**ELECTION 2012**

**FACT SHEET: VERMONT**

Entering office amid an economic crisis, President Obama has consistently fought for the middle class, protecting children, and education. Here is just some of what has been achieved in Vermont.

**Strengthening the middle class**

- The current tax system is **NOT fair**: In 2010, Vermont corporations paid $85 million in state income taxes and individuals paid $490 million — **six times more**. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State Government Tax Collections Summary Report: 2010)

- The Social Security payroll tax cut instituted by President Obama is a first step to leveling the playing field — **$1,000 more in take-home pay** for a middle class family earning $50,000 a year. (Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury)


**Making college affordable**

- President Obama has preserved **Pell grants** for more than **10,000 students** in Vermont. (Source: U.S. Department of Education)

- Last year alone, the American Opportunity Tax Credit introduced by President Obama helped make **college tuition** affordable for **15,000 families** in Vermont. (Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Tax Analysis)
Supporting educators, modernizing schools

- As a result of President Obama’s support for the Education Jobs Fund, signed into law in August 2010, Vermont received $20 million that helped keep teachers in the classroom, limit increases in class size, and contain layoffs of counselors, classroom aides, and other education support professionals. (Source: U.S. Department of Education)

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, signed into law by President Obama in February 2009, funded more than 300 education jobs in Vermont. (Source: U.S. Department of Education)

- President Obama’s American Jobs Act, which the Republican Congress continues to block, would provide $56 million for education jobs, $58 million to modernize schools, and $5 million for community colleges in Vermont. (Source: A State by State Guide to the American Jobs Act, whitehouse.gov)

Improving health care

- The Affordable Care Act has brought peace of mind to 370,000 people in Vermont — they no longer have to worry about lifetime limits. (Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, The Health Care Law & You, healthcare.gov)

- In 2011, more than 2,100 young adults in Vermont could remain on their parents’ health plans until age 26 — and that number will grow in 2012. Before the Affordable Care Act, many college graduates and other young adults had no insurance. (Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, The Health Care Law & You, healthcare.gov)