2009 Key Legislative Priorities

- Opposition to Unfunded Mandates & Preemptions
  - Be constantly vigilant against legislative or regulatory initiatives that undermine local government decision making
  - Restore the partnership between governments – federal, state, local and tribal
- Support Economic Stimulus and Revitalization/Increase financial partnership
  - Support economic stimulus packages considered by Congress
  - Providing robust funding for programs such as CDBG/HOME/JAG/Homeland Security/WIA/rural development/transportation/ water infrastructure development and many other domestic programs that are the backbone of our ability to jointly provide for our citizens

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2009 Key Legislative Priorities

- Health Reform
  - Reauthorizing and expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)
  - Support legislation to ensure inmate entitlement benefits
  - Support reforms that will promote healthy communities and that will ensure affordable access to health care
  - Oppose any restrictions in the federal financing of Medicaid that shifts costs to states and localities

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2009 Key Legislative Priorities

- Tax Issues
  - Oppose the mandate contained in Section 511 of PL 109-222 requiring local government to collect a 3% withholding tax for goods and services contracts
  - Oppose the preemption of county telecommunications and other taxing authority
  - Deductibility of state and local taxes should continue to be protected as well as interest on tax exempt bonds

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2009 Key Legislative Priorities

- Transportation/Aviation Reauthorization
  - Reauthorization of federal transportation programs, including road, highway and transit
  - Finalize reauthorization of the federal airport and aviation .
- Energy Issues
  - Support national energy legislation that provides research/development and various incentives for investment in alternative, renewable, and energy efficient technologies (i.e. wind, water reuse, waste to energy, alternative fuels, vehicles, etc.), including full funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

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