U.S. MAYORS IN THE NATION’S CAPITOL TO STRATEGIZE AGAINST HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS AND MOBILIZE AGAINST GUTTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

USCM Leadership Meeting | Wednesday, Feb. 23 - Friday, Feb. 25

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Conference of Mayors President Burnsville, MN Mayor Elizabeth Kautz will bring a bipartisan delegation of thirty U.S. mayors to Washington, D.C. on Thursday, February 24 for a strategy on the House of Representatives proposed FY 2011 budget cuts during The U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Leadership Meeting from Wednesday, February 23 to Friday, February 25.

Mayors who serve in a leadership role of the organization will come together to craft a strategy to appeal to the U.S. Senate to restore funding in addition to mobilizing against the effort to effectively gut the Community Development Block Grant program, the most important federal investment to job creation and neighborhood revitalization in local communities.

Mayors will also discuss the drastic cuts proposed in the House including USCM priorities such as homeland security grants, workforce training grants, community health centers, education, high speed rail, public housing and much more.

The Thursday and Friday sessions are closed to the press, but the mayors will hold a PRESS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY, FEB. 24 at 11:30 a.m. to voice their concerns, share their strategy to combat the House proposed cuts in the Senate, and answer questions about how the proposed cuts would devastate local communities.

WHO: Burnsville, MN Mayor Elizabeth Kautz, USCM President
Philadelphia, PA Mayor Michael Nutter, USCM Second Vice-President
Newton, MA Mayor Setti Warren, USCM Comm. Devpt., Housing Chair
Tom Cochran, USCM CEO & Executive Director
30 U.S. Mayors from cities across the country (see full list below)

WHAT: PRESS CONFERENCE: Mayors Speak Out Against House of Representatives FY 2011 Budget Cut Proposals; Share Senate Strategy to Combat Cuts

WHEN: Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 11:30 am

WHERE: St. Regis Hotel – Chandelier Room | 923 16th and K Sts., NW 20006

PARTICIPATING MAYORS:
Burnsville (MN) Mayor Elizabeth B. Kautz, USCM President
Philadelphia (PA) Mayor Michael A. Nutter, USCM Second Vice-President
Salt Lake City (UT) Mayor Ralph Becker
Davenport (IA) Mayor Bill Gluba
Elizabeth (NJ) Mayor Christian Bollwage
Carmel (IN) Mayor James Brainard
West Sacramento (CA) Mayor Christopher Cabaldon
Columbus (OH) Mayor Michael Coleman
Hallandale Beach (FL) Mayor Joy Cooper
Oklahoma City (OK) Mayor Mick Cornett
Alexandria (VA) Mayor William Euille
Charlotte (NC) Mayor Anthony Foxx
San Marcos (TX) Mayor Daniel Guerrero
North Little Rock (AR) Mayor Patrick Henry Hays
Jackson (MS) Mayor Harvey Johnson, Jr.
Southfield (MI) Mayor Brenda Lawrence
Chattanooga (TN) Mayor Ron Littlefield
Cincinnati (OH) Mayor Mark Mallory
Tallahassee (FL) Mayor John Marks
Sumter (SC) Mayor Joseph McElveen
Syracuse (NY) Mayor Stephanie Miner
North Miami (FL) Mayor Andre Pierre
Santa Ana (CA) Mayor Miguel Pulido
Atlanta (GA) Mayor Kasim Reed
Macon (GA) Mayor Robert Reichert
Hartford (CT) Mayor Pedro Segarra
Mesa (AZ) Mayor Scott Smith
Little Rock (AR) Mayor Mark Stodola
Schenectady (NY) Mayor Brian Stratton
Gastonia (NC) Mayor Jennie Stultz
Fresno (CA) Mayor Ashley Swearengin
Piscataway (NJ) Mayor Brian Wahler

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