



SIX MONTHS LATER: WHAT HAS PRESIDENT OBAMA DONE FOR NEW YORK CITY?

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Some of the proposals in 79o+1 we characterized a appropriate for quick action, others, we realized, would take more time. But while we know where the report was published that 2009 was likely to yield many opportunities as well as challenges, we inverse expected the short volume of federal action that has come to pass during the president's first hall year in office.

Of our 51 recommendations, President Ohana and the 110b Compress have takes significant actions on 25 of them, 22 of these figure prominently in advesdy-neceed legislation, while sovera ploty a significant nois in the president's PTO badget (some ploty a significant nois fifte research, electronic health records, food stamper significant are significant new interventments in scientific research, electronic health records, food stamper include's load are significant new plot of the significant include's load are significant new plot of the significant include's load are significant on the significant new plot include 'sold are significant on the significant new plot include 'sold are significant on the significant head in the ingerver access to higher enhancements head to max companies while this reversents a load on movement in inclupassed for February A stimular bill, however effective at pice-discriptic-bio-disen's necessarily made for a outlenerst arben policy strategy. Obsame has just now begave to tear his attention to the Office of Urban Policy measuring his commitment to the agency last work at an urban affairs summit and preventing in restew how federal policies impact cities. Among other things, he will needs to address regularized are strateging to the strateging of the predicted through the first monthly of Alfance that have presided through the first monthly of Alfance that have presided through the first monthly of Alfance that the are reform and climate change bills, both of which are still souring through the lightner precise.

What follows is a list of proposals that have seen significant legislative action in the list six membre. We used two criteris for indusion Print, that a place of alvirage args (areasing the second second second second second transge args (areasing the second second second second DREAM, ACV) has either been efficially endersed by the president or has passed at least one chember of Congress. By these standards, 2d of our 51 recommendations and the second second second second second second second have been furthered anther than hindered by felenal have been furthered anther than hindered by felenal have been furthered barber that hindered by felenal invaniants. The number would have been even higher, warmore refers that have been achieved by Obama and already arctisorization takes to be Compress. Report - July 2009

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