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**Excerpts from the Signature Event featuring The Honorable Alan B. Krueger, Chairman,  
Council of Economic Advisers**

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“What I would like to see over the next 10 years is for us to make the kinds of effort that will put us in a place where we’re on a sustainable path, where the debt is not growing, where it’s manageable, where it’s not crowding out private-sector investment, when the private sector is closer to full employment.” ~ *The Honorable Alan B. Krueger, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers*

“. . . we’ve had an opportunity gap in this country – and that goes back more than one decade – where people who are not born to fortunate circumstances have much greater challenges moving upwards in the American economy. That has taken place for a number of reasons related to technology, related to globalization. What I think is important about our proposals is that by asking the top 2 percent to pay more, that will provide more opportunity for others to have the same types of chances. . . that extra revenue . . . [is] going to be used to help keep student loan rates low. It’s going to be used to provide STEM education — science, technology, mathematics, engineering — education for more individuals to have the kinds of opportunities that have made it possible for so many Americans to thrive.” ~ *The Honorable Alan B. Krueger Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers*