



## PROMISES KEPT: PRESIDENT OBAMA'S FIRST TWO YEARS IN OFFICE

President Obama and Democrats in Congress have taken historic steps to move America forward.

### **RECOVERY ACT**

The Recovery Act has saved or created as many as 3.3 million jobs; boosted the American economy, increasing GDP by as much as 4.5 percent in the 2nd quarter of 2010; and provided tax credits to 95 percent of working families.

### **AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

The President enacted the Affordable Care Act, which provides stability and security to Americans who have insurance and provides affordable options for those who don't; lowers costs for families, businesses, and our country as a whole; provides the largest middle class tax cut for health care in our history; and prevents insurance industry abuses and denial of care.

### **WALL STREET REFORM**

President Obama enacted strong Wall Street reform. As a result of reform, Americans will have the information needed to make the best financial choices for their families; companies won't be able to take advantage of consumers with predatory practices; unexpected overdraft fees on checking accounts and unfair increases to credit card rates will be banned; and the era of taxpayer-financed bailouts for Wall Street banks is over.

### **ENDING COMBAT OPERATIONS IN IRAQ**

President Obama has ended our combat mission in Iraq and removed nearly 100,000 troops so that we can focus on fighting al Qaeda and rebuilding our nation at home.

### **NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL**

The President reached the most important arms control agreement with Russia in two decades. New START will reduce our nuclear arsenals and put inspectors on the ground in Russia and renews America's leadership in pursuit of a world without nuclear weapons. President Obama also rallied the world behind a plan to secure all nuclear material from terrorists within four years, fulfilling a key campaign promise.

### **MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUTS**

President Obama secured a bipartisan agreement extending critical tax cuts for middle class families, helping those families to make ends meet and boosting economic recovery.

### **CREDIT CARD REFORM**

The President signed bipartisan comprehensive credit card reform into law with the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure Act (CARD), which stops unfair credit card practices.

### **FAIR PAY FOR WOMEN**

The President signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, ensuring equal pay for equal work.

### **REFORMING STUDENT LENDING**

The President enacted the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA), which increases federal Pell Grants and loans; makes investments in community colleges, Historically Black Colleges, and other Minority Serving Institutions; and caps student loan payments in keeping with graduates' incomes.

### **REPEALING DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL**

The President has repealed "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," enabling individuals to serve in the American military regardless of their sexual orientation.



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