



Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of Congress, Distinguished Guests, and my fellow Americans:

Less than a month has passed since I was inaugurated as the 24th President of the United States. For every day since then, my administration has worked tirelessly to form a better America that works for everyone.

When America is tested: it's through our unity and our cohesion that we are able to withstand any obstacle that stands before us.

This month also marks 1 year since the United States lost our membership within the critically acclaimed United Nations. This triggered a chain of events, that culminated in the departure of many high-profile figures within our establishment.

I choose to be optimistic: viewing this exodus as a new beginning. The toxicity and infallible prospects of making things work were past. America would finally be able to breathe a breath of fresh air and make meaningful improvements.

Yet, we stand today - 12 months later - and nothing is different. We still chase the same objectives as before but we've spent months ignoring our own domestic problems.

The nation community, as a whole, is dying. Anyone who tells you otherwise is wrong. We've seen it for months now. It's monotone: the same thing over and over again. For many of us that is the appeal but unless we recognize and adapt to this changing dynamic we are destined to continue in a downward spiral.

We have to start by recognizing that **the state of our Union is not strong.**

5 days ago, I signed the October budget into law. Work is being done to distribute the financing where we can; and we're looking into financing options for advertising campaigns here at Washington, D.C.

But the issue goes beyond D.C's quietness. There is an abundance of so-called politicians in this nation who would rather spend their days and nights complaining whilst doing nothing instead of choosing to contribute.



What America needs is leaders: people who are active, committed and willing to lead from the front. People who can take the initiative and make a meaningful contribution, however small, to the community.

What we don't need is the people who sit in the back seat talking like they're in the front. People who sit around and talk about how bad things are but do nothing to contribute. If you're not willing to play a part in the reconstruction of our Union you don't have the right to commentate on how bad we're doing.

Throughout my administration thus far, we've had a number of notable accomplishments. 18 Presidential elections too late, it's finally illegal to promise positions in exchange for votes.

The Federal Courts handed down its first sentence since March 12th. Although small, this is a great step towards reinstating the activity of our judiciary.

My priorities for the future are simple. We're going to continue taking strides towards reforming a better, stronger and better America than we've seen in a long time. We're going to work to our strengths, in development, military and realism to thrust ourselves back into prosperous times.

We can choose to say the task ahead is too great, to turn our face to the past and believe it cannot be done; or we can look forward with optimism, believing the best days for America lie ahead.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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