THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS BRINGS SEQUESTRATION FIGHT TO CAPITOL HILL

During Leadership Meeting: Mayors to Meet with Senate & Congressional Members, Explain Local Impact of Across-the-Board Cuts, Discuss Gun Safety & Immigration Reform

Washington, D.C. – During a leadership meeting of The U.S. Conference of Mayors, President Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter, and Vice President Mesa (AZ) Mayor Scott Smith, will lead a delegation of bipartisan mayors from across the country in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, February 28th– Friday, March 1. The purpose of the gathering is for mayors to meet with Senate and Congressional leaders to express the organization’s strong opposition to sequestration cuts.

Mayors will meet with lawmakers to explain the devastating impact that sequestration cuts would have on local communities and their residents. Local leaders will also gather during the two-day meeting to discuss the long overdue need for comprehensive immigration reform and gun safety. Cities and their suburbs represent nearly 90 percent of the nation’s wage and salary income, which drive the national economy.

WHO: Philadelphia (PA) Mayor Michael Nutter, USCM President; Mesa (AZ) Mayor Scott Smith, USCM Vice President; and approximately 30 other mayors from across the nation including:

WHAT: Meetings with Senate & Congressional leaders to express opposition to Sequestration cuts that will deeply impact cities. Gun safety and immigration reform also to be discussed.

WHEN: Thursday, February 28 – Friday, March 1, 2013

WHERE: Capitol Hill -- Mayors are AVAILABLE for interviews upon request.

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