

# CHANGE WE CAN BELIEVE IN

BARACK OBAMA'S PLAN  
TO RENEW AMERICA'S PROMISE



INCLUDES  
7 KEY SPEECHES  
FROM THE 2008  
CAMPAIGN

WITH A FOREWORD BY  
BARACK OBAMA

pitals and the wider medical community to work together to deal with sudden surges of patients and to make sure that they have the resources to diagnose and treat them.

*Harden Our Cyber Infrastructure.*

Information networks and computers play a vital role in every facet of our lives and are critical to our nation's economy, civil infrastructure, security, and military power. These networks, however, and the data that travels upon them, are under constant and increasing attack from foreign nations, terrorist organizations, and organized crime groups who are seeking to do damage to our nation, our companies, and our citizens. For the past eight years, the Bush Administration has dragged its feet in the face of this growing and new threat. An Obama Administration will provide federal leadership in strengthening our cyber security. It will work with industry and academia to develop and deploy a new generation of secure hardware and software for our nation's critical cyber infrastructure; protect the information technology infrastructure that keeps our vital systems—such as the electrical grid—running; and develop the systems necessary to protect our nation's trade secrets and our research and development.

*Strengthen Homeland Security.*

The first responsibility of any President is to protect the American people. Yet, seven years after the 9/11 attacks, our country is still unprepared to prevent and respond to a major terrorist attack or other catastrophe. We deserve better. That's why as President, Barack Obama will take every step to make our homeland more secure. An Obama Administration will:

- Allocate homeland security dollars according to risk, not as a form of general revenue sharing.
- Institute a regular review of our homeland security at least every four years to make sure we are prepared.
- Secure our chemical plants by setting a clear set of federal regulations that all plants must follow, including improving barriers, containment, mitigation, and safety training, and, where possible, using safer technology, such as less toxic chemicals.
- Strengthen the security and inspection capabilities of our ports so we know what is entering our nation.
- Support police, firefighters, and emergency medical professionals by rolling back the Bush funding cuts that have affected first responders and by increasing federal resources and logistic support to local emergency planning efforts.
- Make sure our first responders have interoperable communications systems and the equipment and training they need.
- Improve the sharing of information and intelligence among all levels of government.

## Rebuild a Strong Twenty-first-Century Military

Ending the war in Iraq will be the beginning, but not the end, of addressing our defense challenges. We are now facing a whole new set of twenty-first-century security challenges, including terrorist networks with global reach, failing

