

agree on—and by the way, that we can disagree without being disagreeable.

Now, Terry McAuliffe will be that Governor. And you know that. Otherwise, you wouldn't be at this rally. Right? You know that Terry is the right man for the job. That's why you've devoted so much time and energy and effort to get him elected, because you want somebody in the statehouse who is going to be waking up every single day thinking about you.

But here's the thing: You've got to finish the job. You are just a few hours away from when the polls open here in the Commonwealth. And—I know Terry feels this—nothing makes me more nervous than when my supporters start feeling too confident, so I want to put the fear of God in all of you. [Laughter] All right? Virginia, historically, has always been a swing State. And this race will be close, because past races in Virginia have always been close. And the question is going to be whether or not you are willing to outwork the other side.

In these closing hours, are you willing to knock on some more doors?

Audience members. Yes!

The President. Are you willing to make some more phone calls?

Audience members. Yes!

The President. Are you willing to talk to your friends and your neighbors and your coworkers?

Audience members. Yes!

The President. Are you willing to make sure that those family members who don't always vote during off-year elections are getting to the polls? Are you willing to make your case every single hour, every single minute, every single second? Are you going to be willing to outwork and outhustle the other folks? Because I guarantee you Terry McAuliffe is going to be outworking and outhustling the other guy over the next few hours.

You can bring this home. You can make this happen. But you've got to make sure that everybody goes out on Tuesday and chooses a better future for Virginia and chooses a better future for America and chooses Terry McAuliffe to be the next Governor of the great Commonwealth of Virginia!

Thank you very much, everybody. God bless you. God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:28 p.m. at Washington-Lee High School. In his remarks, he referred to Dori, Jack, Mary, Sally, and Peter McAuliffe, children of Mr. McAuliffe; actor Kerry Washington; and Republican gubernatorial candidate Kenneth T. Cuccinelli of Virginia.

Remarks Honoring the 2013 Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Blackhawks November 4, 2013

The President. Please, everybody, have a seat. It is my pleasure to welcome back the Chicago Blackhawks to the White House. We have some very proud Blackhawks fans here. A couple I want to point out in particular: Senator Dick Durbin from Illinois and Congressman Mike Quigley, who actually still has an old man's hockey game that he's in all the time. [Laughter] Any false teeth, Mike? Just a couple, all right. But this guy is a serious hockey player. So Mike Quigley.

Now, since I took office, we've hosted a lot of championship teams from Boston and New York, Pittsburgh, Miami, but since I've been President, only one team has brought a world

championship to my hometown of Chicago. And now the Blackhawks have done it twice. [Applause] Twice!

Three years ago, the Hawks won their first Stanley Cup in 49 years. And keep in mind, the Cubs have been waiting for 105—[laughter]—so 49 might have not seemed so bad. But luckily, the second Stanley Cup came just a little bit quicker.

From the very beginning of last season, when these guys won their first six games in a row, we had a feeling that this was a team on the move. And we were right.

With Coach Q behind the bench, Hawks dominated the regular season. In the playoffs,

Captain Jonathan Toews led the team all the way for the second time, and he's still only, by the way, 25 years old. Now, I don't remember everything I was doing when I was 25, but I wasn't doing that. *[Laughter]* That I'm pretty certain of. Incredible leadership on his part.

Patrick Kane, the playoff MVP, helped to send this team to the finals in an incredible double overtime. I will say, some of the games were just stressful though. *[Laughter]* I was getting a little tense.

Duncan Keith had an interesting first round: scored a goal in game three. Then he flew home to Chicago to be with his wife for the birth of their son Colton. Then, he flew back to Minneapolis the same day, arrived 2 hours before the drop of the puck, helped lead the team to a win that put them up 3 to 1 in the series. And about 6 weeks later, Colton may have become the youngest person ever to be hoisted by the Cup. *[Laughter]* That hadn't been happening before.

Finally, we've got Bryan Bickell and Dave Bolland. With less than 2 minutes left in game six of the finals—the Hawks down by just one goal—teamed up to score two goals in just 17 seconds to bring the Cup back to Chicago—17 seconds. Now, that's the kind of clutch performance that would make Jordan proud, which is why the statue was wearing a Blackhawks jersey, I think, during the playoffs.

So this team is a great example of what Chicago is all about. It's not just, by the way, because of what they've done on the ice. In game six, Andrew Shaw got hit in the face by a puck. It earned him more than a few stitches, but after the game, he decided to make the best of a painful situation. When those stitches came out, he auctioned every one of them off. *[Laughter]* Now, it does raise the question, like, who's buying sutures? *[Laughter]* Right? Somebody bid on this stuff. He raised almost \$20,000 for the V Foundation to help cancer research.

And he's not the only guy with a big heart back here. This morning the entire team paid a visit to our wounded warriors of Walter Reed, helping to raise the spirits of men and women who have sacrificed so much for this country.

And when I had a chance to have some of our wounded warriors in the room with these guys beforehand, I said, I love the Blackhawks, I love all my sports teams, but obviously, our best team, our most important team are those folks who every day serve us in uniform and keep us free. So we really just are grateful to them.

So these are not just good hockey players, they are good guys. And that helps explain why 2 million Chicago fans came out to Grant Park to celebrate bringing home the Cup. Speaking of Grant Park, we were originally going to let Corey Crawford say a few words today—*[laughter]*—but we thought we'd keep this family event family friendly. *[Laughter]* You guys have been hanging out with Rahm Emanuel too much. *[Laughter]*

So congratulations again to the Blackhawks. To the Bulls, Bears, Cubs, White Sox—I am term limited, so you guys have got to get moving. I need to see you here soon. Championships belong in Chicago. So, to the Blackhawks, thank you for bringing it back home. Thanks for bringing the Stanley Cup.

Chairman Wirtz, do you want to say something?

Chairman W. Rockwell Wirtz. Thank you, Mr. President. On behalf of the Chicago Blackhawks, thank you for this incredible honor. I can assure you, these fine players, beginning with Captain Jonathan Toews, will never take these visits for granted. You can be proud the way that these players play for your home team—hockey team.

More than that, they are gifted athletes who not only win championships, but go a long way in breaking gridlock if you allow them into Congress. *[Laughter]*

The President. That's true. I should try a hockey stick—during the shutdown—*[laughter]*—I should have just seen how that worked.

Mr. Wirtz. But thank you once again on behalf of the team and our fans, and please accept this jersey as a gesture for our gratitude.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:15 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his re-

marks, he referred to Joel Quenneville, head coach, Jonathan Toews, Dave Bolland, and Andrew Shaw, centers, Patrick Kane, right wing, Duncan Keith, defenseman, Bryan Bickell, left wing, and Corey Crawford, goaltender, Chica-

go Blackhawks; Kelly-Rae Keith, wife, and Colton Keith, son, of Mr. Keith; Michael Jordan, former guard, National Basketball Association's Chicago Bulls; and Mayor Rahm I. Emanuel of Chicago, IL.

Remarks at the Organizing for Action Obamacare Summit

November 4, 2013

Hello, everybody! Hey! Thank you, everybody. Have a seat, have a seat. [Applause] Hey! It is good to see you. And thank you to—give Leslie a big round of applause for the wonderful introduction. Leslie is an example of folks on the ground who are just working day in, day out, through rain and—I guess no snow in Florida, but—[laughter]—rain or hot sun. But it's just a real honor to have somebody like Leslie introduce me, because that's what not only our health reform effort is all about, but that's what our politics is all about. She's just a great example, as are all of you.

I want to thank two leaders who have been working really hard to do the same on behalf of people that they serve. First of all, Governor Deval Patrick in Massachusetts, who we love. And Congressman Eliot Engel, who's been doing outstanding work. Give Eliot a big round of applause.

And I am proud to be with all of you. Some of your groups who are represented here have made access to affordable health care your mission. That's what you do. You've been organizing, even before I was President, because you understood how important it was. Some of you have made this the cause of your lives. So today I'm here to simply say thank you. We could not have passed this law without you, and we're not going to be able to get the job done without you.

It was 5 years ago today that I had the honor of being elected President. Some of you remember, I had no gray hair—[laughter]—and Malia came up to here—[laughter]—and Sasha was about here. And across so many fronts, we've made just incredible progress. In other areas, we've still got more work to do. But there's not a day that goes by that I am not in-

credibly humbled by this extraordinary privilege to be able to serve the American people.

And it fills me with resolve—every time I meet folks like you each and every day, it fills me with resolve—to make sure that every minute, every hour of every day that I'm in this office, I am working hard to make sure that your lives and your children's lives and grandchildren's lives are just a little bit better.

Audience member. Thank you!

The President. And during the campaign, I made you a promise. I promised that by the end of my first term, I would have passed health care reform into law. I would have signed that bill. And thanks to your help, we did that. We got it done.

Now, let's face it, a lot of us didn't realize that passing the law was the easy part. [Laughter] But there's been so much noise and so much misinformation and this incredible organized effort to block the notion that everybody should have affordable health care in this country that I think it's important for us to step back and take a look at what's already been accomplished, because a lot of times, it doesn't make news. Controversies make news, but what's happened quietly across the country over the last 3 years hasn't got a lot of attention. In fact, a lot of the people who are benefiting don't even know it.

Because of you, the insurance market now has the strongest consumer protections that this country has ever known: no more discriminating against kids with preexisting conditions, no more dropping your policy when you get sick, no more lifetime limits on the care that you can receive. All of that and more is part of a new patient's bill of rights that's smack dab in the middle of the Affordable Care Act, and it's helping people right now.