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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House

The Honorable John A. Boehner  
House Minority Leader

The Honorable David Obey  
Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Jerry Lewis  
Ranking Member, House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Ed Pastor  
Acting Chair, House Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Energy and Water Development

The Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen  
Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Energy and Water Development

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader Boehner, Chairman Obey, Ranking Member Lewis, Acting Chairman Pastor and Ranking Member Frelinghuysen:

We, the nation's mayors, want to thank you for including the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) in the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act and we strongly encourage you to support full funding levels for the EECBG program in the FY 2010 Appropriations bill.

Through this initial funding of EECBG, cities, counties, and states have begun to create strategic plans and implement projects that will promote energy conservation, invest in renewable energy technology, and create alternative transportation systems – all of which will generate thousands of green jobs within our communities. Specifically, we are planning to invest our EECBG funds to retrofit new and existing municipal, residential, and commercial buildings; install solar panels, LEDs, and photovoltaic systems; convert municipal fleets; and implement alternative transportation initiatives, to name a few activities.

By including funding commitments in the FY 2010 Appropriations bill for the EECBG program, you will enable cities to continue our efforts to sustain and accelerate these types of community-based, energy conservation initiatives that have both local and national benefits.

More than 940 mayors have signed The U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, pledging actions to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by seven percent below 1990 levels, a goal that mirrors the Kyoto Protocol. To meet this goal, we need to continue our federal partnership to assist us with our efforts to expedite our national response to meeting our goals of energy independence and climate protection.

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