U.S. MAYORS ON CAPITOL HILL AGAIN THIS WEEK TO PRESS FOR RESTORATION OF CDBG FUNDING

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) President Burnsville, MN Mayor Elizabeth Kautz will bring a delegation of mayors to Washington, D.C. on Thursday, March 3, 2011, for meetings with members of the U.S. Senate regarding H.R. 1 and proposed cuts to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in the FY 2011 federal budget.

Joining Mayor Kautz will be Des Moines, IA Mayor Frank Cownie, Elizabeth, NJ Mayor Christian Bollwage, Alexandria, VA Mayor William Euille and Akron, OH Mayor Don Plusquellic, who serve in leadership roles of the organization.

Just last week, over 30 mayors were in town to fight proposed cuts to the Community Development Block Grant program, the largest and most direct federal investment to job creation and neighborhood revitalization in local communities. Mayors will continue to travel to Washington, D.C. to appeal to Congress to restore the CDBG program and to fund it at current 2010 levels.

Now in its 36th year, CDBG is used to create jobs, leverage private economic development, build infrastructure, promotes homeownership, support energy efficient improvements, and provide critical training and social services to communities large and small by providing funding with flexibility for cities to address unique local needs.

WHO: Burnsville, MN Mayor, USCM President
Akron, OH Mayor Don Plusquellic, USCM Past President
Des Moines, IA Mayor Frank Cownie, USCM Trustee
Elizabeth, NJ Mayor Christian Bollwage, USCM Trustee
Alexandria, VA Mayor William Euille
Tom Cochran, USCM CEO and Executive Director

WHAT: Mayors to Meet with Senators re. proposed cuts to the CDBG program

WHEN: Thursday, March 3, 2011 – All Day

WHERE: U.S. Senate – Capitol Hill

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