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THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS COMMENDS NEW EMPLOYMENT REPORT

Joint Statement from USCM President Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter and USCM Jobs, Education and the Workforce Committee Chair Pembroke Pines (FL) Mayor Frank Ortis

Washington, D.C. – USCM President Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter and USCM Jobs, Education and the Workforce Committee Chair Pembroke Pines (FL) Mayor Frank Ortis issued the following joint statement on today’s employment numbers:

"The nation's mayors are pleased with today's employment numbers that indicate the economy’s job picture continues to improve at a steady pace.

"The improvement in the nation's unemployment rate to 7.8 percent, the lowest rate since January 2009, is welcomed by mayors who have been on the front lines working and partnering with our business owners, small and large, to grow jobs for our unemployed citizens in cities and metro areas across the country.

"We are particularly encouraged that the economy showed stronger job creation in July and August than previously reported.

"Mayors know that cities and their metropolitan areas are the life-blood of the nation's economy, and we need Congress to do its job so that we can continue to do ours.

"As we have over the last several months, we are urging Congress to work together to find a short-term fix for sequestration, which poses drastic cuts to several key programs, as well as a long-term budget deal that will provide a solution to the federal deficit."

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