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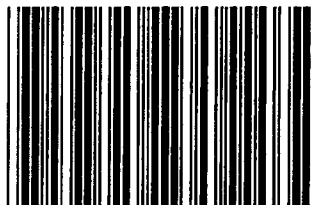
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STATEMENT OF SENATOR MAX BAUCUS

Press Conference with Governor Bill Clinton
Washington, D.C.
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Governor Clinton, I want to thank you for the opportunity to be here today to join in your campaign for President of the United States.

During the last several months I've listened to all of the Democratic presidential candidates. I have read their speeches and studied their platforms. You have stood out for me as having the experience, leadership and determination to unite the Democratic party and defeat George Bush in November.

That is why I am proud and honored to be here today to endorse Bill Clinton for President of the United States.

For the last twelve years, this country has been on a dangerous path. Millions of Americans are out of work, our survival as a world economic power is threatened and the quality of our environment is in perilous danger. Four years ago, George Bush ran for President by telling the American people that he was going to change all that -- he told us that he was going to create jobs, that he was going to be the environmental President and that he was going to be the education President. We only need to look around this country to know that he has failed.

Earlier this week, the voters of New Hampshire sent a strong and urgent message to all of us -- they want change and America wants change. The American people have rejected 12 years of Reagan-Bush economic policies that have led to huge budget deficits and an economy in shambles.

We as Democrats must listen closely to that message and nominate a candidate that has the vision to get America back on the right track.

Bill Clinton offers us the vision and determination to do just that. He has a record of experience and accomplishment as the senior Governor of this nation. He has a plan to get America back to work again and help the forgotten middle-class. And, he has been tested under the most trying circumstances and has proven his strength and determination as a national candidate.

I am proud to be here today to endorse Bill Clinton for President. I am looking forward to working with Governor Clinton and his campaign as a trade advisor and working with him to help restore America's competitive advantage in the world.

I urge my fellow Democrats to unite behind his candidacy. The Democratic party needs his vision. America needs his leadership.

Thank you.