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Former President Bill Clinton to Headline Mayors' Climate Summit in Seattle

SEATTLE – Former President Bill Clinton will join the U.S. Conference of Mayors led by Conference President Trenton Mayor Douglas H. Palmer and event host Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels during a national climate protection summit and first meeting of the signatories of the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement scheduled for November 1-2 in Seattle, Wash.

The Seattle Summit will be the largest-ever meeting of American mayors devoted solely to climate protection. The theme of the two-day conference is accelerating local leadership. It will bring city leaders from across the country together to promote effective solutions to global warming at the local and national level. More than 100 mayors are expected to attend the event.

“The nation’s mayors are pleased to welcome President Clinton to our climate protection summit. As President, he worked closely with the nation's mayors to meet the challenges we face everyday in our cities. Since he left office, he has supported efforts by cities who are leading the way to meet the climate protection goals necessary to save our planet. Together, with his leadership and continued action by the nation's mayors, we will make a difference,” said U.S. Conference of Mayors President, Trenton Mayor Douglas H. Palmer.

“Mayors from around the nation are not waiting to take action to help solve the threat of global warming – they are doing something about it right now,” Nickels said. “This summit will give us a chance to share real-world solutions and learn from those who are making a difference in protecting our planet.”

Under his leadership, Conference President Mayor Palmer has made climate protection the top issue of the organization’s 10-Point Plan to serve as a roadmap and priority for the nation’s mayors. Mayor Nickels spearheaded the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection

Agreement in 2005, challenging colleagues from around the country to join him in pledging to significantly cut climate-warming pollution in their cities. The U.S. Conference of Mayors unanimously adopted the agreement. And to date, more than 660 mayors representing more than 73 million Americans have taken the pledge. (Visit: <http://usmayors.org/climateprotection/climatechange.asp>)

President Clinton has been an international leader in the effort to fight global warming through his Clinton Climate Initiative, which promotes climate pollution-reducing initiatives in 40 of the largest cities in the world.

TCP, Inc., innovator and manufacturer of today's most energy efficient lighting products, is the title sponsor for The U.S. Conference of Mayors' 3rd National Summit on Energy and the Environment to be held in Seattle.

For a list of best practices and more information on what the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Center is doing to reduce global warming in American cities, please visit: <http://usmayors.org/climateprotection/>

Visit Mayor Nickel's web site at www.seattle.gov/mayor. Get the mayor's inside view on efforts to promote transportation, public safety, economic opportunity and healthy communities by signing up for The Nickels Newsletter at www.seattle.gov/mayor/newsletter_signup.htm

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