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Subject: Fyi-my post on Politico Arena tonite re. --President's speech

Michael, Valerie; David, Rahm:
See below.
Hope I can continue to help.
Lanny

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Probably the best speech Barack Obama has ever made - and one of the best any president has ever made in my experience.

Specific - and inspiring.

Bipartisan - but tough and emotional about those who intentionally distort the truth.

He spelled out the core principles that most Democrats and Republicans can agree on -- mandatory coverage purchased for all, subsidies to help the poor, insurance reforms to bar denials of coverage for pre-existing conditions, and a commitment not to add "a dime" to federal deficit.

The strong argument for a public option persuaded me. But no Democrat should prefer no bill at all rather than a bill that provides other means than a public option to provide competition and affordable care -- as the president stated -- at least this year.

Most important - most important - is his call for civil discourse and disagreement, for respect for the truth, and for mutual denunciation of lies and demonization of opponents.

He spoke equally to Democrats and Republicans about this need to reach consensus and to find way to pass health care -- not a way to defeat it by insisting on 100% rather than accepting the 80% that most people agree on.

Now it's time for the American people to demand not just health care reform - but a new politics of decency and mutual respect to achieve a broad consensus, not a partisan victory.

For the very first time, I believe we will get national health care enacted in this congress.

--Lanny J. Davis

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Good evening all. Reply to this email to react to the President's speech when it's over. Arena has large audiences for these and we very much appreciate your thoughts. We will post for an hour after the speech and resume in the morning.

Fred

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