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Obama Will Stand Up for Us

Fixing the Home-Mortgage Crisis

Barack Obama will crack down on fraudulent brokers and lenders – and will help middle-class homeowners protect our most valuable asset. He will make sure we have honest and complete information about our mortgage options and will give a tax credit to all middle-class homeowners. He introduced the Stop Fraud Act in April 2007, well before the current crisis, and in 2005, he voted for an amendment to Discourage Predatory Lending. [John McCain voted against the measure. Vote #22, 03/03/05]

A Tax Cut for the Middle-Class

The Bush tax cuts gave people who earn more than \$1 million a year tax cuts nearly 160 times greater than those received by middle-income Americans. Sen. Obama has pledged to restore fairness to the tax code and will reduce taxes for everyone who earns less than \$250,000 per year. He will provide a tax credit of up to \$500 per person or \$1,000 per working family,

and he will eliminate all income taxes for seniors making less than \$50,000 per year.

[John McCain supports Bush's tax policies.]

Opposing Privatization

The candidates haven't had an opportunity to vote on postal privatization – yet – but they have voted on the privatization of other federal jobs: Obama voted against the Bush Administration plan to outsource and privatize hundreds of thousands of federal jobs, and he has promised that he won't privatize good government jobs. [McCain voted for Bush's program. H.R. 5631, Vote #234, 9/6/06; H.R. 2989, Vote #408, 9/23/03; S. 1637, Vote #32, 3/4/04]

Healthcare for All

Barack Obama believes every American should have the right to affordable health care, and says that if you already have health insurance the only thing that will change under his plan is that your premiums will decrease. He voted to reauthorize SCHIP, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and to allow Medicare to negotiate lower prescription-drug prices for senior citizens.

[McCain opposed SCHIP H.R. 976, Vote #307, 8/2/07 and missed the vote on Medicare.]

Veterans: A Sacred Trust

Sen. Obama believes that America has a sacred trust with our veterans. In 2007 he introduced the Dignity for Wounded Warriors Act to improve housing, streamline the process for seeking care, provide better information to recovering service members, require the Department of Defense to hire more caseworkers, and provide more support to family members who care for injured troops. In May 2008, he voted for the 21st Century G.I. Bill, which expands education benefits for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

[John McCain opposed the measure.]





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