

er percentage point just by rebuilding roads, bridges, airports. Creating a new smart grid for how we distribute power, putting people back to work all across the country, including, by the way, some of the very folks who are so frustrated that it's led them to start voting for Donald Trump.

Well, if you're frustrated about more jobs and a faster growing economy, you've got to understand how this happened. It happened because the Republican Party wanted to put a check on progress. We've got to vote against that. We've got to push back against that. We've got to make a bold, sustained, serious argument that America can do better than just gridlock; that Democrats have a responsibility to work with Republicans, but Republicans have to want to actually get something done to move this country forward.

And if your only argument is to do nothing and that is the best that America can do, you do not deserve to be serving in Washington as a Congressman or as a Senator, because we've got enough of doing nothing. We need folks who are there ready to roll up their sleeves and do something to actually move this country forward. That's what we're fighting for.

So we've got some work to do the last 2 weeks. And I will tell you that it has been obviously the honor and the privilege of my life to serve as your President. But I always remind people of something that Justice Louis Brandeis once said: The most important office in a democracy is the office of citizen. I won't

be President in a few months, but I will remain a citizen just like you. And the way this country works is that each of us carry a certain responsibility, a certain duty to make sure that this grand experiment in democracy sustains itself, that it continues.

This is not a spectator sport. We have to be involved. And over the next 2 weeks, everybody here is going to have a test about the degree to which we are fulfilling that duty. And if you are not doing every single thing that you can, if you don't think this is the highest priority of concern to your family and your children and your grandchildren, then you haven't been paying attention.

And if all of you fulfill that duty, fulfill that responsibility right alongside me, right alongside Michelle, well, Hillary is going to be all right. And we're going to have a Democratic Congress. And we're going to get some stuff done. And we will be able to say to ourselves that this was a moment in which America chose its best and not worst self.

Thank you very much, everybody. God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:31 a.m. at the residence of Mark and Hanna Gleiberman. In his remarks, he referred to 2008 Republican Presidential nominee Sen. John S. McCain III; 2012 Republican Presidential nominee W. Mitt Romney; former Speaker of the House of Representatives John A. Boehner; and Sen. Marco A. Rubio.

## Remarks During a Conference Call With Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Enrollment Assisters and Volunteers *October 27, 2016*

Thank you so much, Dora. And thank you for the incredible work that you've done in the Rio Grande Valley. I know you've just signed up people tirelessly. And from vetting in-person assistance in the local Head Start programs so that you can reach parents, hosting 24-hour enrollment events with elected officials, going out on field trips to help agricultural workers get themselves and their families covered—you have done it all.

And for those of you who are listening, you should know that Dora's nickname is Dora the Explorer because she goes after everything. And it's the reason that we've seen so much success all across the country, is because of people like Dora and all of you who are on this call.

This is the largest call we've ever hosted from the White House. We've got over 25,000

folks registering from across the country, and that's a testament to how much passion and how many people are behind this effort. And all of you are so dedicated to helping people in your community get access to quality and affordable coverage.

So I wanted to take a few minutes just to speak to you right now before we kick off our fourth open enrollment period on November 1, because you've been working hard to get ready and I want you to know that I am paying attention and everybody in my administration is going to be working just as hard alongside you.

Now, the good news is, thanks to the ACA, 20 million Americans have gained coverage. The Nation's uninsured rate now stands at its lowest level ever. But we've got more work to do because we have millions more to cover. And I know that you've seen some of the headlines this week about premiums. They're increasing in some States, even though they're very stable in one State or even they're declining. But I want to make sure everybody has the facts you need to be successful in your efforts to reach those who don't get coverage on the job or don't qualify for Medicare or don't qualify for Medicaid. Those for—those are the folks who, for too long, fell through the cracks. And they were the people who ACA was designed to help.

For them, if they're shopping in the marketplace in 2017, because of the tax credits that protect people from rising premiums, more than 7 in 10 consumers will be able to find a plan for less than \$75 a month. And if they're a returning customer, who is shopping around and selecting the lowest cost plan offered that has similar benefits, the average premiums would actually fall by \$28 per month, or 20 percent, compared to last year. So they actually decrease, not increase, by 20 percent. And these are the kinds of things that somehow are not always reported on.

The one thing that's been a challenge, obviously, since we passed the Affordable Care Act is the politics of it. Because there is a faction of people who are continually trying to root for

failure, despite the fact that we keep on insuring people and folks continue to get help.

So the bottom line is that most people are going to be pleasantly surprised at just how affordable their options are if we can just get them to see for themselves. This is not one of those things where they're going to be surprised or have to engage in guesswork. If we are able to get people to actually check out their options for themselves at [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov), they will find out that despite some of the headlines that don't always explain the fact that premiums going up don't necessarily translate into higher premiums for people who are getting tax credits—if they can just see that for themselves, then they will exercise that option.

But we're going to have to kind of clear the bugs off the windshield so people can see the road ahead. And that's where you guys come in. That's why what you do is so important. Because there may be people who haven't yet signed up for affordable care, are cynical or skeptical about the marketplace because of all the political noise around, and so they've never actually bothered to take a look to see if this something that they—could help them and something that they can afford.

And I know the amazing impact you can make in your communities by helping folks get covered because your work is one part recruitment—you're out there busting up misinformation and myth. You're a counselor and a friend as you help people make the right choice for their families. I have seen you do it. I saw the efforts that Milwaukee took in the Healthy Communities Challenge last year. They were opening up libraries for enrollment events, digital signs on county buses. And it reached tens of thousands of uninsured in that community.

In Miami Dade College, where I went last week, it's a school that set the standard for the way campuses should engage their students and faculty and staff and alumni to make sure they know what options are available to them to give them peace of mind and to save them money. And in fact, Miami Dade was part of the inspiration of this year's Healthy Campus Challenge, our effort to work with campuses

and local community leaders to reach the uninsured both on campus and in surrounding communities.

And I hope schools that are on the line will opt in to our Healthy Campus Challenge by November 1, because there are tons of young people who are uninsured. They're the cheapest to insure. They're going—they've got the most affordable options available, but often-times, when you're young, you think you're invincible, and you don't worry about it until, unfortunately, something happens.

So I'm incredibly optimistic about the great work you're going to do during this enrollment season. And just so you know, we're not letting up here. Michelle and I and Joe Biden and Jill Biden, we're going to be right by your side. We're going to be doing op-eds and calling into radio programs and doing all kinds of PSAs and just getting the word out. And we just have to keep running through the tape until the end of the open enrollment period on January 31 and beyond.

But the main thing I just wanted to say to all of you is, I could not be more grateful for your commitment. This has been one of the honors and privileges of being President, was to see each of you engaging in this life-changing and lifesaving work. And I am grateful for that.

But I want to end by not only saying thank you, but also recognizing the challenge we've got here. Because of the incredibly fierce political resistance around giving everybody health care—something I've never fully understood, why anybody would run on a platform of people being uninsured instead of insured—part of what we can do this time is to overcome the skeptics, to prove people wrong, and to provide momentum so that when the next administration comes in, they are starting from a position of strength, and we'll be able to say, you know what, this program is working well, it can work even better.

And I think that this ends up being really a test of our commitment to health care over the long term, not just this open enrollment period. And I think we're at a critical time where

we have to show that this program works for people if they just see what their options are. And we're not going to get that much help through the media. It's—this is going to be a ground game. This is a matter of going door to door, campus to campus, friend to friend, neighbor to neighbor, person to person. You are the people who are going to make sure that this starter home we built with the Affordable Care Act ultimately delivers on the promise that every single person in America has health care.

And in this process, I'm just one player, and the legislation is just the beginning. You are the ones who are going to really make an impact. And if you guys do a great job this time out, then it's not just the people you are signing up this time that are going to be impacted; you will create the atmosphere that allows us to make sure that we build on this progress.

And ultimately, not only the millions of people who still don't have coverage in this country are going to get it, but all the generations to come who will be able to look back and say this was the moment when we really delivered on a longstanding promise of affordable health care for every single person in America. They're going to be able to look back and say that those folks who were in neighborhoods and making calls and knocking on doors and working on their college campuses, they were the ones who did it. So it's in your hands, and I need you guys to really understand that.

So God bless you. I'm so proud of all of you. And with that, I'm going to turn over the call to Secretary Sylvia Burwell, who is going to be able to give you all kinds of details and updates in terms of how the ACA is working. Okay?

Thank you so much, everybody. Sylvia?

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:39 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Dora Garcia Correa, community organizer, Enroll America, who introduced the President; and Jill T. Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden.

## Remarks at a Campaign Rally for Democratic Presidential Nominee Hillary Rodham Clinton in Orlando, Florida October 28, 2016

*The President.* Hello, Orlando! I said, hello, Orlando! Hello, UCF! Go Knights!

I understand you play Houston this weekend. You guys feeling all right?

*Audience members.* Yes!

*The President.* Are you fired up? Are you ready to go? Oh, I'm fired up. Look at this crowd.

To every—I think it's being broadcast outside the auditorium, everybody who couldn't get in because we ended up being a little too packed and the fire marshal had to close things off. I just wanted you to know if you're outside, I love you too!

Can everybody please give Devi a big round of applause for that great introduction? She's the kind of young lady that makes us proud. Couple other people I want to acknowledge—your outstanding mayor, Buddy Dyer, is in the house. Your wonderful senior Senator, Bill Nelson, is here. Your next Members of Congress: former Governor Charlie Crist, Val Demings, Stephanie Murphy, Darren Soto. Your next United States Senator, Patrick Murphy. And all of you are here.

And I am here to say thank you. I want to say thank you, because it has been—

*Audience member.* We love you!

*The President.* I love you back! I do. You know, it has been—

*Audience members.* Obama! Obama! Obama!

*The President.* It has been a privilege of a lifetime to serve as your President. And Michelle and I could not be more grateful for your support and your prayers over all these years. But, but—hold up, hold up—[laughter]—but we're not done yet. I've got one campaign left in me.

Michelle and I've got a little more work to do. So I'm here today, Florida, to ask you to work hard, as you did for me, to make sure that Hillary Clinton is the next President of the United States of America.

I didn't see the band back there. What's going on, band? Sorry, but I just love marching

bands, so I had to acknowledge the marching band. Are you guys from—you're not from the college, you're from high school, right? Where you from?

*Ocoee High School Marching Band members.* [Inaudible]

*The President.* What did they say? High school?

*Band members.* Ocoee!

*The President.* There you go. Ocoee. All right, Ocoee, we're proud of you.

Now, where was I? Listen, hold on, hold on. You guys are just so excited. Now let me say this. Florida is always a battleground State. Florida is just a big, diverse State, which means that the races in Florida are always close. I remember when I was campaigning here in the closing days of another hard-fought campaign 8 years ago, and some of you were only 4, so—[laughter].

But if you will recall, we were going through two long wars, we were in the early days of the worst economic crisis of our lifetimes. On everything from health care to climate change to criminal justice issues, we had just been kicking the can down the road for way too long. And I said at that time that I wasn't a perfect man, I wouldn't be a perfect President. I said at the time that if you elected me, we wouldn't solve every problem on day one. We wouldn't solve it all in 1 year, or one term, or even in one Presidency.

But what I told you was that I would work as hard as I could every single day to do right by you. That every day, when I walked into that Oval Office, I'd be thinking about the folks I met on the campaign trail. I'd be thinking about the students who were trying to get a good education without a ton of debt. I'd be thinking about the working families who were trying to figure out how to pay the bills, and maybe they had lost their homes or they had lost their pensions because of the economic crisis. I told you that I would be thinking about folks who didn't have health care and were worried about how they were going to make