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## **U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRESIDENT BALTIMORE MAYOR STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE TO ADDRESS THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB**

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 | 12:30 pm

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Conference of Mayors President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake will address the National Press Club on Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

Rawlings-Blake will discuss the Mayors' *Compact for a Better America: A 2016 Call to Action*, which calls for the Presidential Candidates and Congress to focus on policy issues that are important to people living in cities and their metropolitan areas.

Rawlings-Blake hosted a bipartisan delegation of nearly 40 mayors who serve in the organization's leadership in Baltimore this past weekend to begin crafting the document, which concentrates on issues such as investing in infrastructure, workforce training, innovation, water, air and clean energy, public safety, healthcare and addressing unfunded mandates.

Since more than 80 percent of the people in this country live in cities and their metropolitan areas, mayors believe the Presidential aspirants should prioritize issues that matter most to people who live in urban areas.

"It is clear that people across the country are frustrated that this campaign has not really focused on issues that matter to working families. Mayors see residents everyday who are in need, so we want a real target on the things that matter most to the people who live in our cities and metro areas," said Rawlings-Blake in discussing the Compact. "Gridlock strangles Washington, and the consequences are passed on to cities to the detriment of Americans who are not being served. No serious candidate for President or Congress can or should allow this to continue. The next President needs a national agenda for our cities."

**WHO:** USCM President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake

**WHAT:** National Press Club Luncheon Speaker

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 7 at 12:30 pm ET

**WHERE:** National Press Club | 529 14<sup>th</sup> St, NW, 13 Floor | Washington, D.C. | 202-662-7500

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