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MOVING AMERICA FORWARD

Progress: Illinois's 13th Congressional District

After years of failed Republican policies that led to the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, our economy is beginning to grow again. Democrats have worked to spur job creation, make health care more affordable, invest in small businesses, and expand opportunities for education. Below is a look at the progress so far in your community.

ECONOMY & JOBS in Illinois

146,000

Number of jobs created or saved through June because of the Recovery Act

Source: Joint Economic Committee



SMALL BUSINESS in Illinois 13th

18,500

Number of small businesses eligible for health care tax credits under the Affordable Care Act

Source: House Commerce Committee



THE MIDDLE CLASS in Illinois 13th

271,000

Number of middle-class families that received a tax cut through the Recovery Act

Source: House Ways and Means Committee



HEALTH CARE in Illinois

5,600,000

Number of residents who now will have access to quality and affordable health care because of comprehensive health care reform

Source: Department of Health and Human Services



EDUCATION in Illinois

5,700

Number of teachers' jobs saved because Democrats passed a deficit-neutral state-aid bill

Source: Department of Education



Energy in Illinois

134

Number of Department of Energy Recovery Act projects that will help secure our energy future

Source: Department of Energy



The Challenges We Inherited

Under the Bush administration, America's economy and fiscal situation suffered:

- R** National unemployment skyrocketed from 5.8 percent in 2002 to 9.3 percent in 2009;
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
- R** The national debt nearly doubled from \$5.7 trillion to \$10.6 trillion;
Source: Treasury Department
- R** The deficit exploded to \$1.4 trillion from a \$128 billion surplus.
Source: Office of Management and Budget

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