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U.S. Mayors Issue Demand For Resolution

Mayor Becker joins other executives in issuing a call for immediate action on debt ceiling crisis

SALT LAKE CITY – Mayor Ralph Becker joined a group of other U.S. mayors in supporting a resolution Friday calling for immediate action by Congress and the Administration to pass a debt ceiling plan.

Mayor Becker and about 50 other city executives from around the country are in Los Angeles this weekend for the U.S. Conference of Mayors Summer Leadership Meeting.

“I, along with my colleagues from across the country, are counting on Congress to step back from partisan bickering and work toward immediate solutions,” Mayor Becker said. “A federal default would deal an enormous blow to our economic recovery, not just in Utah, but across the country. It must be avoided at all costs.”

Mayor Becker, who recently posted a letter to the Utah congressional delegation urging cooperation and expediency, joined with other mayors in highlighting the need to move past the current impasse so that other critical needs facing America’s cities can be addressed.

“Solving our current fiscal crisis is an economic imperative that requires shared sacrifice,” Mayor Becker wrote to Utah’s federal delegation. “Both parties have made real progress and to back off now will not only fail to solve our nation’s fiscal challenge, but will also confirm the cynicism people have about politics in Washington.”

Other topics that will be covered at this weekend’s conference include energy security, jobs creation and strategies to reduce gang violence.

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