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THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS TO TESTIFY ON RISING CRIME RATE

Trenton Mayor Douglas Palmer to Represent the Nation's Mayors

Washington, D.C. – Trenton (NJ) Mayor Douglas H. Palmer will testify on behalf of The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) tomorrow, Wednesday, May 23, 2007, before the United States Senate Judiciary Committee regarding rising violent crime rates in America. Mayor Palmer first testified on this issue before the House Judiciary Committee in April saying, "Rampant gun violence is more than a national tragedy. It is a national disgrace."

In the 1990s, mayors and police chiefs put extensive effort into increasing public safety and establishing a partnership with the federal government. As a result, many cities saw crime rates drop to historic lows. In recent years, those partnerships were dissolved and crime is now on the rise with gun violence becoming more and more prevalent.

In response to the spike in violent crime in America's cities, the nation's mayors are calling for a stronger federal-local partnership on hometown security, as well as Congressional support for anti-crime programs. This priority is reflected in the USCM's 10-point legislative agenda, *Strong Cities, Strong Families, for a Strong America*, unveiled in January of this year.

WHO: Trenton (NJ) Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, President of The U.S. Conference of Mayors

WHAT: Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs -- *Rising Crime in the United States: Examining the Federal Role Helping Communities Prevent and Respond to Violent Crime*

WHEN: Wednesday, May 23, 2007
9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Senate Dirksen Office Building
Room 226
Washington, D.C. 20510

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