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The NACo Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) held its annual Washington, DC Fly-In May 3-5, 2011. Chaired by Commissioner Ilene Lieberman, the two day event focused on LUCC's 2010-2011 Key Priorities which include:

Support for:

- Preserving Medicaid.
- Repealing the 3% Government Contractor Withholding Tax.
- Reauthorizing the Surface Transportation Program (SAFETEA-LU).
- Community Development Block Grant Program.
- HOME investment Partnership Program.
- Workforce Investment Act Programs.
- Local Justice and Public Safety Programs.

Opposition to:

- Preferential Tax Treatment to Online Travel Companies

Legislative round table discussions were held to discuss and educate LUCC members on their key legislative priorities and the most effective ways to advocate for these priorities. Members were then dispatched to Capitol Hill to meet with members of the House and Senate and urge Congressional support for the LUCC priorities.

On Wednesday, Commissioner Lieberman led a delegation from Florida and Maryland and met with Reps. Vern Buchanan, Elijah Cummings, Bill Young, Ted Deutch, Dennis Ross, Mario Diaz-Balart, Sandy Adams and Senators Bill Nelson and Ben Cardin. The meetings with Congressional policy makers were successful toward putting a local face to county issues.

The weeks featured event was a Rally on Capitol Hill in support for preserving Medicaid from becoming a block grant program for states. Senators in attendance included Jay Rockefeller, Jeff Bingaman, Ron Wyden, Al Franken, Richard Blumenthal, and Bernard Sanders. Each senator spoke in passionate opposition to turning Medicaid into a block grant program and in support of county funding priorities.

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On Thursday, Rep. Chaka Fattah, chairman of the Congressional Urban Caucus, addressed LUCC members and urged them to continue their direct member advocacy for programs that keep America’s urban communities strong. He emphasized that we need to stress to congressional leaders not to “cut off our nose to spite our face.”

Commissioner Lieberman was also invited, as the Chair of the Large Urban Counties Caucus, to attend a briefing at the White House with President Obama, Vice President Biden and five cabinet secretaries. The President and key administration officials listened to the County leaders and cooperatively explored ways to meet county funding priorities.

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LUCC will hold its Annual Meeting June 15-17 in Alameda County, CA. The Oakland, CA event will focus on “Winning the Future in our Nation’s Counties” and include round table discussions on the following topics:

- The Importance of Investing in Metropolitan Transportation
- Juvenile Justice
- Restore the Partnership for American Health: Counties in the 21st Century Health System
- How to Improve the Social Service Safety Net

Registration for this event needs to be submitted by June 3, 2011. If you wish to attend this event, please contact the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Professional Standards at 954-357-7575.

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