2011

Hello, everybody. *Shana Tova.*

The days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are a time for repentance and reflection,

an opportunity to reaffirm our friendships, renew our commitments, and reflect on the values we cherish.

As the High Holidays begin, we look back on all the moments during the past year that give us reason to hope. Around the world, a new generation is reaching for their universal rights. Here in the United States, we've responded to our challenges by focusing on the things that really matter: friendship, family, and community.

But this last year was also one of hardship for people around the world. Too many of our friends and neighbors continue to struggle in the wake of a terrible economic recession. And beyond our borders, many of our closest allies, including the State of Israel, face the uncertainties of an unpredictable age.

That is why my administration is doing everything we can to promote prosperity here at home and security and peace throughout the

world, and that includes reaffirming our commitment to the State of Israel. While we cannot know all that the new year will bring, we do know this: The United States will continue to stand with Israel, because the bond between our two nations is unshakable.

As Jewish tradition teaches us, we may not complete the work, but that must never keep us from trying. In that spirit, Michelle and I wish you and your families and all who celebrate Rosh Hashanah a sweet year full of health, happiness, and peace.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President's remarks were videotaped at approximately 4:35 p.m. on September 23 in the Map Room at the White House for later broadcast.

## Remarks at an "Open for Questions" Roundtable Question-and-Answer Session

September 28, 2011

*Yahoo! Inc. Editor-in-Chief for U.S. Hispanic and Latin America Jose Siade.* Ladies and gentlemen, *señoras y señores*, welcome to "Open for Questions" with President Obama. I'm Jose Siade from Yahoo! en Español, your host today, coming to you from the White House. I'm honored to be joined today by industry colleagues Karine Medina from MSN Latino and Gabriel Lerner from AOL Latino and HuffPost LatinoVoices.

And sitting next to me, a man that needs no introduction, President Barack Obama.

*The President.* Thank you so much, Jose. Thank you for having me.

*Mr. Siade.* Thank you very much, sir, for sitting down with us today. We received hundreds of questions from our audience—from our U.S. Hispanic audience across the country. And we've brought some of those questions in today so you can address them.

*The President.* Excellent. Look forward to it.

### *Immigration Reform*

*Mr. Siade.* Very well. Let's jump into the first question, from Claudia in California: "President Obama, there are many illegal

aliens currently in the U.S. that can contribute much to the country and cannot do so because of their status. What are you currently doing and what still needs to be done in order to reform immigration laws and solve this issue?"

*The President.* Well, I appreciate this, Jose. Obviously, this is an issue that I've been working on for years. When I was in the U.S. Senate, I was a cosponsor of comprehensive immigration reform. I have voted for comprehensive immigration reform. And our administration consistently has supported the basic concept that we are a nation of laws, but we're also a nation of immigrants, and that immigrants continually have strengthened America's economy, America's culture, and that we have to create a system that works for all of us.

The way to do that is to be serious about border security, and we have been. We've put more resources in border security than anything that's been done in previous administrations. But what we've also said is, is that for those persons who are here, we have to make sure that we provide a pathway to earning a legal status in this country. They have broken the