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Mayor Roberts-

Per USCM staffer Dave Gatton's (whom you met last week at NLC) request, please find attached a letter highlighting the benefits of membership in the U.S. Conference of Mayors. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the below numbers. Thank you.

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The Honorable Chris Roberts  
Mayor of Shoreline  
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Dear Mayor Roberts:

On behalf of The United States Conference of Mayors, I am writing to share information with you on the nation's premier organization representing mayors. Our organization is now celebrating its 86<sup>th</sup> year of work and leadership on behalf of you and your colleagues.

Knowing of your interest in becoming involved as a member of the Conference of Mayors, I am writing specifically to share some examples of our current activities. A key activity is how the Conference provides the opportunity and networks to support you and other mayors across the country in connecting and engaging on issues common to all cities, including sharing best practices and exchanging ideas with other mayors. And, as a member, you can participate in our policy-making process and shape our national agenda. In addition, you and your city will be eligible to apply for our many grant and award programs.

I know you are familiar with our advocacy efforts on behalf of mayors. In fact, the Conference and its member mayors over many years have developed strong working relationships leaders in Congress, the Administration and the private sector.

Currently, we are fully engaged in the debate on tax reform, working to ensure that key provisions of importance to cities are not eliminated, notably the deductibility of state and local tax taxes or SALT. This is threatened along with the tax exemption for municipal borrowing. At the same time, we are continuing our many efforts to promote transportation and infrastructure investment, enhance public safety, reduce unfunded mandates and protect the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, among other issues.

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In addition to our work on federal policy matters, we have also developed strong partnerships with the private sector through our Mayors' Business Council. We not only benefit from best practices and new private/private offerings, our business partners support more than \$2 million annually in award/grant programs to member mayors.

In addition to the membership information that is attached, I have asked Debra DeHaney-Howard, the Conference's Membership Director, to reach out to you directly to make sure you have all of the information you need or to discuss further the benefits of membership. If you want to reach out to her, Debra can be reached at 202-861-6702 or [ddehaney@usmayors.org](mailto:ddehaney@usmayors.org).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures