

MEMO

TO: JJM  
FROM: ELLEN  
RE: Clinton Economic Plan

Clinton Economic Proposal

In 1993, the President proposed an economic program to help lift the stagnating economy. The President proposed to reduce the Federal deficit by \$500 billion over 5 years through a combination of spending cuts and tax increases on the wealthy.

90% of the taxes were paid by individuals earning over \$100,000. And taxes were reduced for individuals earning less than \$27,000.

Certainly this plan was not perfect. There were provisions you did not agree with. It would have been easier for you to do nothing and vote no. But that would have sent the message to Americans and Wall Street that you were not serious about reducing the federal deficit.

NOW

As a result, the economy is the strongest it has been in 30 years. Under Clinton, the private sector of the economy has grown 3.2 percent per year-- that's better than under Pres. Reagan and Bush.

After falling 79 cents during the Reagan-Bush years, wages are rising. Real median household income increased more in 1995 than in any other year in a decade.