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Mayor Attends U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington D.C.

Today, Mayor James J. Fiorentini announced that he attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, D.C. and had the opportunity to attend a reception with 250 other Mayors hosted by President Obama and Vice President Biden at the White House during the conference. The President touched on his upcoming State of the Union Speech regarding the need for more grants for workforce development. He also mentioned that he has appropriated \$55 million for community colleges. The Mayor relayed the good news to Lane Glenn, President of Northern Essex Community College.

The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) is the official non-partisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,399 such cities in the country today. Each city is represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the mayor. The primary roles of The U.S. Conference of Mayors are to promote the development of effective national urban/suburban policy; 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.

Mayor Fiorentini stated:

“It was an incredible opportunity to attend the reception at the White House. To be in the same room with the President was exciting and to hear President Obama’s vision for workforce development was exciting.

“When the President referenced the community college appropriation, I called Lane to give him the good news.

“Increasing job opportunities for our residents is one of my priorities.

“Meeting with other Mayors at the conference gives me the opportunity to see what is working in other communities and see if it would be applicable for us.”