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### **Statement from Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker on Today's Congressional Action**

Once again, Republican members of Congress have turned their backs on an opportunity to bridge the partisan divide and do the work necessary to create new jobs and help our nation, and the state of Utah, stay competitive in the global economy.

While both Democrats and Republicans have voiced their support of rebuilding our nation's infrastructure, and American voters have made it clear that they overwhelmingly support President Obama's plans to invest in roads, bridges and transit systems, politics continue to stand in the way. We know that investing in these types of projects creates private and public sector jobs and address much-needed improvements in our communities.

Our country can't wait for Congress to do its job. Here in Utah, over 100,000 of our residents are out of work and our unemployment rate is once again on the rise. Right now, less than 60 percent of Americans are working full-time.

President Obama has made it clear he will continue to fight to restore a sense of security for middle-class Americans and rebuild an economy that works for everyone. When can we expect Congressional partisan bickering to subside, so members of both parties can join the President in addressing the critical needs of our state and this country?

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