

state-to-state peer when it comes to our national security, the threats of climate change and terrorism and cybersecurity are all things that we can't manage on our own.

And so sometimes, people ask me, man, how do you stay optimistic? It just seems like there are a bunch of problems piling up on your desk, and it doesn't seem like you're getting a lot of help from the other side. And it is true that I'm much grayer than I was when I first came to Al Solomont's house. And there is this enormous frustration sometimes when you can see—Deval and I were just talking about this. We know what the punch list is of things that need to get done. We know if we invest in infrastructure, we can put people back to work and strengthen our economy. We know that if we are investing in early childhood education, then our children are going to better be able to compete. We know that there's no contradiction between a smart energy policy that boosts growth and an environmental policy that passes on a clean planet to the next generation. We know that making sure job training programs work and basic research in science will ensure that not only do we have the most innovative, dynamic economy in the world, but we're also going to have the workers who can take those jobs.

We know all these things. And so when you see it and you say to yourself, "These aren't even ideological questions, these aren't historically left-right questions, these are just commonsense questions," and you see the fact that you get so much resistance from the other side on things that they used to be for, it can be

frustrating. But what keeps me optimistic is, when I get out of Washington and I travel across the country and I meet the American people, their resilience, their strength, their optimism, their stick-to-it-ness, their concern for one another continues to be evident. It makes you optimistic.

Our job is to align our politics with the goodness of the American people. And I don't think that's a partisan agenda; I don't think that's a Democratic or Republican agenda. I think that's an American agenda. But what I also know is the interests of the American people will be better served if I've got Nancy Pelosi standing by my side and we get the agenda done.

That's why you're here. I'm grateful for it. We're going to need your support not just now, but for the long haul.

Thank you very much, everybody.

I think we're going to start taking questions, but I think we're going to allow the fourth estate to get some food. [Laughter] I hope you guys are getting some food, at least some snacks.

NOTE: The President spoke at 5:50 p.m. at the residence of Alan D. and Susan Lewis Solomont. In his remarks, he referred to Rep. David N. Cicilline, in his former capacity as mayor of Providence, RI; Rep. Steven J. Israel, in his capacity as chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee; and former Rep. Barney Frank. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Message to the Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Sudan October 30, 2013

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within the 90-day period prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in

the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the Sudan emergency is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2013.

The crisis constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan that led to the declaration of a national emergency in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, and the expansion of that emergency in Executive Order 13400 of April 26, 2006, and with respect to which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13412 of October 13, 2006, has not been resolved. These actions and policies are hostile to U.S. interests and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I

have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Sudan and maintain in force the sanctions against Sudan to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,
October 30, 2013.

NOTE: The notice is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

Remarks at the SelectUSA 2013 Investment Summit *October 31, 2013*

Thank you. Well, please have a seat.

To my great friend Penny Pritzker, thank you for the kind words, but more importantly, thank you for your outstanding leadership, for bringing us all together today, and being such a strong voice for America's workers and America's businesses.

I want to acknowledge Acting Deputy Secretary Patrick Gallagher, Under Secretary Francisco Sanchez, and Vinai Thummalapally and their team at SelectUSA. And I want to especially thank all of you, State and local officials from across the country, and business leaders from around the world.

As President, I have gone all over the world to go to bat for American exports and American workers. I've been to many of your countries, and I've said that when we do business together, and when we trade and forge new partnerships, it's good for all of us. I want more American products being sold in your countries and I want your companies investing more here in the United States of America because it advances my top priority as President: creating good-paying American jobs and strengthening and broadening our middle class. There's nothing more important right now.

And I'm here because I want your companies to know—I want companies around the world to know—that I believe there is no better place in the world to do business than the

United States of America. Think about it: Globalization and technology means you can go just about anywhere. But there are a whole lot of reasons you ought to come here.

We're not just the world's largest market, we're growing. Thanks to the grit and resilience of the American people, we've cleared away the rubble from the financial crisis, and over the past 3½ years, our businesses have created more than 7½ million new jobs. Thanks to tough decisions we've made to tackle our long-term challenges, America is becoming more competitive from a business standpoint. We're reforming a broken health care system, and as a consequence, health care costs are rising at their slowest rate in 50 years. We've cut our deficits by more than half since I took office, and they keep going down. We've pursued an all-of-the-above energy strategy, and we are producing more traditional energy, more renewable energy than ever before, more natural gas than anyone in the world, and we have cut our carbon pollution in the process.

So while the case for doing business in America has always been strong, we've made it stronger. And of course, you will find no better workers than American workers. Our productivity is rising. We have the world's best universities, its most innovative entrepreneurs. We have its strongest intellectual property protections to go along with a rule of law that matches up with anyone. And thanks in part to a new