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Mayor Benjamin Talks Jobs in Washington D.C.

COLUMBIA, SC – Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin will be talking jobs today as he joins his fellow United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) Advisory Board and Executive Committee members in Washington for the USCM's 2011 Fall Leadership Meeting.

Mayor Benjamin, elected to the Advisory Board earlier this year, says that today's meeting is an opportunity to make sure congressional leaders and administration officials understand the economic pressures facing local businesses and families in Columbia.

"The message is clear: Columbia Needs Jobs," said Mayor Benjamin. "I'm taking that message to Washington and making sure our leaders in Congress hear it loud and clear and understand that the time to act is now."

Issues on the 2011 Fall Leadership Meeting agenda in addition to Job Creation include Deficit Reduction, Infrastructure Improvement and the 2012 Budget. The meeting will conclude on Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

Founded in 1932, the U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,210 such cities in the country today. Each city is represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the mayor.

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- Strengthen federal-city relationships;
- Ensure that federal policy meets urban needs;
- Provide mayors with leadership and management tools; and
- Create a forum in which mayors can share ideas and information.

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