

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-

independent as we've ever been. We are seeing record graduation rates in high school, and college enrollment rates.

There's a lot of good news out there. And I could not be prouder of the part that our administration played in helping the American people rebound from what was an extraordinarily difficult time. But what is also true is we've still got a lot of work to do. Our job is not finished. There are still too many people out there who, if they have a job, don't make enough money to get beyond the worries of paying their bills at the end of the month. There are still people who don't have health insurance, not because we haven't tried, but because you have Governors who have been resistant or a Congress that has not wanted to work with us to close those final gaps in coverage that are so necessary.

Despite the extraordinary work that we've done in mobilizing 200 nations to, for the first time, tackle climate change in a comprehensive, aggressive way, we've still got a long way to go before we're out of the woods on that one. And that is a genuine existential threat that we all face and, more importantly, our children and our grandchildren face.

We still have too much violence in our society. There are still conflicts not just in the Middle East, but around the world. And given the rapidity of change, the pace of change that's taken place, it is absolutely critical that we have a capable, visionary, hard-working, diligent, smart, tenacious leader in the Oval Office. And that's Hillary Clinton. That's who she is.

Now, a lot of you were at the convention in Philadelphia, and so you heard me and Joe Biden and Michelle and others make the case, and you heard Hillary make the case herself. I'm not going to belabor it. I want to spend most of my time with questions.

The main thing I want to emphasize is that this is somebody who I know and I have worked alongside for many years. And look, I'm a Democrat, and so it's fair to say that whoever the Democratic nominee was I would want to get behind them. But I don't display the kinds of enthusiasm and energy and commitment to Hillary's candidacy just because of

the fact that we belong to the same political party.

When I say that she knows what she's talking about, it's because I have seen her do the work. When I talk about her work ethic, it's because I've watched her travel around the world and, at a breathless pace, manage a whole range of conflicts and open up opportunities that have resulted in American national security interests being served. When I tell you that I've seen how she works not just with me, but with her staff and people below her in a way that is full of integrity and seriousness and good humor, it's something that I've witnessed on a day-to-day basis.

And as I said at the convention, you don't know ahead of time how you're going to turn out as President. You don't—you figure, "I seem to know what I'm talking about"—[laughter]—"I think I have a good sense of what's involved." But until you sit at that desk and you're making life-and-death decisions and you're deploying young men and women to war, or you're having to avert a crisis that can affect millions or, in some cases, billions of lives, you don't know how you're going to respond.

But I will tell you that I have as good a guess when it comes to how Hillary will respond as I would of anybody's, because I've seen her under really tough-pressure situations. And that's what's needed right now.

What I also know is the passion that she feels for making sure that ordinary people in this country get a hand up, get a break, that somebody's fighting for them. Now, she's not always the flashiest. She's not always the person who's going to give you the big stemwinder. But she is the person who's going to do the work. And whether it's her advocacy for children, or her advocacy for health care, or her advocacy on behalf of equal pay or making sure that we've got childcare for families that need it, she hasn't just talked the talk, she's walked the walk for decades. And my grandmother used to tell me, you want to judge how somebody is going to do, look at what they've done. [Laughter] And she's done the work.

So look, I know this is not an audience where I need to make a hard sell. [Laughter] To some degree, I had you at hello—[laughter]—when it comes to voting for Hillary. What I do want to emphasize is needing a sense of urgency and finishing the job of getting her elected. And you notice I haven't said much about her opponent. [Laughter] Frankly, I'm tired of talking about her opponent. I don't have to make the case against her opponent because every time he talks he makes the case against his own candidacy.

But what I do know is that this has been an unpredictable election season, but—not only because of anxieties and concerns that the American people have, but also because of the changing nature of the media and voting patterns. There's still a lot of uncertainty out there. And if we are not running scared until the day after the election, we are going to be making a grave mistake.

And Democrats are interesting creatures. We tend to veer from full-fledged freakout and “the world is ending and everything is terrible,” which—I had conversations with some of you about 3 months ago, and it was “the world was ending”—[laughter]—to “it's going to be fine” and “who do you think she's going to appoint for Commerce Secretary?” [Laughter] And what I'd like us to do is veer somewhere in between those two extremes. [Laughter]

If we do our job, then Hillary will be elected President of the United States. But if we do not do our jobs, then it's still possible for her to lose. And when I say “do our jobs,” what I mean is we are going to have to continue to be engaged. We are going to continue to have to write checks. We are going to continue to have to make phone calls and rally people behind her candidacy. We are still going to have to fight what has been a unrelenting negative campaign against her that has made a dent in the opinion of people even who are inclined to vote for her.

So we've got to be aggressive in our campaigning for 80 days. And that's not a lot. But when you think about the stakes, there's noth-

ing more important. This is a group that has been extraordinarily fortunate. By definition, if you are here, you've had a blessed life, and your kids have been bequeathed and your grandchildren have been bequeathed extraordinary good fortune. But as fortunate as you are, if we have a society of growing inequality, if we have a world where oceans are rising and droughts and famines are common occurrences, and millions of people are being displaced, and refugees are trying to find refuge someplace and crossing oceans and dying because they have no choice, all of us will be poorer for it. This will not be the kind of world that we want for our kids and our grandkids.

And to invest 80 days to make sure that we at least have a leader in the White House who understands that—not because they're going to be perfect, not because Hillary is going to solve every problem, just like I wasn't perfect and I wasn't able to solve every problem—but at least somebody who understands what's required and every single day is waking up and making best efforts to do it, if we're not willing to invest 80 days to make sure that happens, then shame on us.

So we've got to work. And I don't want to hear it about whether “I'm not sufficiently inspired” or “we've got this in the bag” or “I've got other things to do.” You've got to work for 80 days. And I'm glad to see some young people here. I hope you volunteer and get involved in the campaign and do your part. And if you do, then I continue to be, as I said in Philadelphia, extraordinarily optimistic about this greatest Nation on Earth and the prospects for our future.

Thank you very much, everybody. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 6:06 p.m. at the residence of Henry H. and Carol Brown Goldberg. In his remarks, he referred to Democratic Presidential nominee Hillary Rodham Clinton; and Republican Presidential nominee Donald J. Trump. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

The President's Weekly Address *August 20, 2016*

Hi, everybody. Earlier this summer, Michelle, Malia, Sasha, and I headed west to the national parks at Carlsbad Caverns and Yosemite. And I've got to say, it was a breath of fresh air. We explored hundreds of feet of underground, standing beneath dripping stalactites in New Mexico. We hiked up a misty trail next to a waterfall in California. And I even took a few pictures of my own, which I thought were pretty good.

But the truth is, no camera—especially one with me behind it—can fully capture the beauty and majesty of America's national parks. From Glacier and Denali to Gettysburg and Seneca Falls, our more than 400 parks and other sites capture our history and our sense of wonder. As FDR once said: "There is nothing so American as our national parks. . . . The fundamental idea behind the parks . . . is that the country belongs to the people."

This month, we're celebrating the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. And I want to encourage all of you to "Find Your Park" so that you and your family can experience these sacred places too. If you're a military family, you can even get in free through Michelle and Jill Biden's Joining Forces initiative. And if you've got a fourth grader in your family, you can get a free pass too, by going to everykidinapark.org.

I hope you do. Because all across the country, the National Park Service is preparing for a big year. We're revitalizing a grove of giant Sequoias in Yosemite, repairing the Lincoln Memorial, and enhancing the iconic entrance to our first national park at Yellowstone.

As President, I'm proud to have built upon America's tradition of conservation. We've protected more than 265 million acres of public lands and waters, more than any administra-

tion in history. We've recovered endangered wildlife species and restored vulnerable ecosystems. We've designated new monuments to Cesar Chavez in California and Pullman porters in Chicago and the folks who stood up for equality at Stonewall in New York to better reflect the full history of our Nation. And we've got more work to do to preserve our lands, culture, and history. So we're not done yet.

As we look ahead, the threat of climate change means that protecting our public lands and waters is more important than ever. Rising temperatures could mean no more glaciers in Glacier National Park, no more Joshua trees in Joshua Tree National Park. Rising seas could destroy vital ecosystems in the Everglades, even threaten Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty.

So, in the coming years and decades, we have to have the foresight and the faith in our future to do what it takes to protect our parks and protect our planet for generations to come. Because these parks belong to all of us. And they're worth celebrating, not just this year, but every year.

Thanks, everybody. Have a great weekend. And see you in the parks.

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