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

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Some of the proposals in 750+1" we characterized as appropriate for quick action; others, we reclined, would take more time. But while we knew when the report was published that 2009 was likely to yield many opportunities as well as challenges, we never expected the where volume of federal action that has come to pass during the president's first half-year in office.

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What follows is a list of proposals that have seeinguisficant legislative action in the last six months. We seed two oritests for inclusion. First, that a piece of all seed two orients of the last six many actions of the many cause of a seed of the last six many actions. The many cause is seen to the last six many actions of the D.E.E.A.M. Act?) has either been officially endorsed by the greatdent or has passed at least one chamber of Congress. By these standards, 26 of our 51 recommendation guidity and all but one recommendation on H-12 visahave been furthered nather than bindered by federabarw been furthered nather than bindered by federatic standards. The number would have been even higher of we had included recommendations such as health in manner of form that have been admixed by 60-mix. Report - July 2009

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