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Statement on the Resignation of White House American Rescue Plan Coordinator and Senior Adviser to the President Eugene B. Sperling

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When I took office, our economy was reeling, a pandemic was raging, and hundreds of thousands of small businesses across the country were at risk of shutting their doors. Having run Recovery Act implementation for President Obama, I knew I needed an American Rescue Plan Coordinator with the expertise and experience to hit the ground running. I'm glad I picked Gene Sperling.

Gene joined my administration as the only person to have ever directed the National Economic Council under two Presidents and has helped me execute a rescue plan that has led to one of the most equitable and resilient economic recoveries ever. His work helped nearly 40 million working families get unprecedented child tax cut relief and over 8 million renters get emergency assistance to help keep their families housed. Under Gene's leadership, the American Rescue Plan has delivered economic relief to cities and counties across the country, protected millions of union pensions, made the largest ever Federal investment in public safety, and kept thousands of small businesses afloat.

I also looked to Gene as a trusted advisor on the economy and gave him some of the toughest assignments, including serving as my liaison to the Big Three automakers and UAW as autoworkers fought for and secured record contracts.

Having traveled from Delaware to DC every day during my Senate career, I know a thing or two about long commutes. I'm grateful to Gene's wife Allison, his children Nina and Miles and his godchildren Derick and Samantha for allowing Gene to lend me his wisdom, his counsel, and his friendship. They should know our Nation is stronger and more just because of the families that Gene has spent every day fighting for over the past 3½ years.

NOTE: The statement referred to former President William J. Clinton; and Allison Abner, wife, Nina Sperling and Miles French, children, and Derick and Samantha Chapman, godchildren, of Senior Adviser Sperling.

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