

So let's get serious. They're—look, I want to tell everybody here the truth. And you know, look, I know that the politics for Obama aren't always great in Tennessee. I understand that. But I want everybody to just hear the honest truth. I've run my last campaign, so I don't need to spin.

And here's the truth: There are no gimmicks that create jobs. There are no simple tricks to grow the economy. Growing the economy, making sure that the middle class is strong, it's like getting in shape. You can't just go on the muffin and doughnut diet and the latest fad and lose weight. You've got to work out, and you've got to eat better. Right? Well, the same is true for our economy. The same is true for helping the middle class.

We've got to have a serious, steady, long-term American strategy to reverse the long-term erosion of middle class security and give everybody a fair shot. And we know what we have to do. It involves education. It involves infrastructure. It involves research. It involves good energy policy. And we just have to stay at it. More good jobs that pay decent wages, a better bargain for the middle class, an economy that grows from the middle out—that's got to be our focus.

## Statement on Senate Confirmation of Nancy J. Schiffer, Kent Y. Hirozawa, Mark G. Pearce, Harry I. Johnson III, and Philip A. Miscimarra as Members of the National Labor Relations Board *July 30, 2013*

I welcome today's confirmation of Nancy Schiffer, Kent Hirozawa, Mark Pearce, Harry Johnson III, and Philip Miscimarra to the National Labor Relations Board. A critical part of our effort to strengthen the middle class is ensuring that every American who works hard has a chance to succeed. That means providing wages people can live on, safe working conditions, and

We can't be getting into a whole bunch of fads and pretend like you roll back Obamacare and suddenly, all these jobs are going to be created, because the middle class was struggling before I came into office. The middle class was losing ground before I came into office. Jobs were getting shipped overseas before Obamacare was in place. So we've got to be honest. We've got to be honest about the challenges we face, but also the opportunities that are out there.

And that's what I'm going to be focused on not just for the next few months. I'm going to be focused for every one of the 1,270 days I've got left in my Presidency on how to make sure that we've got more opportunity and more security for everybody who is willing to work hard in this country. That's where I believe America needs to go. And we can do it if we work together, Chattanooga. Let's get to work.

Thank you very much, everybody. God bless. God bless the United States of America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to Lydia Flanders, employee, Amazon Chattanooga Fulfillment Center; and Dave Clark, vice president of worldwide operations and customer service, and Jeffrey P. Bezos, president, chief executive officer, and chairman of the board, Amazon.com, Inc.

real opportunities to get ahead. Every day, the NLRB is focused on the concerns of working Americans, from eliminating unfair labor practices to upholding the right of employees to join a union and bargain collectively with their employers. I applaud the Senate for putting in place a full Board and look forward to working together on other steps we can take to grow our economy.