



## CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

SCOTT W. LANG, MAYOR

July 28, 2011

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Representative Barney Frank

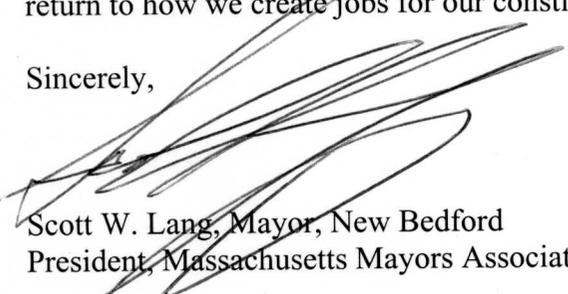
Representative Nikki Tsongas  
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Representative William Keating

Dear Mr. President and Honorable Members of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation:

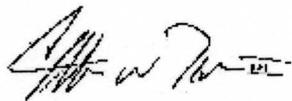
As mayors of cities across Massachusetts, we contend every day with the challenges of cultivating a climate that is conducive to strong economic development and the retention and creation of jobs for our constituents. Cities are the economic engines of this country, and as we work to rebound and rebuild from the recession, it is essential that Washington resolve the debt ceiling issue that is jeopardizing our nation's economic recovery.

Our constituents work hard every day, and they expect Congress to do the same. We greatly appreciate the work that you are doing both in Washington and at home in Massachusetts, and we urge you to call upon Speaker John Boehner and other members who are resistant to compromise to deliver a simple message: our constituents are tired of the rancor and inaction that has come to characterize this debate. The time to compromise and resolve this issue is now. Economic stability for the long term will lead to strong growth; revisiting the debt ceiling issue every six months will destabilize financial markets and further hurt our economy. Attention must return to how we create jobs for our constituents, and how we move this country forward.

Sincerely,



Scott W. Lang, Mayor, New Bedford  
President, Massachusetts Mayors Association



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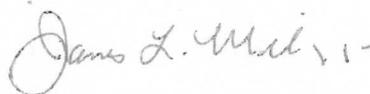
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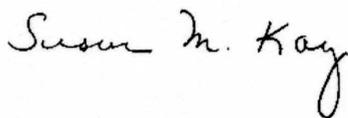
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