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**MAYOR SEGARRA CALLS ON CONGRESS AND THE WHITE
HOUSE TO PUT
PEOPLE BEFORE POLITICS AND KEEP GOVERNMENT
RUNNING**

---NEWS AND COMMUNITY STATEMENT---

(April 8, 2011) --- Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra urges Congressional leaders and the White House to reach an agreement that would keep the Federal Government running and not shut it down over policy issues. He issued this statement today:

“As the Mayor of Connecticut’s Capital City, I believe in collaboration and not confrontation; it is essential that our leaders on Capitol Hill and at the White House come together on the budget and keep the Federal Government, and thus the nation, open for business. People and professionalism need to come before politics. A shutdown would have disastrous consequences that would severely impact Hartford and local communities throughout Connecticut and the country. I have and will continue to reach out to residents, business and neighborhood leaders, as well as other elected officials, to help expedite the economic recovery and put people back to work, maintain essential services, and invest in our local economy. Washington is sending the wrong message with this budget bickering.”

Earlier today, Mayor Segarra took part in a conference call with the White House and federal agency officials for a briefing on the potential impact of a Federal Government shutdown.