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GETTING AMERICA BACK TO WORK IS JOB ONE MAYOR SEGARRA SUPPORTS PRESIDENT'S BALANCED PLAN

NEWS AND COMMUNITY STATEMENT

(September 8, 2011)--- Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra issued this statement in support of President Barack Obama's five point plan to create jobs and rebuild America:

"I am pleased that President Obama presented a balanced and well thought-out plan of action. It provides tax cuts to small businesses; creates a pathway back to work for the unemployed; establishes tax relief to help families stay in their homes; and focuses on essential and necessary infrastructure improvements.

Hartford is primed to greatly benefit as we are already seeing so much tangible progress because of local investments in essential infrastructure and construction projects. It would also enable us to utilize funds locally to preserve the jobs of teachers and first responders -- those who proudly serve and protect Connecticut's Capital City. Moreover, the President's plan nicely couples with my Livable & Sustainable Neighborhoods Initiative, which focuses on stabilizing and improving neighborhoods through investment and increased homeownership opportunities.

What's most important about the President's plan is that it'll provide cities like Hartford a real opportunity to focus on addressing critical issues rather than cutbacks in essential programs and services. I'm glad to see that there are some lessons learned from the original Recovery Act by allowing more decisions to be made at the local level because we know what our diverse communities need and deserve. It's time to get the job done right and create jobs in sectors that will have long-lasting impacts both locally and nationally."