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Dear Friend:

CHANGE! Change can be good or bad, but it's always challenging. Our country faces many changes and challenges—historic ones that the new Administration, led by our own former Senator Barack Obama, will address.

We face a worldwide economic downturn. Unemployment is up and good jobs are hard to find. The stock market plunged because much of its worth was built on a flimsy foundation of mortgage loans that could not be repaid. We saw many foreclosures, including in the 9th Congressional District. Banks stopped lending to each other and credit dried up for businesses, mortgages, car or college loans. Many people lost retirement investments and wonder if they can ever stop working. Families and seniors are flocking to food banks in record numbers.

What comes next? President-elect Obama has told us that "help is on the way." Economic recovery policies to deal with the mortgage crisis, health care costs, and above all, job creation—3 million jobs by 2011—are critical but are just a start. We need to act quickly to adopt initiatives to guarantee affordable health care to all, develop "green" strategies to protect our planet and create good jobs, and make our tax code fairer. We need to put our economy back on a sound footing now and in the future.

The 9th Congressional District is one of the most diverse districts in the country. We are a welcoming community for oppressed and immigrant people from around the world who want to make a better life for their families. We provide a model for how people of greatly different backgrounds can live, work, and play together in peace. The passage of comprehensive immigration reform and greater relief for refugees and asylum seekers is on the agenda, and I will be working to get it done.

In announcing his diverse national security team, President-elect Obama promised "a new dawn of leadership" in the world. As a member of the House Intelligence Committee, I look forward to working with him to make our world safer, more peaceful and just, and filled with more opportunity for all people—to end torture, restore civil liberties and protect human and labor rights.

I am deeply appreciative of your input on a wide range of issues. It helps me in my decision making. Please fill out the questionnaire and keep those cards, calls, emails and letters coming! I am grateful every day for the privilege of representing you in Congress. Thank you.

My district offices are available to assist you with all federal issues and for any help in accessing government services or programs.

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## Congressional Survey



	Respondent One	Respondent Two
1. What do you think is the most serious problem affecting the economy?		
a. Unemployment	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
b. Housing costs	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
c. Health care costs	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
d. The deficit	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
2. Do you know someone who has lost their home to foreclosure?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3. Have you or someone you know decided to postpone retirement because of the current financial crisis?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
4. What is the most important health care priority for you and your family?		
a. Making health care more affordable	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
b. Covering the uninsured	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
c. Making coverage more comprehensive	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
d. Improving quality	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
5. Should the federal government set limits on interest rates charged by credit card companies?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
6. Should Congress enact legislation to limit the emission of greenhouse gases?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
7. Should the United States begin to phase out the use of private security contractors, like Blackwater, in Iraq and Afghanistan?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

### YOUR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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