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PHILADELPHIA MAYOR MICHAEL NUTTER TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON:

Will Urge Senate to Act on Energy & Climate Legislation, Support Local Climate Protection Efforts

Washington, D.C. – Philadelphia (PA) Mayor Michael Nutter will travel to Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, October 28th to testify before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee to urge action on federal climate legislation titled *Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act* (S. 1733).

The *Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act* includes the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, first conceived by the Conference of Mayors, to help cities and local communities promote renewable energy use, encourage conservation and energy efficiency strategies, and create green jobs. Currently funded in the Federal Stimulus Plan, Block Grant funding would be extended in this bill.

Mayors understand that a successful plan in this country for reducing energy consumption begins in cities and local communities and they are ALREADY acting to protect the climate and conserve energy. Over 1,000 U.S. mayors, representing more than 86 million Americans, have signed the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement -- a pledge to meet Kyoto targets by 2012 (www.usmayors.org).

Conference President Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels will lead a delegation of U.S. mayors to Copenhagen in December, where the successor agreement to Kyoto will be considered.

WHO: Philadelphia, PA Mayor Michael A. Nutter

WHAT: Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
Full Committee Hearing on The *Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act* (S.1733)

WHEN: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Room 406 - Dirksen Senate Office Building

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