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Samuel Joseph Wurzelbacher, known as Joe the Plumber, at an event with Republican vice-presidential nominee Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin in Bowling Green, Ohio, on Oct. 29, 2008.

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Samuel Wurzelbacher speaks to the media outside his home in Holland, Ohio, on Oct. 16, 2008.

Wurzelbacher outside his home in Holland, Ohio, on Oct. 16, 2008.

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Republican presidential nominee Sen. John McCain and Samuel "Joe the Plumber" Wurzelbacher at a campaign rally in Mentor, Ohio, on Oct. 30, 2008.

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