

A dream of brighter days ahead, a faith in things not seen, a belief that here, in this country, we are the authors of our own destiny.

A faith in things not seen, in better days ahead, in Him who holds the future in the hollow of His hand.

Administrations come and go, but the American people and that spirit of innovation and that willingness to take on the toughest challenge and that belief that there are always brighter days ahead if we're willing to work for it that's my insurance policy, that's how we're going to bring about change.

Along the way, I'm sure you faced a few moments when you asked yourself: What am I doing here.

Americans who faced times of trial, and who even in victory could not have foreseen the America they helped to build, the world they helped to shape.

And by design, Recovery Act work on roads, bridges, water systems, Superfund sites, broadband networks, and clean energy projects will all be ramping up in the months ahead.

And even as it progressed, even as he struggled to get dressed in the morning and used two canes to get himself to work every day, despite the fact that he had to wake up a little bit earlier and work a little harder to overcome the barriers he faced every day he never complained.

And I also want to emphasize I don't want to just hear your input today we're going to need it in the months and years ahead as well.

And I'm going to keep on seeking common ground in the weeks ahead.

And I am confident that better days lie ahead.

And I am proud to welcome so many Greek citizens and Greek Americans to the White House as we celebrate this occasion and our continued partnership in the years ahead.

And I believe that years from now we are going to be able to look back at this time as the moment when the American people once again came together to reclaim their future.

And I have wondered, if Mariah is lucky enough to live as long as Marguerite Lewis 105 years old if she someday has a chance to look back on the 21st century, what will she see.

And I think we face one of those moments today in a century that is just six years old.

And I will continue to seek common ground in the weeks ahead.

And if we choose to live up to Walter's example, if we realize that the kind of journalism he embodied will not simply rekindle itself as part of a natural cycle, but will come alive only if we stand up and demand it and resolve to value it once again, then I'm convinced that the choice between profit and progress is a false one and that the golden days of journalism still lie ahead.

And I'm going to seek common ground in the weeks ahead.

And if we live up to that responsibility, if we're fighting for the American people with the same sense of urgency that they feel in their own lives then I am absolutely confident we're going to be able to look back at the end of this year and say that things are getting better: that we've reignited confidence in our economy, in America, and in each other: that we've restored a sense of responsibility here in Washington: and that, above all, we've begun to renew the American Dream and keep it alive not just for this time but for all time.

And if you're willing to make that investment, I guarantee you our better days are not behind us, they are in front of us.

And if you do your work, if you do your job as well as you can do, if you feel as inspired as I do about the work that lies ahead, I'm absolutely confident that we're going to look back on this time and say to ourselves this was a moment where we really made a difference. And if you stand with me, if you stand with Andre Carson and Joe Donnelly and Brad Ellsworth and Baron Hill then I know we will look back on this moment, at the time that we came together to reclaim America's future, to write the next great chapter in the American story.

And if you will join us in what is sure to be a difficult fight in the months and years ahead, I am confident that all of America is going to be pulling in one direction to make sure that we are the energy leader that we need to be.

And in the days ahead, Jon is going to be talking to a lot of voters.

And in times like these, questions have always arisen about whether or not America's best days are behind us.

And in a sermon he gave upon returning home to America, he said of this new nation, 'There is a great day ahead.'

And not all the difficult days are behind us.

And so if you stand with me, if you stand with Harry Reid, I know that years from now we will look back on this time, at this moment, and say, that's when the American people came together to reclaim their future to write the next great chapter of the American story.

And so, in the days and years ahead, as you're driving on new roads or roads that are newly paved, I hope it will give you some measure of satisfaction to know that it was all done by putting your fellow citizens to work.

And Stephen said if things keep on going well, he'll add more in the months ahead.

And that means schools are often years behind in the facilities they provide, which means, in a 21st century economy, they're years behind in the education they can offer.

And that's why Secretary Gates and I will continue waging these battles in the months and years ahead.

And that's why, even as we've tackled the most severe economic crisis since the Great Depression, even as we've wound down the war in Iraq and refocused our efforts in Afghanistan, my administration has refused to ignore some of the fundamental challenges facing this generation.

And then we looked at the long term, and we said, look, what are we going to do about energy.

And there are going to be some hard days ahead.

And there will no doubt be difficult months ahead.

And today, I thank you for your work, and I look forward to working with all of you in the months and years ahead.

And we can strive at all costs to make a better world, so that someday, if we are blessed with the chance to look back on our time here, we know that we spent it well; that we made a difference; that our fleeting presence had a lasting impact on the lives of others. And we will also create an independent commission of doctors and medical experts charged with identifying more waste in the years ahead.

And what I've tried to say often and a lot of times this gets discounted in the press is that the experience of having traveled throughout this country: having learned the stories of ordinary folks who are doing extraordinary things in their communities, in their neighborhoods: having met all the people who put so much energy and effort into our campaign: having seen the ups and downs and having seen how Washington was always the last to get what was going on, always the last to get the news what that told me was that if we were willing to not do what was expedient, and not do what was convenient, and not try to govern based on the polls today or tomorrow or the next day, but rather based on a vision for how we can rebuild this country in a way that works for everybody if we are focused on making sure that there are ladders of opportunity for people to continue to strive and achieve the American Dream and that that's accessible to all, not just some if we kept our eye on what sort of future do we want for our kids and our grandkids so that 20 years from now and 30 years from now people look back on this generation the way we look back on the Greatest Generation and say to ourselves, boy, they made some tough decisions, they got through some tough times, but, look, we now have a clean energy economy: look, our schools are revitalized: look, our health care system works for every single American imagine how tough that was and how much resistance they met from the special interests, but they were still willing to do it if that was how we governed, then I figure that the politics would take care of itself.

And when people look back on this time, let it be said of America that we extended the hand of friendship to all people.

And when posterity looks back on our time, as we are looking back on Lincoln's, I don't want it said that we saw an economic crisis but did not stem it: that we saw our schools decline and our bridges crumble but we did not rebuild them: that the world changed in the 21st century but America did not lead it: that we were consumed with small things, petty things, when we were called to do great things.

And while we recognize that our recovery is still in its early stages and that there are going to be ups and downs in the months ahead things never go completely in a smooth line this report is a sign that our economy is getting stronger by the day.

And working with leaders like Claire and Robin, we're going to keep on taking the steps we need to in the months and years ahead, steps that don't just make government leaner but also smarter and more efficient and more accountable.

As I said when I announced this strategy, there will be more difficult days ahead.

But here's what I also know if you're willing to do your part, if our companies are willing to do their part, if those of us in Washington are willing to do our part, if we all work together, then I promise you this: Years from now, you will be able to look back at this moment as the time when the American people once again came together to reclaim their future and bring about a new and brighter day.

But we know there are going to be some difficult days ahead.

Cadets, there will be difficult days ahead.

For that, I honor you, I thank you, and I look forward to working with you in the days and months and years ahead to address the urgent challenges of our time.

Fortunately, we don't have to look back too many years to see how their agenda turns out. Great days lie ahead for this nation.

Hope in the face of difficulty, hope in the face of uncertainty, the audacity of hope: In the end, that is God's greatest gift to us, the bedrock of this nation, a belief in things not seen, a belief that there are better days ahead.

I'm sure there are going to be times in the months ahead when you're staying up late doing your homework or cramming for a test, or you're dragging yourself out of bed on a rainy morning and you're thinking, oh, boy, I wish maybe it was a snow day.

I am thrilled to have them by my side as we continue the work of turning our economy around and laying a new foundation for growth that delivers on the change the American people asked for, and the promise of a new and better day ahead.

I figure I should offer a few thoughts based on my own experiences, but also based on my hopes for all of you, and for our country, in the years ahead.

I have no doubt if we support you that small businesses like this one will lead us to more prosperous days ahead.

I know there will be disagreements about how to proceed in the days ahead.

I spent some time with workers and families: they're still facing very tough economic times.

I thank you for answering the call to serve this nation, and I look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead to meet the urgent challenges of our time.

I want to emphasize again that we're going to do everything we can in the weeks and months and years ahead to make things right.

I'm looking at 10 years from now, will you look back and say that what he did made sense for the American people: not whether tomorrow people are going to be looking and saying, that made him popular.

If they want to go tell Theresa that once again you could face a lifetime of debt if you lose a family member, they can run on that platform.

In days of hardship, they renew our hope that brighter days are still ahead.

In Iraq, we will surely face difficult days ahead as we responsibly end a war by transitioning to Iraqi control of their country.

In the months ahead, I will present specific programs to advance these goals.

In the months ahead, members of this administration will host regional listening sessions across America.

In the weeks and months ahead, I look forward to working with Congress to make up the difference so that health care reform is fully paid for in a real, accountable way.

It is such leadership that keeps me convinced that our best days for this legislative body, for this nation, for Ireland, and for Northern Ireland, and for the friendship between our peoples those best days are still ahead.

It means supporting our entire law enforcement community, so that no matter what the challenges we face in the months and years ahead, our men and women in uniform will be prepared to answer the call.

It reaffirms my belief that we will emerge from this storm and we will find brighter days ahead, because I am absolutely confident that if you keep pouring yourselves into your own education, and if we as a nation offer our children the best education possible, from cradle through career, not only will America workers compete and succeed, America will compete and succeed.

It's tempting to look back on these moments and assume that our progress was inevitable: that America was always destined to succeed.

It's the founding promise of our nation: That we can make of our lives what we will: that all things are possible for all people: and that here in America, our best days lie ahead. Last February, Joe and Doug were able to purchase the building we're standing in with an SBA loan an expansion that has already helped them retain 10 jobs, and one that will create 10 new ones in the months ahead.

Look, let's face it, it would be one thing if Dick's opponent and other Republican candidates had looked back on the last decade and said, You know what.

Make no mistake: There will be difficult days ahead.

May they rest in peace, and may their families find comfort in the hard days ahead.

My expectation is that when you look back on these years, you will see a time in which we put a stop to discrimination against gays and lesbians whether in the office or on the battlefield.

Now, there's no doubt that we've had to make some tough choices in this budget, and we're likely to have to make more in the days and months ahead.

Now, this is a plant that gave jobs to unemployed factory workers, and they're now part of a cutting-edge industry that will create even more jobs and businesses in the months and years ahead.

Now our challenge tomorrow, and in the months and years ahead, is to try and remember some of that spirit of this day to work together with a renewed commitment to overcome the obstacles that stand in our way, and toil just as passionately as our forebears to bring about a better life for all Americans.

One year ago, we were looking at the possible end of General Motors.

Our goal for the economy is to show similar job growth in the months ahead.

Over the previous year, it was obvious that folks were facing hard times.

Reinvigorating our economy in the short run and rebuilding it over the long term is not a one-step process: there are going to be many steps we have to take in the months and years ahead.

She expects to face more than a month of aggressive chemotherapy.

She knew it was too late for her that this bill wouldn't undo the years of injustice she faced or restore the earnings she was denied.

So I offer you my thanks, I offer you my support, and I look forward to working with you and answering to you and the American people as we seek a more perfect union in the months and years ahead.

So it's in that spirit that I hope we define the relationship between our nations in the years ahead, and it is the goal of this legislation that I am proud to sign into law today.'

Some have already provided additional troops, and we're confident that there will be further contributions in the days and weeks ahead.

Some people haven't faced their moment yet.

That is what I'm committed to doing, and that's what I hope members of both parties will join me in doing in the days ahead and beyond.

That's the enormous potential that we're hoping to unlock during this conference and hoping to continue not only this week but in the months and years ahead.

That's the opportunity we're providing today, and that's the opportunity I will continue to fight for as your President in the weeks and months ahead.

That's the profound sense of friendship that will guide our work in the years ahead.

That's the work we must continue in the days and months ahead.

That's the work we've begun in these last few months, and with your help, this is the work we will continue to do in the days and months ahead.

That's what we're going to continue to do in the days, weeks and months ahead.

That's what's required of us now and in the years ahead.

That sense of fundamental optimism, that sense that this country still has its best days ahead of it, that belief that if we make sure that our young people get the educational opportunities they deserve, if we are spurring innovation, if we are making sure that we have a free market that works because it's got rules of the road that work for everybody and not just those who are well connected in Washington, that belief that America works best when it's inclusive and everybody has a shot at the American Dream that's what propelled me into office.

The faith, that fundamental American faith, that there are always brighter days ahead: and that we not will not simply endure, but we will emerge from our tests and trials and tribulations stronger than before that is your story.

The other thing we want to do is we want to create an independent commission of doctors and medical experts charged with identifying more waste in the years ahead.

There are going to be some more hard days ahead.

There are going to be some more tough days ahead.

There have been times where the naysayers and the cynics and the pessimists said, our better days are behind us.

There is nothing this country can not accomplish, and I am absolutely confident that our best days are still ahead of us.

There will be difficult days ahead.

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These are the values that have defined your years in the Yard and that you'll need in the years ahead as you join the fleet, and as you join and lead the Marines, as you confront the ever-changing threats of an ever-changing world.

These needs will be met only if we act boldly in the years ahead: and if we understand that the challenges we face are shared, and our failure to meet them will hurt us all.

They're going to know that there are brighter days ahead: that their future is full of boundless possibilities.

They're making sure all federal agencies are coordinating their efforts and they'll keep the American people updated over the days ahead.

This is a difficult time in our country, and it would be easy to grow cynical and wonder if America's best days are behind us especially at a time of economic uncertainty, especially when we've seen so many, from Wall Street to Washington, fail to take responsibility for so long.

This is an issue for the people who have health insurance and don't understand what it is that could be happening in almost certainly will happen in the years ahead, unless we get a handle on it.

This is the progress that is possible today and in the days and years ahead.

To all of you from near and far, and over all the years and tests ahead, may America and Ireland forever brilliantly sustain one another's sons and daughters.

We'll also set up a commission of doctors and medical experts to encourage the adoption of common sense best practices that can further reduce costs and raise quality in the years ahead.

We'll be outlining further steps on behalf of small businesses in the weeks and months ahead.

We've got more than 200 other highway projects across Ohio, and we're making a historic commitment to innovation much of it still to come in the months and years ahead: doubling our capacity to generate renewable energy: building a new smart grid to carry electricity from coast to coast: laying down broadband lines and high-speed rail lines and providing the largest boost in basic research in our history all of which will put people back to work.

We've still got some tough times ahead.

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening.

We hope that the worst is behind us, but it's at moments like this where leadership is tested.

We know there will be difficult days ahead.

We need leaders like Alex and Kendrick in this country because we are facing an incredibly challenging time.

You will see a time in which we as a nation finally recognize relationships between two men or two women as just as real and admirable as relationships between a man and a woman.