

[At this point, a baby in the audience made a sound resembling “Yes!”]

The President. Yes! [Laughter] It will give more businesses more customers with more money to spend. It will grow the economy for everybody. So—yeah! [Laughter] He’s excited about it. [Laughter]

So Members of Congress have a pretty clear choice to make right now: Raise our workers’ wages, grow our economy, or let wages stagnate further and give workers what amounts to another pay cut this year. Restore unemployment insurance for Americans still looking for that job or expose them further to hardship. Members of Congress, you can help people make progress in their own lives, or you can hinder that progress.

And every American deserves to know where your elected representative stands on this issue. So ask your Senator, ask your Representative in the House, “Do you support raising the Federal minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour?” If they say yes, tell them, “Good job.” [Laughter] They don’t hear that that often, so—[laughter]—give them a pat on the back, give them a hug, let them know, “Way to go.” That’s the right thing to do. If they say no, be polite; I mean, don’t just yell at them, but say, “Well, why not?” Ask them to reconsider siding with an overwhelming majority of Americans. Encourage them to say yes. Give America a raise.

So I’m about to sign this Executive order. When you hear me talking about my pen and my phone to make a difference for middle class

Americans and those working to get into the middle class, this is exactly what I mean. I’m going to do what I can. Congress should do what it needs to do. I will not give up on this fight, no matter how long it takes. America deserves a raise. Working families deserve to know some more economic security in their own lives.

We’ve got to create new jobs, strengthen the middle class, build new ladders of opportunity for folks working their way into the middle class, just like these folks are doing right here. There are millions of Americans who could just use a little bit of boost, millions of Americans outside of Washington who are tired of the old, stale political arguments or tired of folks just looking out for people who can afford big lobbyists and big campaign contributions. There are folks out there who want to see us restore an economy that works for everybody and get back to our founding vision of opportunity for all.

So I know you guys will work with me. But go out there and organize some more. Thank you, everybody. Let’s give Americans a raise right now. I’m going to sign this.

[The President signed the Executive order.]

The President. All right, it’s done. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:18 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. The Executive order is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

Statement on the Release of the “Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity” by the National Institute of Standards and Technology February 12, 2014

Cyber threats pose one [of]^o the gravest national security dangers that the United States faces. To better defend our Nation against this systemic challenge, 1 year ago, I

signed an Executive order directing the administration to take steps to improve information-sharing with the private sector, raise the level of cybersecurity across our critical

^o White House correction.

infrastructure, and enhance privacy and civil liberties.

Since then, the National Institute of Standards and Technology has worked with the private sector to develop a Cybersecurity Framework that highlights best practices and globally recognized standards so that companies across our economy can better manage cyber risk to our critical infrastructure. Today I was pleased to receive the Cybersecurity Framework, which reflects the good work of hundreds of companies, multiple Federal agencies, and contributors from around the world. This voluntary Framework is a great example of how the private sector and Government can and should work together to meet this shared challenge.

While I believe today's Framework marks a turning point, it's clear that much more work needs to be done to enhance our cybersecurity. America's economic prosperity, national secu-

urity, and our individual liberties depend on our commitment to securing cyberspace and maintaining an open, interoperable, secure, and reliable Internet. Our critical infrastructure continues to be at risk from threats in cyberspace, and our economy is harmed by the theft of our intellectual property. Although the threats are serious and they constantly evolve, I believe that if we address them effectively, we can ensure that the Internet remains an engine for economic growth and a platform for the free exchange of ideas.

I again urge Congress to move forward on cybersecurity legislation that both protects our Nation and our privacy and civil liberties. Meanwhile, my administration will continue to take action, under existing authorities, to protect our Nation from this threat.

NOTE: The statement referred to Executive Order 13636.

Statement on Congressional Passage of Legislation Increasing the Public Debt Limit

February 12, 2014

I'm pleased that Republicans and Democrats in Congress have come together to pay for what they've already spent and remove the threat of default from our economy once and for all. The full faith and credit of the United States is too important to use as leverage or a tool for extortion. Hopefully, this puts an end to politics by brinkmanship and allows us to move forward to do more to cre-

ate good jobs and strengthen the economy. Instead of wasting time creating new crises, Congress should be focused on creating new jobs and opportunities. That's what the American people deserve from their representatives in Washington, and that's what they should get.

NOTE: The statement referred to S. 540.

Remarks at the House Democratic Issues Conference in Cambridge, Maryland

February 14, 2014

Thank you, everybody. Everybody, sit down. Sit down. Well, it is good to see you. Joe, thank you for the wonderful introduction. Let me be the first to say, Happy Valentine's Day to our fearless leader, Nancy Pelosi. I mean, Paul will, hopefully, get you more than just a thank you.

To Steny, to Jim, Xavier; Steve Israel, who is doing an extraordinary job under very difficult

circumstances; Debbie Wasserman Schultz, who is putting in more miles than just about anybody I know; and all of you: It's great to see you.

We just saw each other at the White House fairly recently, so I'm not going to give a long speech here. I want to spend most of my time answering some more questions. But let me