

and reduce the Federal role and give more responsibilities to the State. And as you know, we are proposing a tax relief package which focuses primarily on education and giving people tax reductions in return for educating their children and themselves.

I hope as we go forward, we can agree on the things which we don't think the Federal Government should be doing. And I hope we'll also be agreeing on some things we think we should do. There is a plain national interest in protecting the essential needs of the children of this country. We clearly can do some things right in a non-bureaucratic, creative way. And I think the best example of that is AmeriCorps, our national service program, which has worked closely with many of you in this room tonight.

I want to close by saluting your distinguished chair, Governor Dean, and Judy, and all of you for all you have done. For those of you who have worked with Hillary and with me over the years, and with the members of our Cabinet, particularly those who are former Governors—and I see Governor Babbitt and Governor Riley here—let me say that there is no more rewarding experience than being able to reach across the lines that divide us to feel that we are really making a difference in peoples' lives; that we are giving the American people a government that is leaner, but not meaner; one that really does help them make the most of their own lives. I think that's why we all got into this work, and if we'll just keep that in mind, I think when we're all done, we'll be very proud.

I'd like to propose a toast to the chair of the National Governors' Association and to his fine wife, and to all the Governors and their spouses tonight.

To the Governors and their families, thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 8:41 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. Howard Dean of Vermont, Chair of the National Governors' Association, and his wife, Judith.

Remarks in a Telephone Conversation Congratulating the Super Bowl Champion San Francisco 49ers

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The President. Eddie, can you hear me?
Eddie DeBartolo. Yes, Mr. President, I can.

The President. It's nice to hear your voice. Congratulations.

Mr. DeBartolo. Thank you so much, sir.

The President. I want to say to you and to George and Carmen and to all your wonderful players, it was a—the whole season was thrilling for all of us, and I think the best thing I can say about the 49ers is, I haven't met a single fan anywhere in America who resents all the success you've had. And that's a rare thing. And it's a real tribute to you, to the coach, and to the players in the way you've won and the way you've conducted yourself. We're all happy and proud of you tonight.

Mr. DeBartolo. Well, Mr. President, I can't thank you enough for taking this time, and I know from a very busy schedule. And we're all your backers, and I thank you so much from the bottom of my heart.

The President. Thank you. Congratulations to all of you.

Mr. DeBartolo. Thank you very much.

The President. I liked seeing George without his glasses. He looks good.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10 p.m. from the Residence at the White House. In his remarks, the President referred to San Francisco 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo, head coach George Seifert, and team president Carmen Policy.

Remarks at the National Governors' Association Gala

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Thank you. Well, we want to thank John and Jonathan and Mary Chapin Carpenter. And at least from my part, I know how hard it is to do anything when you're hoarse. [Laughter]