

# THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CALLED FOR CHANGE

*Obama's Budget Blueprint Ends Era of Irresponsibility,  
Makes Tough Choices and Responsible Investments in Our Future*



Today, President Obama delivered to Congress a budget outline that lays the groundwork for our country's future economic growth and stability. While bold decisions were made to help restore fiscal responsibility and get our deficit under control, this budget blueprint also calls for investments in critical areas that will ensure our economy is strong for years to come.

## **President Obama, Democrats Remain Committed to Restoring Honesty, Accountability and Fiscal Responsibility While Making Investments Critical to Our Economic Future**

While investing in domestic priorities to restore our economy, the President's budget also addresses the fiscal challenges facing our country and budget reform, which includes:

- **Returning to an honest budget** that reflects known costs, including the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, AMT, and responding to natural disasters
- **Cutting the deficit** the President inherited by half by 2012
- **Returning to pay-as-you-go** budgeting, strengthening the rule so that we pay for what we buy

<p><b>Clean Energy:</b></p>	<p>Invests in initiatives to transform our current energy system and address global warming, including developing clean energy technologies, industries, and jobs. The outline aims to save American taxpayers money by slashing the government's energy use by 25 percent, weatherizing low-income homes and modernizing the country's electric grid.</p>
<p><b>Health Care:</b></p>	<p>Invests in reforms to improve quality, efficiency and accountability of health care. The outline also calls for a fundamental reform of our health care system to expand coverage and bring down costs, including addressing Medicare overpayments, Medicare and Medicaid payment accuracy, and drug prices.</p>
<p><b>Education:</b></p>	<p>Provides a better education system for America's youth, including additional funding for the Early Head Start program and Head Start. Key investments will also be made to Pell Grants – to expand the program and make it mandatory – and to increase the number of graduate fellowships in science to encourage scientific innovation.</p>
<p><b>Infrastructure:</b></p>	<p>Rebuilds America from the ground up by creating a National Infrastructure Bank, making investments in high-speed rail, increasing security at major ports, investing in clean and safe drinking water, expanding access to broadband to support education and health in rural areas.</p>
<p><b>National Security &amp; Veterans:</b></p>	<p>Provides needed support to our troops by increasing the size of the Army and Marine Corps, improving mental health care, saving money by reforming DOD acquisition, and increasing VA funding by \$25 billion over the next five years.</p>