

ECONOMY

HEALTH CARE

Cost to major corporations is staggering, often leading to lay-offs and terminations in an attempt to improve their bottom line. (The auto industry is a perfect example.) Costs can be greatly reduced through preventive care and digitizing medical records. The creation of Health Care Centers for non-emergency care would also greatly reduce costs by allowing people without a doctor to receive care outside the hospital environment.

AUTO INDUSTRY

If they can't get on solid ground soon, GM & Chrysler should go into receivership so that restructuring can accompany federal funding. Current management should be dismissed. Once the companies are again viable entities, they can be sold to the private sector. This would also allow all the smaller related businesses to survive.

FINANCE

As much as we don't like the idea of bailing out financial institutions, they are the arteries that move money around the world. The key is to reinstate regulations that were relaxed over the last 30 years. Some may fail, even with financial assistance. But with well-constructed regulations, we can prevent failure in the future.

EDUCATION

Funding K-12 education is an investment that results in long term economic growth for our country. Well educated people get better employment and opportunities than those with less education. A higher wage results in more revenue for city, state and federal governments which in turn benefits all of us.

INFRASTRUCTURE

This is a no-brainer. Building and maintaining public structures, roads and bridges creates millions of jobs. Contrary to what some are saying, these jobs do not go away after the projects are completed. These workers are continually employed as improvements and upgrades are made to all of these projects.