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## U.S. MAYORS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO MEET WITH ENERGY SECRETARY STEVEN CHU

### *Urge Stronger Collaboration on the Energy and Conservation Block Grant*

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Conference of Mayors President, Burnsville, MN Mayor Elizabeth Kautz will lead a delegation of U.S. mayors to meet with Energy Secretary Steven Chu on Thursday, April 8th, 2010 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Federal Department of Energy (DOE).

The focus of the meeting is the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), and improving the collaboration between mayors and DOE in the grants' implementation.

The EECBG, which was authorized in 2007 under the Bush Administration and subsequently included in the Federal Stimulus Plan (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act), reflects the mayors' strong and unwavering belief that federal investment in local action on energy and climate protection is a necessary element to the successful achievement of national energy independence and climate protection goals.

Over 1,020 U.S. mayors have pledged to meet Kyoto targets by signing onto The Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement and are now working to increase energy efficiency, lower energy costs and create green jobs in cities. These mayors and their cities have been working for a sustained federal partnership, such as the EECBG program, to support their efforts.

**Congressman Chaka Fattah (PA), Chair of the Congressional Urban Caucus, will also participate in the meeting.**

**Mayors will be available for one-on-one interviews immediately following the meeting with Secretary Chu.**

**WHO:** Mayor Elizabeth Kautz, Burnsville, MN, USCM President  
Mayor Douglas Palmer, Trenton, NJ, Past USCM President  
Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, Elizabeth, NJ  
Mayor Joy Cooper, Hallandale Beach, FL  
Mayor Michael Nutter, Philadelphia, PA  
Mayor Miguel Pulido, Santa Ana, CA  
Mayor Jennifer Stultz, Gastonia, NC  
Tom Cochran, USCM CEO and Executive Director  
U.S. Congressman Chaka Fattah, Chair of the Congressional Urban Caucus

**WHAT:** U.S. Mayors To Meet with Energy Secretary Steven Chu

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave., SW | Washington, D.C. 20585

*The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,139 such cities in the country today, each represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the Mayor.*