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U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRESIDENT MESA (AZ) MAYOR SCOTT SMITH ISSUES STATEMENT ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN:

“ REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS IN WASHINGTON, MAYORS WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD”

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Conference of Mayors President Mesa, AZ Mayor Scott Smith issued the following statement today on the federal government shutdown:

"It is unfortunate that Washington has chosen to go the route of a government shutdown instead of figuring out a way to move forward for the sake of all Americans, including the majority of people who live in cities.

"Regardless of what happens in Washington, the nation’s mayors will continue to lead, balancing budgets and solving problems. We do not have the luxury of turning our backs on our residents.

"We are pragmatic doers who believe in rolling up our sleeves, finding common ground on even the most difficult of issues and getting things done for the good of the whole. We encourage Washington to do the same."

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