Mayors Urge Swift Confirmation of Bryson Nomination

Washington, DC – Mayors from around the nation have sent a letter to leaders in the U.S. Senate, urging them to confirm John Bryson as Secretary of Commerce without delays.

Following is the full letter:

“We are writing as mayors from all over the country to respectfully urge the confirmation of John Bryson as Secretary of Commerce. Mr. Bryson brings a wealth of experience from both the public and private sectors that will help create jobs and make America more competitive in the global economy.

During times when our government is asked to do more with less, Mr. Bryson’s experience to make tough decisions and employ smart management strategies to drive efficiency makes him uniquely prepared for Commerce Secretary. As the Chairman and CEO of Edison International, John created jobs, managed a large multinational company with 20,000 employees and weathered through the California electricity crisis. Today, he advises companies around the world on how to persevere through tough times. Mr. Bryson has demonstrated that he is a sound business leader.

John Bryson brings several qualities the business community looks for in a Commerce Secretary appointment. They know that as a former CEO and board member for Fortune 100 companies, such as Disney and Boeing, Mr. Bryson understands the concerns of the business community. He understands what American companies are facing in this economy, and he will be a business advocate in the cabinet.

Most importantly, he knows that the private sector is the engine for job creation. As local leaders, we know that John Bryson can encourage economic growth, help provide jobs for our residents, and forge a direct connection with Mayors and the needs of our cities. He knows how to get the job done with fewer resources. He knows how to manage and lead under pressure. He is the ideal candidate to become Commerce Secretary.

We urge you to confirm John Bryson as the next Commerce Secretary”.

To view a list of the signatory mayors, visit: http://www.usmayors.org/pressreleases/uploads/20111005-letter-commerce.pdf

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