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Mayor Villaraigosa & Nation's Mayors Urge Congress to Pass Debt Ceiling Legislation, Then Focus on Investments for Job Creation

Washington, DC -- U.S. Conference of Mayors President and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa released this statement today about pending legislation to lift the debt ceiling:

“Mayors across the country urge Congress to avert an economic crisis by passing legislation today to lift the debt ceiling. This legislation will create a framework for balanced fiscal discipline, which will help instill renewed confidence in our nation’s economy.

“Now it is critical that we turn towards an equally pressing crisis: the sky-high unemployment rates that persist across the country. We support steps to end wasteful spending, but recognize that those cuts alone won't end the recession and won't grow our local economies.

“Washington can move America's economy in the right direction by empowering states and localities with the tools they need to grow local businesses, invest in infrastructure, create jobs, provide public safety, expand research and innovation, and ensure we remain globally competitive for generations to come.

“Through continued bipartisan cooperation, we look forward to working with

the White House and the super Joint Congressional Committee, as well as the rest of Congress to put the focus on job creation.”

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