U.S. MAYORS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
TO PUSH FOR A BIPARTISAN JOBS BILL IN CONGRESS

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Conference of Mayors President Burnsville, MN Mayor Elizabeth Kautz will lead a bipartisan delegation of more than thirty U.S. mayors on Capitol Hill Wednesday, February 24th and Thursday, February 25th to push federal lawmakers to put aside partisan differences and quickly pass a jobs bill that puts Americans back to work and invests in MainStreet metropolitan economies, where joblessness is concentrated.

The mayors will hold a press conference to highlight the growing unemployment figures in their individual cities and the importance passing of a jobs bill now. Mayors have been working with Congressman George Miller (D-CA) on a proposal -- to be introduced soon -- which responds to the needs of MainStreet with funding for job creation and job retention in cities.

Last month, more than 200 of the nation’s mayors came to Washington, D.C. to advocate for their 2010 Metro Agenda for America (www.usmayors.org), and mayors are pleased that Chairman Miller has responded to their request to help American families, who in many cases are suffering from double-digit unemployment.

As the Administration has made new green industries a priority for job creation, mayors are also pushing for funding for green job and clean energy block grants [i.e., EECBG], included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, to accelerate the growth of green jobs in cities.

WHO: Burnsville, MN Mayor Elizabeth Kautz, President, USCM
Los Angeles, CA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Vice President, USCM
Tom Cochran, CEO & Executive Director, USCM
30+ U.S. Mayors from cities across the country (see full list below)

WHAT: U.S. Mayors on Capitol Hill to Push for Bipartisan Jobs Bill

WHEN: Wednesday, February 24th at 11:15 a.m.

WHERE: Westin Hotel – Washington City Center – National Ballroom A (Ballroom Level)
1400 M St, NW | Washington, D.C. 20005 | 202-429-1700

PARTICIPATING MAYORS:
Mayor Elizabeth Kautz, Burnsville, MN
Mayor Ralph Becker, Salt Lake City, UT
Mayor Christian Bollwage, Elizabeth, NJ
Mayor James Brainard, Carmel, Indiana
Mayor Christopher Cabaldon, West Sacramento, CA
Mayor David Cicilline, Providence, RI
Mayor Robert Cluck, Arlington, TX
Mayor Michael Coleman, Columbus, OH
Mayor Joy Cooper, Hallandale Beach, FL
Mayor Mick Cornett, Oklahoma City, OK
Mayor Frank Cownie, Des Moines, IA
Mayor Robert Duffy, Rochester, NY
Mayor Michael Gin, Redondo Beach, CA
Mayor Mufi Hannemann, Honolulu, HI
Mayor Patrick Hays, North Little Rock, AR
Mayor Darwin Hindman, Columbia, MO
Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, Pleasanton, CA
Mayor Harvey Johnson, Jr., Jackson, MS
Mayor Ron Littlefield, Chattanooga, TN
Mayor Mark Mallory, Cincinnati, OH
Mayor John Marks, Tallahassee, FL
Mayor Arlene Mulder, Arlington Heights, IL
Mayor Ray Nagin, New Orleans, LA
Mayor Michael Nutter, Philadelphia, PA
Mayor Frank Ortis, Pembroke Pines, FL
Mayor Douglas Palmer, Trenton, NJ
Mayor Donald Plusquellic, Akron, OH
Mayor David Pope, Oak Park, IL
Mayor Miguel Pulido, Santa Ana, CA
Mayor Jim Schmitt, Green Bay, WI
Mayor Brian Stratton, Schenectady, NY
Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles, CA
Mayor Brian Wahler, Piscataway, NJ
Mayor Elaine Walker, Bowling Green, KY