

# DELAWARE'S JOE BIDEN



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### A letter from Joe

As the nation commemorates October as Domestic Violence Awareness month, I want to thank all of the domestic violence service providers for everything you do.

This past September marked the 14th anniversary of the passage of the Violence Against Women Act—my proudest legislative accomplishment in the United States Senate.

Since that time, we have worked passionately to move mountains in this battle. Thanks to the efforts of VAWA's supporters across our state, domestic violence incidents here in Delaware have been reduced by over 1,000 since 2001 and the nearly 250 Delawareans, 133 of them children, who sought shelter in Kent and Sussex Counties in 2006, had a safe place to go.

It is inspiring to see the encouragement and protection these advocates provide to victims. Each year, more people take the courageous step to report these terrible crimes. In 2006, Delaware's family court processed more than 3,000 protection petitions, the most ever.

We have an army of resources nationwide and each year we are reaching and helping more families in Delaware and across the nation.

As you know too well though, we still have a way to go. One in four women still experiences some sort of abuse in her lifetime. It takes enormous courage for the abused to walk away—we need to make sure all victims know that help is available.

I know that there is still much work to do, families to help, and promises to keep. That's why I introduced legislation that would build an army of 100,000 volunteer lawyers to help victims of abuse.

We are proud that fourteen years later, VAWA has helped countless families find strength, and the power to fight back.

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### Campaign update

We have less than three weeks to go! This is the time when we need your help the most.

Through your work in the office and out in the field, you have powered Joe to victory before and now's the time to do it again.

As my brother says, this is the most important election in our lifetime. Period.

We cannot afford to sit on the sidelines.

Please stop by our headquarters and give us a hand.

Best,





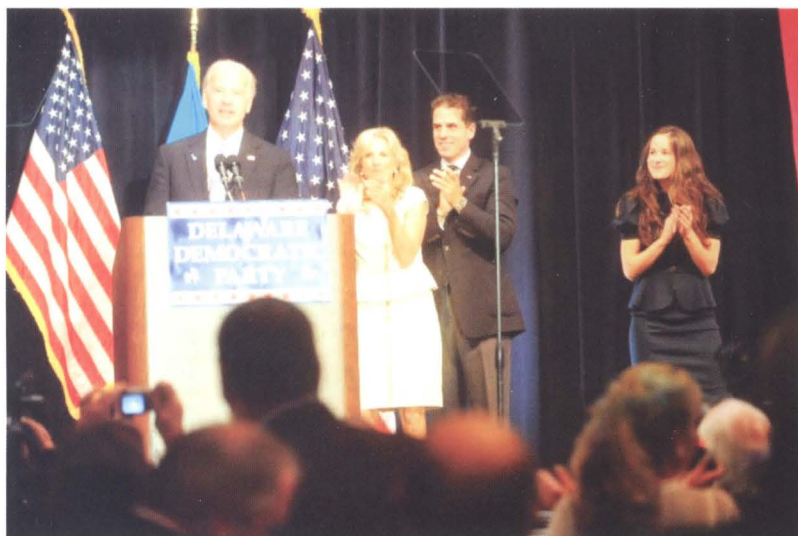
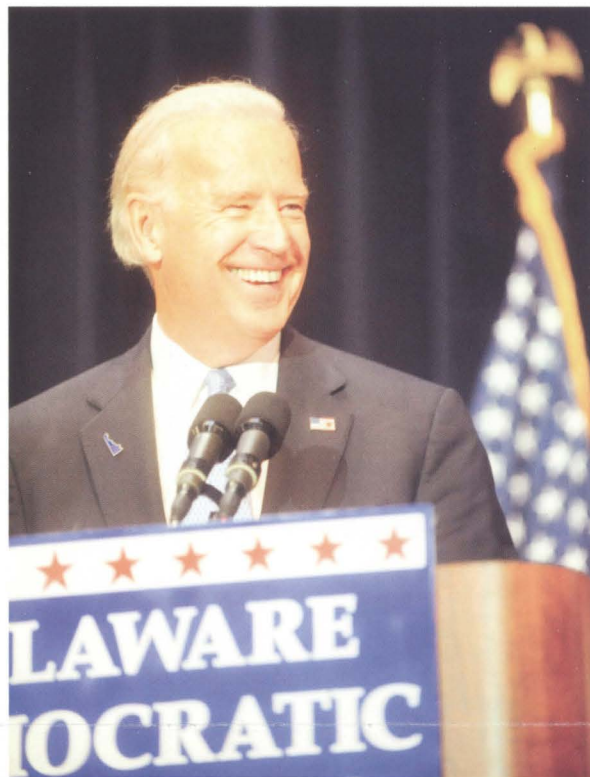
## Joe at the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner this week

Senator Biden delivered the keynote address to well over 1,000 Delaware Democrats this past Monday night at Dover Downs. It was a full house and he gave a stirring speech that brought the crowd to its feet several times.

"We do not measure progress by how much CEOs make...We measure progress in terms of the amount of dignity and respect that's shown to the middle class, to working people."

Senator Biden, who accepted the Democratic Party's Lifetime Achievement Award, laid out his vision for our state and talked about the leadership we need.

"I feel more passionate about the opportunities of this country today than I did when I was a 29 year old kid when I got elected the first time."



Top: Senator Biden speaking; left: Joe, Jill, Hunter and Ashley on stage; right: Valerie, VP of DE State CAP Council Peaches Whalen, and Jill

*"As I travel around the nation, I'm struck by the fact that Delaware's challenges are the nation's challenges. Barack Obama and I want to attack America's problems."*

*-Joe Biden, 10/13/08*

**Did you see this article about Joe not missing a beat in his Senate duties?**

**Biden keeps one foot on campaign trail, the other in Senate business**

Excerpts from *The News Journal* article, 10/1/08

WASHINGTON —Sen. Joe Biden's return to Washington today for the latest legislative attempt at addressing the financial crisis on Wall Street will mark his first vote since becoming the Democratic vice presidential nominee.

But that doesn't mean he hasn't been keeping a hand in Senate business from the campaign trail.

Since the beginning of September, several pieces of his legislation have either passed the Senate or committees.

His Protect Our Children Act, providing resources to fight Internet crimes against children, passed both houses last week and is awaiting President Bush's signature.

He introduced a bill. Actually, Sen. Majority Leader Harry Reid physically dropped the bill, which would help fund and equip local law enforcement agencies to respond to a terrorism attack. But Biden is the lone sponsor.

"He talks to multiple members of the Senate staff every day by phone, getting updates and providing direction on constituent concerns, committee agendas and Legislative items", said his spokeswoman Elizabeth Alexander in a statement...

Still, he's reached out in ways that one observer - the former chief of staff for Sen. Joe Lieberman when he ran for vice president - said was "above and beyond the call of duty."

He called the new bishop of Wilmington, the Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly, when he was installed to congratulate him and addressed the Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association luncheon via their public address system...

Biden, who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has been in touch regularly with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, according to his office. His bill promoting the trade of nuclear fuel and technology between the United States and India is scheduled for a Senate vote tonight.

He met with Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili on Sept. 26 and has spoken with Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai, Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari and Columbia President Alvaro Uribe.

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Put up a yard sign  
Work in our office  
Become a Republican, Independent, or Woman  
Leader for Biden  
Get a bumper sticker  
...and more!

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## Sign up to volunteer on Election Day

With Election Day less than three weeks away, we are assembling our team for the last few days of the Election: Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> through Election Day.

We need volunteers to do everything — make phone calls, knock on doors, greet voters, and drive Delawareans to the polls.

Please let us know if you are available on the last weekend, and of course, anytime before then, too!

Recently, we've been asked many times:


**"Can we vote for Joe for Vice President and Senate?"**

The answer is **YES**. Don't stop at the top of the ballot, be sure to work your way down, and don't forget to tell your friends

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A portrait of Sharon Kaczorowski, a woman with short, dark, wavy hair, wearing glasses and a red ribbed sweater. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with green grass and trees.

“These are tough times. **Joe Biden** gets it and he’s there for us.”

*- Sharon Kaczorowski  
Newark, DE*

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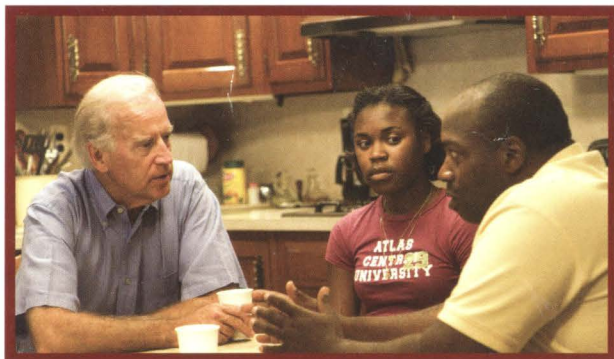


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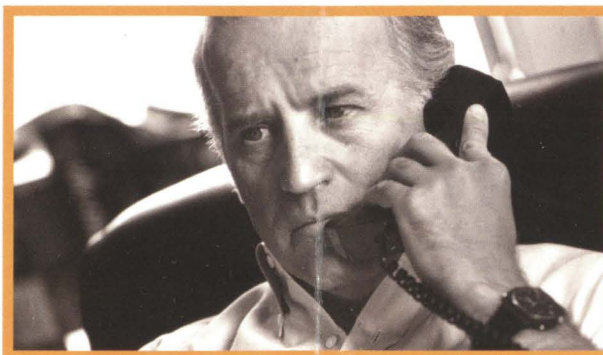
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*"These are tough times for Delawareans. My priorities are cutting taxes for the middle class, strengthening our economy, improving our schools, and reducing health care costs. That's what our families need — and deserve. This is our challenge, this is our time. Together, we will get the job done."* — Joe Biden



## GETTING OUR ECONOMY ON TRACK

Hardworking people in Delaware are struggling to pay the bills. During these tough times, Joe believes our focus should be on protecting working people and middle-class families. That's why he took action to stabilize our economy, protect the value of our homes, and stop the damage caused by years of recklessness and greed on Wall Street.



## PRESERVING SOCIAL SECURITY

Joe Biden believes we made a commitment to each American who paid into Social Security throughout their working lives — that they will receive the benefits they earned when they retire. To fulfill that commitment, we need to strengthen Social Security — not privatize it. That is why Joe Biden has worked for all of his career to protect Social Security, so it's there when we need it.



## HELPING FAMILY BUDGETS

Each night, Delaware families sit at their kitchen tables and worry about how they will pay rising gas, food, and health care costs. People are hurting and Joe Biden understands that we have to get these costs under control by prohibiting price gouging at the pump, rolling back oil market speculation, and making health care affordable.

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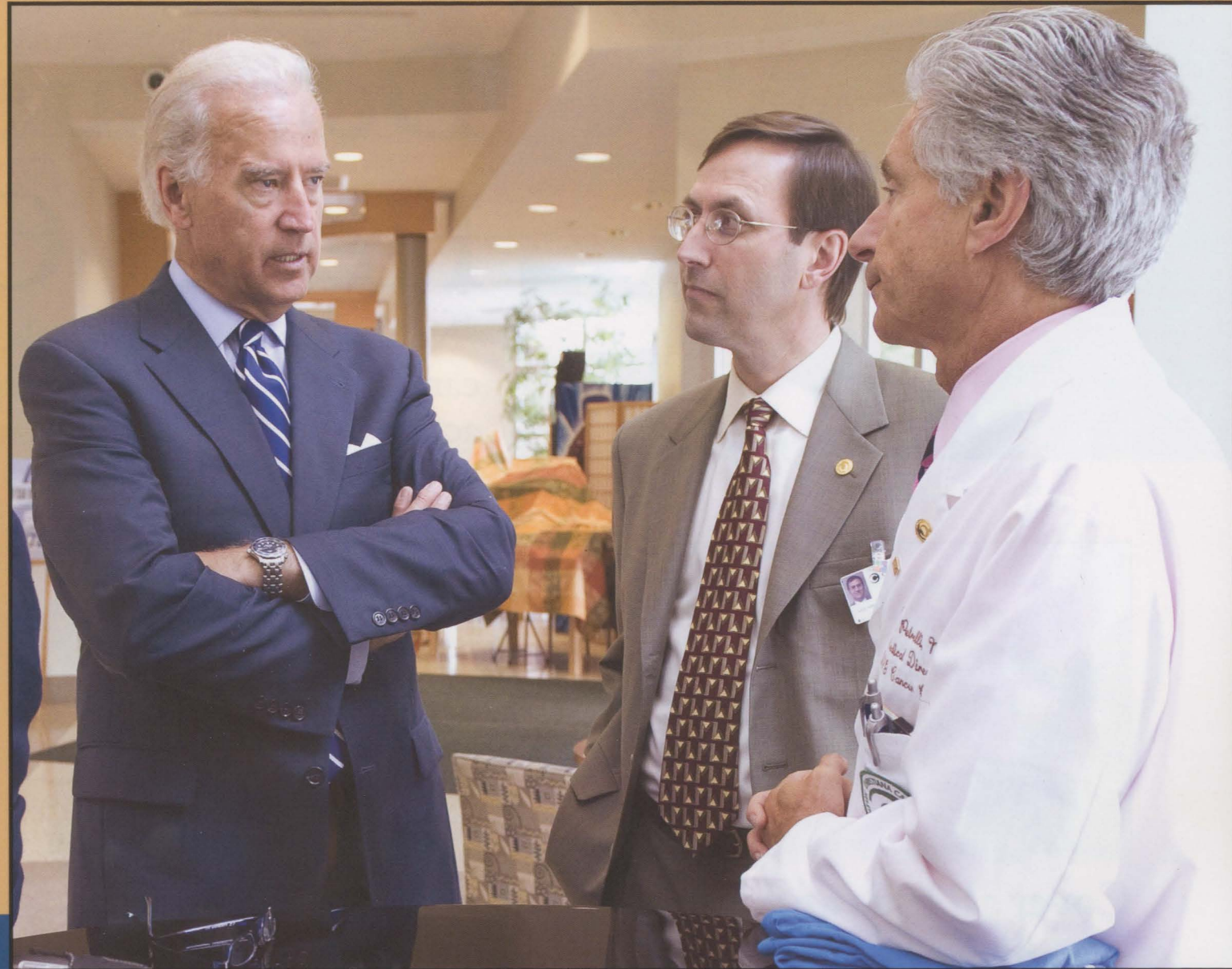
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# Delaware's Joe Biden:



*A Plan for Quality,  
Affordable Health Care*



**“Delaware families and our kids must have quality health care...anything less is inexcusable.”**  
— JOE BIDEN

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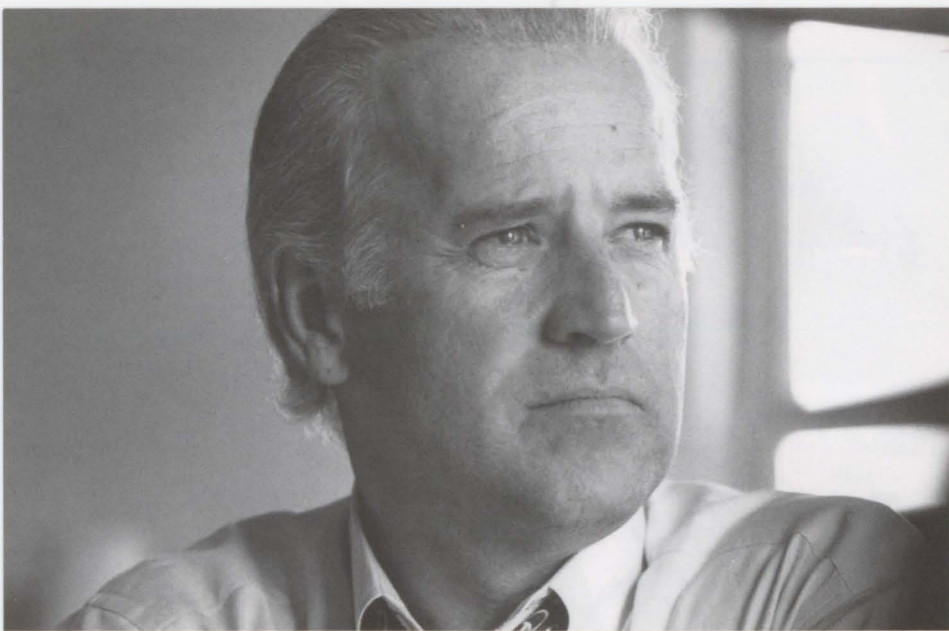
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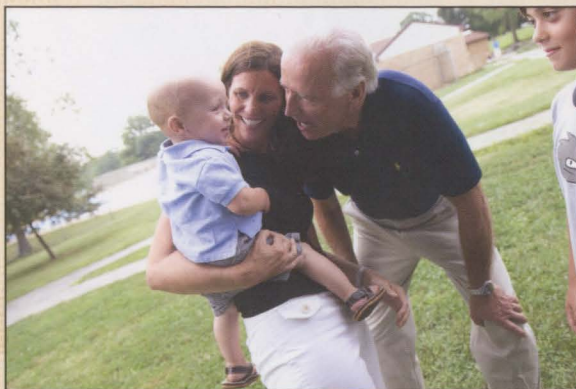




# Delaware's Joe Biden Health Care We Can Afford

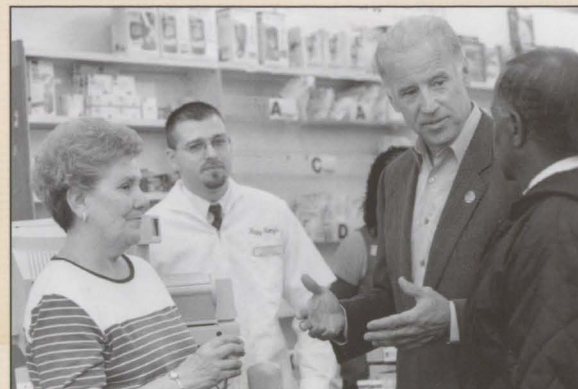
"No mother should lay awake at night, worrying that her kids or husband won't be able to get the health care they need when they need it. There are straightforward, doable solutions: cover every child and provide access to the same health insurance plans that members of Congress have."

- Joe Biden



## Cover all kids and provide access for adults.

Families are feeling more and more uncertain about their economic future. What should never be uncertain is their access to good health care. Joe Biden will cover all children by expanding the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and offer uninsured adults access to the same health plans available to members of Congress.



## Encourage prevention and modernization.

Joe Biden will focus our health system on prevention and modernization – in fact, just transitioning to electronic medical records will save \$77 billion. He will cut health care costs for families and keep Americans healthier by preventing diseases before they strike.



## Lower prescription drug costs.

Out-of-control prescription drug costs are a serious problem for families and seniors. Joe Biden believes that we must lower these costs – by improving the Medicare Part D program, allowing the federal government to negotiate for better prices, and making generic drugs more available.



## Increase funding for medical research.

Senator Biden understands that the federal government plays a vital role in helping find cures for the diseases that cause so many American deaths – cancer, heart disease and other diseases. That's why he will increase funding for disease research, awareness and prevention.

**Delaware's Joe Biden...Because It Matters.**

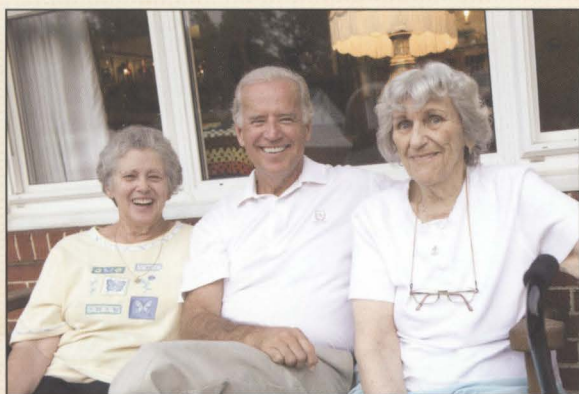
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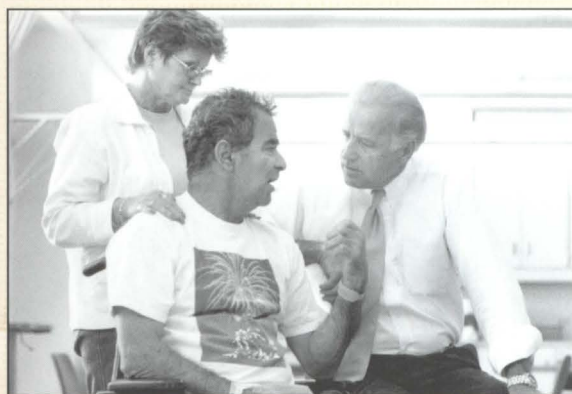
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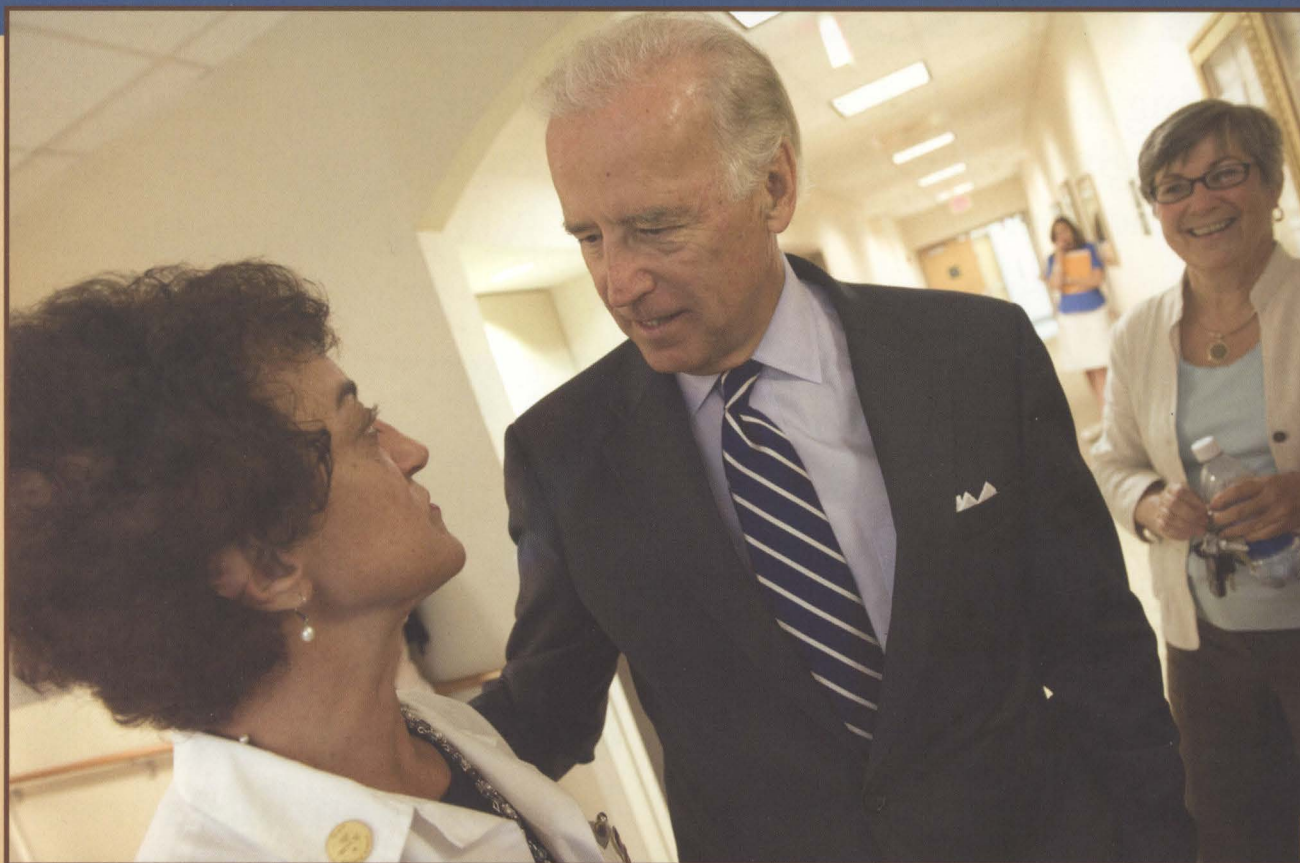
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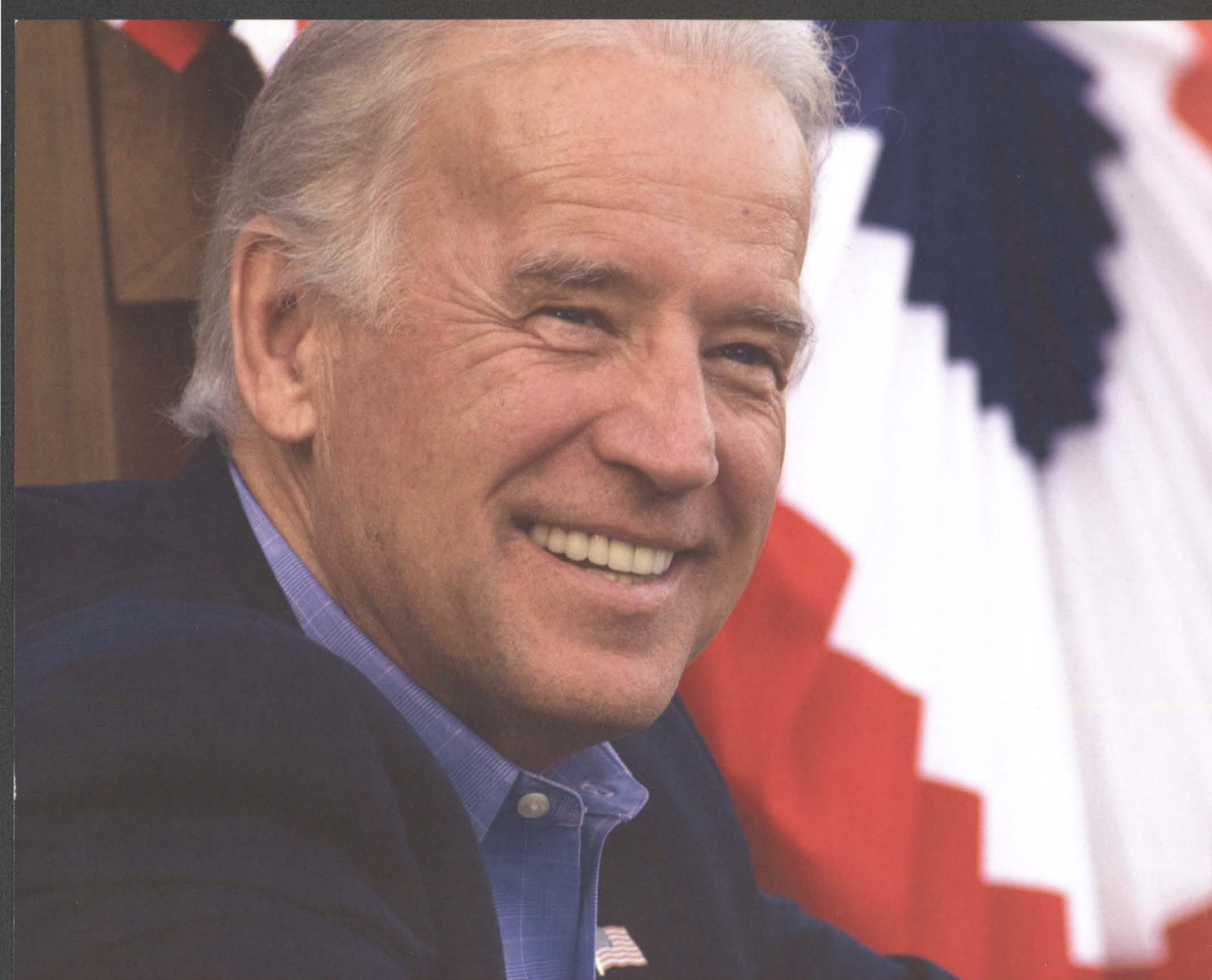
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## Respecting and Protecting Our Troops and Veterans.

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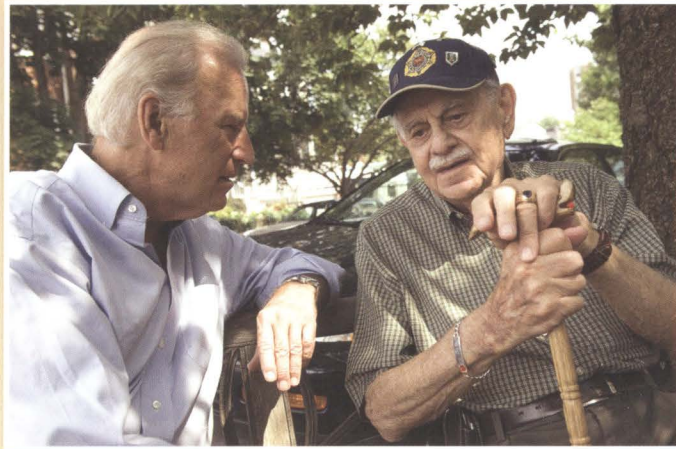
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# Joe Biden. Leading the Way in Honoring Our Troops and Veterans.



## Supporting our troops on the battlefield

Joe Biden was the leader in getting Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles (MRAPs) to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan as quickly as possible. MRAPs reduced by more than two-thirds American injuries and deaths from roadside bombs.

## Improving health care for all veterans

Senator Biden was instrumental in keeping the VA Hospital in Elsmere open and getting community-based outpatient clinics opened in Dover and Georgetown. He has long supported mandatory funding for the VA so that veterans' health care is not subject to yearly votes. He is committed to continuing to expand screening and treatment for veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury.



## Reforming the handling of disability claims

Senator Biden will reduce the waiting time for veterans to receive the benefits they are owed. He will improve technology and boost staffing levels in the Veterans Benefits Administration, which will reduce the unacceptable backlog of pending claims. He knows we must update and simplify the system.

## Expanding educational and job opportunities

Senator Biden co-sponsored the new GI Bill. It provides veterans who have served since September 11, 2001 with a level of educational benefits like those given to service members after World War II. Senator Biden supports successful programs like Helmets to Hardhats and Troops to Teachers to help veterans find jobs after military service.



*“Our men and women in uniform selflessly serve, training and working long hours, spending long periods away from their families and risking their lives to defend our country. As a nation, we have one sacred duty: to provide the best care and support for those who put themselves in harm’s way to protect us.”*

— Senator Joe Biden

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