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Dear Representative:

During this time of historic unemployment and stagnant job growth, The United States Conference of Mayors has released "A Common Sense Jobs Agenda." Our agenda outlines a menu of practical options designed to create millions of new jobs by immediately investing in infrastructure, small businesses, manufacturing, trade and tourism. The report can be found at www.usmayors.org/jobs.

Any real U.S. Jobs Agenda must focus on growing our metro economies stronger and more globally competitive. Our 363 metro areas are the nation's economic engine. They account for nearly 89.8 percent of the nation's gross domestic product and wages, and 85.7 percent of all jobs. Viewed in any context, our metro areas are global powerhouses, with 37 ranking among the world's 100 largest national economies.

That is why the nation's mayors, mindful of the long-term need to put the federal government's fiscal house in order, urge Congress and the Administration to focus on a set of common-sense solutions that are practical, bi-partisan and actionable. There are four critical steps that Congress can take to get our economy moving again:

1. Invest in infrastructure jobs now. That begins with passing a comprehensive, fully-funded transportation bill;
2. Provide immediate relief to employers and workers;
3. Stimulate manufacturing, trade, and tourism;
4. Maintain smart investments in key domestic priorities.

We stand ready to work with you to help create the jobs our nation needs to put people back to work. If you would like to further discuss our Jobs Agenda, please contact CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran at (202) 293-2354 or tcochran@usmayors.org.

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