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National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers
Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association
United States Conference of Mayors**

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The Honorable Sander Levin
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1139 E Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Levin:

The organizations listed above thank you for your ongoing leadership and assistance to state and local governments and the municipal securities community with the inclusion of the municipal bond provisions in the *Building American Jobs Act of 2011*. As many of these provisions expired at the end of 2010, state and local governments and governmental authorities have been trying to adapt to a volatile market with fewer ways to access the credit market. These provisions will help many of our members be better equipped to maintain and develop critical infrastructure and provide services which are necessary to keep our communities strong.

Not only do these provisions help states, local governments, and authorities more easily and affordably access the capital markets, they create jobs. Including these important items related to municipal securities in the *Act* will help small and large entities alike, and are supported by a variety of organizations representing elected officials, government finance professionals, hospitals, airports, schools, power and water authorities, higher education, housing, economic development authorities, legal and market professionals.

We look forward to working with you on this and other issues of interest to our members, and again greatly appreciate your continued support for state and local governments and the municipal bond community.

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