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THE NATION'S MAYORS TO JOIN ARTS LEADERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE DURING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FORUM

Washington, D.C. – The United States Conference of Mayors will join Americans for the Arts Action Fund and **ArtsVoteNH**, an initiative of New Hampshire Citizens for the Arts in a Presidential Candidate Forum to hear from presidential hopefuls on their support for the arts. With over 85% of people in the United States living in our nation's cities and metro areas, mayors clearly understand how urban issues impact everyday Americans and have included the arts as part of the Conference's 10 Point Plan that will be unveiled during the forum.

This unique event will allow New Hampshire voters who support the arts, arts education and the creative economy to discuss these issues as supported by the presidential candidates. New Hampshire arts leaders and national arts advocates will make brief remarks on arts policy issues. The event will also feature performances by local artists.

"For the first time in our history, The U.S. Conference of Mayors is bringing a group of mayors to New Hampshire prior to the primaries, to stress the importance of integrating the arts into the American culture in our cities. The arts are an integral part of the development, strength and education of every community and we support the efforts of Americans for the Arts Action Fund and **ArtsVoteNH** to have their voices heard," said Conference Executive Director Tom Cochran.

WHO: Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann, Chair of the Conference's Tourism, Arts, Parks, Entertainment and Sports Committee; Stamford (CT) Mayor Dannel P. Malloy; and Conference Executive Director Tom Cochran

WHAT: The Nation's Mayors to join ArtsVoteNH, an initiative of Americans for the Arts Action Fund and New Hampshire Citizens for the Arts in a Presidential Candidate Forum

WHEN: Thursday, November 29, 2007
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (EST)

WHERE: Capitol Center for the Arts
The Governor's Hall, 44 South Main Street
Concord, NH

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,139 such cities in the country today, each represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the Mayor.