



Accomplishments By The Obama Administration & Democratic Congress

West Virginia specific stats in *italics*

- 1. Lilly Ledbetter Act** - equal pay for equal work regardless of gender
- 2. Children's Health Insurance Coverage (CHIP)** - expanded to cover another 4 million kids, *including another 19,400 in WV*
- 3. Economic Recovery Act (Stimulus)** (*WV #s in italics~ \$1.6 billion in direct aid to WV, not counting tax relief*)
 - a. Tax Relief**
 - i. Tax Relief for Working People - \$400 per person - 95% of Americans eligible
700,000 WV families will share in \$300million/year
 - ii. Expanding Earned Income Tax Credit
 - iii. Expanding Child Tax Credit
 - iv. Expanding the HOPE College Tax Credit to \$2,500/year per student - *will help 27,000 students in WV*
 - v. 1st time homeowners get an \$8,000 tax break
 - b. Infrastructure Investment**
 - i. Roads and bridges - *\$210 million for WV*
 - ii. School construction - *\$156 million for WV*
 - iii. Airport upgrades - *\$9 million for WV*
 - iv. Clean Water/Sewer Upgrades - *\$61 million for WV*
 - v. Railways & mass transit - *\$18.7 million for WV*
 - vi. Electrical grid updates
 - vii. Low income housing - *\$232 million for WV*
 - viii. Energy efficiency upgrades for homes - *\$84 million for WV*
 - ix. Alternative energy - wind/solar, etc
 - x. Clean coal technology - *\$3.4 billion for research*
 - xi. High speed internet
 - xii. Environmental cleanup of old gas stations - *\$1.6 million for WV*
 - c. Extend **unemployment & training aid** to those who have lost their jobs
 - d. **Law enforcement support** - *\$13.1 million for police in WV*
 - e. **Seniors** - *\$680k for in-home care for WV seniors*
 - f. **Education** - *\$72 million for WV*
 - g. Health insurance**
 - i. Expand Medicaid/Medicare coverage - *\$70.5 million for WV*
 - ii. Extend COBRA, and offer financial assistance, to those who lost their jobs
 - iii. Community Health Centers - *\$6.6 million for WV upgrades*
- 4. Stem Cell Research** - Obama lifted ban on gov't support for existing stem cells to be researched
- 5. Wilderness Protection** - *37k acres in WV added to Dolly Sods, Cranberry, Otter Creek, etc.*

Of course, these are just some of the highlights. Also the state of WV has a very informative website about Economic Recovery Act (Stimulus) [here](#).

Help spread the word! Write a letter to the newspaper or call-in to talk radio.

**Organizing For America Hits The Ground In WV
Listening Tour Underway**

Organizing for America, a project of the DNC to support President Obama, is getting started in West Virginia. Meagan Gardner is their State Director and we are happy to have her here.

A multi-city listening tour is being organized across the state. [Click here](#) for the current list of events and check back later for more.

Party Leaders Conference Reminder

Meetings Called for May 9

There will be official meetings for the State Executive Committee and County Chairs on May 9 at Stonewall Jackson Resort. Members should receive the official notice via mail. If you did not receive your notice please call the State Party HQ (304) 342-8121.

There will also be trainings on Technology and Voter Registration. If you are interested please contact your County Chair or the HQ. There is a \$10 registration fee per person to help offset the lunch costs.

Don't miss out on other upcoming events across the state check our web calendar for regular updates [here](#).

State Legislature Going Back Into Session

Meetings called for late May

The Legislature will be coming back to Charleston to finish work on the state budget for the next fiscal year. Additionally, the Governor is going to ask legislators to consider a few pieces of legislation. Specifically he mentioned three items:

1. remedial help for 3rd and 8th grade students falling behind in their skill levels
2. post-mine land use planning
3. tax credits to lure high tech data server centers and jobs to WV