

## **The President's FY09 Budget**

- *Addresses Immediate Economic Challenges*
- *Ensures Sustained Prosperity*
- *Keeps America Safe*
- *Balances the Budget by 2012*

### **Addresses Immediate Economic Challenges**

- Includes a bipartisan economic growth package that spurs investment and strengthens the Nation's economy.
- Promotes and preserves the American dream of homeownership through education and assistance to combat foreclosures and maintain a stable, healthy housing market.

### **Ensures Sustained Prosperity**

- Makes tax relief permanent for long-term economic growth and sustainability.
- Improves Americans' access to affordable health care by fostering a private marketplace, encouraging competition and improving efficiency.
- Builds on the success of the No Child Left Behind Act by supporting proposals to reauthorize and strengthen the law and increase our students' competitiveness.
- Keeps the U.S. the most innovative nation in the world by implementing the American Competitiveness Initiative.
- Increases energy security by focusing on renewables, accelerating technological breakthroughs and expanding traditional sources to reduce our reliance on foreign oil.

### **Keeps America Safe**

- Supports the national defense and funding for America's troops.
- Enhances homeland security and terrorism prevention.
- Promotes peace, democracy, and economic opportunity worldwide through diplomatic, development, and reconstruction activities and increased civilian capabilities.

### **Balances the Budget by 2012**

- Maintains proven pro-growth policies – keeping taxes low and restraining government spending – to ensure the deficit up-tick is temporary and manageable.
- Continues to address the long-term challenge of unsustainable entitlement spending.
- Improves results of government programs and instills greater transparency so that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely, or not at all.
- Introduces a new culture of accountability on wasteful earmarks.

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