

## Letter to Congressional Leaders on the Designation of David S. Johanson as Vice Chair of the United States International Trade Commission August 11, 2016

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

Sincerely,

Consistent with the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1330(c)(1), this is to notify the Congress that I have designated David S. Johanson as Vice Chair of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2018.

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NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Paul D. Ryan, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the Senate.

## Statement on International Youth Day August 12, 2016

Today, on International Youth Day, we celebrate the potential and power of young people to shape the future of our increasingly interconnected world. With over half of the global population under the age of 30, young generations will find the solutions to some of our toughest global challenges.

The United States is committed to providing opportunity for young people to ensure they are not only the leaders of tomorrow, but also change agents today. Whether it is ensuring boys and girls have equal access to education, building skills to strengthen youth leadership in civil society, business, and academia, or providing a young entrepreneur with the capital and network to grow a startup, we are investing in the potential of the next generation. Through our Young Leaders Initiatives, nearly

half a million young people are working together to learn from one another and effect change in their communities.

Youth are often the voices at the forefront of advocating for societies to advance and improve, whether on issues of human rights, technology, climate change, or health care. From the activist in Nigeria fighting for disability rights to the human rights advocate in Egypt defending the fundamental freedoms of all Egyptians to speech, assembly, and association, and the Paraguayan manufacturing low-cost prosthetics, young people see a world of endless possibility and are not waiting to take action to do what is right.

Today we commemorate the energetic spirit of young people worldwide and their ability to improve the future of humanity.

## The President's Weekly Address August 13, 2016

Hi, everybody. One of the most urgent challenges of our time is climate change. We know that 2015 surpassed 2014 as the warmest year on record, and 2016 is on pace to be even hotter.

When I took office, I said this was something we couldn't kick down the road any longer, that our children's future depended on our action. So we've got to work, and over the past 7½ years, we've made ambitious investments in clean energy and ambitious reduc-

tions in our carbon emissions. We've multiplied wind power threefold. We've multiplied solar power more than thirtyfold. In parts of America, these clean power sources are finally cheaper than dirtier, conventional power. And carbon pollution from our energy sector is at its lowest level in 25 years, even as we're continuing to grow our economy.

We've invested in energy efficiency, and we're slashing carbon emissions from appliances,

homes, and businesses, saving families money on their energy bills. We're reforming how we manage Federal coal resources, which supply roughly 40 percent of America's coal. We've set the first-ever national standards limiting the amount of carbon pollution power plants can release into the sky.

We also set standards to increase the distance our cars and light trucks can go on a gallon of gas every year through 2025. And they're working. At a time when we've seen auto sales surge, manufacturers are innovating and bringing new technology to market faster than expected. Over 100 cars, SUVs, and pickup trucks on the market today already meet our vehicles standards ahead of schedule. And we've seen a boom in the plug-in electric vehicle market, with more models, lower battery costs, and more than 16,000 charging stations.

But we're not done yet. In the weeks and months ahead, we'll release a second round of fuel efficiency standards for heavy-duty vehicles. We'll take steps to meet the goal we set with Canada and Mexico to achieve 50-percent clean power across North America by 2025. And we'll continue to protect our lands and

waters so that our kids and grandkids can enjoy our most beautiful spaces for generations.

There's still much more to do. But there's no doubt that America has become a global leader in the fight against climate change. Last year, that leadership helped us bring nearly 200 nations together in Paris around the most ambitious agreement in history to save the one planet we've got. That's not something to tear up, it's something to build upon. And if we keep pushing and leading the world in the right direction, there's no doubt that, together, we can leave a better, cleaner, safer future for our children.

Thanks, everybody. And have a great weekend.

NOTE: The address was recorded at approximately 11:50 a.m. on August 5 in the Map Room at the White House for broadcast on August 13. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 12, but was embargoed for release until 6 a.m. on August 13. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of this address.

## Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Fundraiser in Chilmark, Massachusetts *August 15, 2016*

Well, with an introduction like that I should just stop now. [*Laughter*] Carol, thank you so much, and Hank and to the entire Goldberg clan. There are all these gorgeous Goldberg kids running around somewhere. And what a wonderful time to be here.

I see some really wonderful old friends who have been with us through the incredible journey, and I see some new friends. I do remember that event at Eli Segal's. And Eli was such a great American and had provided such great service to the country, and obviously, he's missed. But in some ways, his spirit lives on through all of us. A lot of the work that we've pursued during the course of this administration reflects the values that he worked on so valiantly for so many years.

I'm here because we've got an election. And although Michelle is very strict about me actually taking a vacation when I get a vacation, she gave me a special dispensation for this evening because she understands, just as all of you understand, how important this is.

It's important because we have made extraordinary progress over the last 8 years on a whole range of issues. The economy, which was on the verge of collapse when I came into office, is, by almost every measure, better than it was 8 years ago. Unemployment has been slashed by more than half. Incomes are up. Wages have begun to go up. We have seen 20 million people get health insurance that didn't have it before. We have doubled our production of clean energy. We are as close to energy-