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Submitted by:

The Honorable James P. Perron
Mayor of Elkhart

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5. **WHEREAS**, the division of Conrail between CSX Corporation and Norfolk Southern Corporation could negatively impact certain communities if not properly structured by the Surface Transportation Board,
6. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The United States Conference of Mayors does hereby urge the Surface Transportation Board to undertake extensive outreach activities to ensure that communities that are host to Conrail trackage, facilities and employees are consulted during the Board's review of the proposed division of Conrail; and

Resolution No. 64

Submitted by:

The Honorable Michael Guido
Mayor of Dearborn

DEDICATION OF PUBLIC SPECTRUM

1. WHEREAS, a blue ribbon panel has recommended that spectrum be dedicated for public safety purposes; and
2. WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission had proposed dedication of 24 megahertz of spectrum between channels 60 and 69 for use by public safety; and
3. WHEREAS, recent Congressional proposals to frustrate this plan by eliminating any requirement for release of spectrum between channels 60 and 69 by current users, thereby needlessly jeopardizing public safety in communities throughout the country,
4. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The United States Conference of Mayors:

Section 1. That The United States Conference of Mayors strongly and unequivocally urges Congressional adoption of a plan which dedicates a minimum of 24 megahertz of spectrum between channels 60 and 69 for use by public safety and provide funding for equipment to be used by public safety, as proposed by Senator McCain, as soon as possible but no later than December 31, 1999; and

Section 2. The United States Conference of Mayors strongly opposes any attempts to frustrate the dedication of such spectrum for public safety and notes the danger which such delays engender.

Projected Cost: Unknown

Resolution No.59

Submitted by:

The Honorable Norman B. Rice
Mayor of Seattle

The Honorable Dannel P. Malloy
Mayor of Stamford

The Honorable James Garner
Mayor of Hempstead

WELFARE-TO-WORK

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2. **WHEREAS**, cities will face a significant increase in demand for the survival services they typically provide, such as homeless shelters, food banks and health clinics, if livable wage jobs are not available to support low income families; and
3. **WHEREAS**, in the midst of tremendous economic growth and job creation nationally, welfare recipients too frequently remain isolated in neighborhoods that have been left behind, disconnected from the new jobs, support services and educational opportunities people need to succeed; and
4. **WHEREAS**, local community leadership is fundamental to the task of creating a network of relationships that will link people to employers, and to the educational and support services people need to succeed in the workplace, and local government is uniquely capable of influencing employment decisions and creating support systems that best meet the needs of individuals seeking work; and

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5. WHEREAS, shortly after he signed the welfare reform measure, the President promised to create a \$3 billion welfare-to-work initiative which would provide funds to cities to assist in moving hard-to-place recipients into jobs; and

Resolution No. 17

Submitted By:

The Honorable Victor Ashe
Mayor of Knoxville

The Honorable Sharon Sayles Belton
Mayor of Minneapolis

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Mayor of Elkhart

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

1. WHEREAS, United States' cities have benefited in a variety of ways from the important contributions made by the citizen service programs of the Corporation for National Service; and
2. WHEREAS, United States' cities have profited from the power and promise of citizen service and traditional volunteers through the more than one million Americans who serve our communities and youth each day through AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and the National Senior Service Corps programs of the Corporation for National Service; and
3. WHEREAS, United States' cities have been assisted by Corporation for National Service programs that, using service as a strategy, focus on the needs of children and youth in America's cities through teaching, tutoring, mentoring, organizing after school programs, community policing, creating safe havens and safe corridors and providing opportunities for young people to serve; and
4. WHEREAS, United States' cities will benefit from the goal of the Presidents' Summit for America's Future - to turn the tide for millions of young people - and the Corporation for

6. **WHEREAS**, the way the mayor and the schools relate will vary according to local needs and local structures, and all mayors should be empowered to play an appropriate role in their local schools,
7. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The United States Conference of Mayors believes that within the context of a collaborative partnership the following should be considered:
 - a) Mayors should encourage the adoption of tough academic standards in schools.
 - b) Schools should provide adequate training in the basic skills needed to succeed in the current and future job market.
 - c) Through the city/school/business partnership, young people need to have many opportunities to develop relationships with adults.
 - d) Many local businesses, especially small businesses, should be engaged in school-to-career efforts. Specific goals in terms of the number of placements should be established in these efforts.
 - e) Mayors have a role in mobilizing the business community to assist in providing technology to the schools, wiring them, developing the curriculum and training teachers. In addition, mayors can assure that the technology is networked among the schools, libraries and colleges and universities.
 - f) Mayors, police chiefs and superintendents should identify initiatives which increase safety in and around schools and on school buses; and
8. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that areas for specific collaboration and joint activity of mayors and superintendents include reading programs, technology, school construction and renovation, social services, economic development, community

Resolution No. 61

Submitted By:

The Honorable Paul Helmke
Mayor of Fort Wayne

STATE AND LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COALITION

1. **WHEREAS**, The U.S. Conference of Mayors has had strong policy supporting the restructuring and streamlining of our nation's workforce development system for the past seven years and pending legislation in Congress addresses that systemic change; and
2. **WHEREAS**, The U.S. Conference of Mayors is part of a coalition made up of state and local elected officials including the National Governors' Association, National Association of Counties, National Conference of State Legislatures, and the National League of Cities that was formed at the request of House and Senate leadership on the education and labor committees; and
3. **WHEREAS**, last year's debate on workforce development consolidation legislation divided state and local organizations which contributed to the defeat of the legislation; and
4. **WHEREAS**, putting aside differences and building consensus the State and Local Workforce Development Coalition has developed a bi-partisan agreement on workforce consolidation legislation which is designed to help economically disadvantaged adults and youth and dislocated workers obtain gainful employment; and
5. **WHEREAS**, the Coalition believes that the current array of fragmented and narrowly-focused federal employment and training and education programs needs to be replaced by a comprehensive, fully consolidated system that would provide Americans with a world-class standard of services; and

- utilize private sector local workforce development boards in local employment and training and education systems;
 - create a user-friendly, customer-oriented employment and training and education system that uses a no wrong door or one stop approach to service delivery; and
 - establish national, state, and local benchmarks based upon a return on investment strategy to ensure that all programs are operating effectively that rewards program success; and
9. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The U.S. Conference of Mayors urges Congress to incorporate the key elements of the Coalition agreement into the new workforce legislation; and
10. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to gain support from The United States Conference of Mayors, workforce development legislation must include consolidation of major employment and training and education programs.

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Submitted By:

The Honorable Richard M. Daley
Mayor of Chicago

The Honorable Ronald Kirk
Mayor of Dallas

OPPOSING FEDERAL PREEMPTION OF STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. **WHEREAS**, under the U.S. Constitution, states retain authority not expressly given to the federal government and under state constitutions, local governments have been delegated limited authority to collect tax and other revenues, control land use and exercise other powers, in the public interest as determined by local leaders and their citizens; and
2. **WHEREAS**, the devolution of responsibilities from the federal to state and local governments is expected to continue for some time and will undoubtedly increase demands on state and local governments; and
3. **WHEREAS**, numerous bills have either been introduced or in some cases approved that would preempt, limit or intrude upon the ability of state and local governments to exercise traditional authority in such areas as taxation and land use,
4. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The U.S. Conference of Mayors, as a general principle, strongly opposes federal legislation or regulation that would preempt or limit state and local authority.

Projected Cost: Unknown

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modification of personal wireless service facilities, including monopoles and towers.

Section 3. Encourages the FCC to continue its present practice of not intruding - without authorization - into matters involving local concerns and particular factual scenarios. Congress explicitly gave the Commission the ability to receive petitions concerning regulations on the "environmental effects of radio frequency emissions" and then only "to the extent that such facilities comply with the Commission's regulations concerning such emissions."

Projected Cost: Unknown

6. **WHEREAS**, two bills, H.R. 1437 and S. 436, have been introduced in Congress to create a capital trust fund for Amtrak by redirecting one-half cent of the fuel tax revenue that goes to the general treasury; and
7. **WHEREAS**, the future of a national intercity rail passenger system that serves both urban and rural communities is in jeopardy without adequate capital investment,
8. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The United States Conference of Mayors does hereby support a dedicated stable source of capital funding for Amtrak; and
9. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that such source of capital funding be equivalent to at least one-half cent of the federal fuel tax revenue.

Projected Cost: Unknown

6. **WHEREAS**, the Coalition agreement is designed to have a performance-driven workforce development system that would integrate service delivery, offer universal access and life-long learning and be held accountable for the results which is essential in the global economy; and
7. **WHEREAS**, the Coalition believes that consolidation of federal employment and training and education programs must be integrated into a comprehensive system to ensure that funding is maintained at current levels,
8. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The United States Conference of Mayors supports the State and Local Workforce Development Coalition agreement which would develop an employment and training system that would:
 - use the strengths of all levels of government;
 - grant states and localities flexibility to develop effective and innovative programs through a system of waivers and flexible services;
 - consolidate more than 75 different employment and training and education programs into a single funding stream through which states and localities may develop an integrated system of employment and training and education services;
 - enhance responsibilities for the chief local elected official including development of the local workforce plan in partnership with the local board and other related oversight functions;
 - grant governors and states the authority to develop and implement strong workforce development policies and programs;
 - establish a network of workforce development areas within states through which employment and training and education services would be delivered;
 - ensure strong leadership from governors, and county and city officials so that various government agencies and programs work together to ensure customer access to a wide range of services that will lead to gainful employment;

Resolution No. 16

Submitted By:

The Honorable Thomas Menino
Mayor of Boston

The Honorable Sharon Sayles Belton
Mayor of Minneapolis

The Honorable Richard M. Daley
Mayor of Chicago

The Honorable Arlene J. Mulder
Mayor of Arlington Heights

The Honorable Wellington E. Webb
Mayor of Denver

MAYORAL INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

1. WHEREAS, the increasing competitiveness of our global economy requires that our young people be better educated than at any time in our history; and
2. WHEREAS, the reduction in federal funding for many "second chance" programs such as job training and literacy makes it even more important that young people get a good education during their school years; and
3. WHEREAS, cities with older school systems, as well as communities experiencing rapid growth, are facing major school construction and renovation costs; and
4. WHEREAS, educational technology must be made available to needier school districts to mitigate the widening gap between technology "haves" and "have nots;" and
5. WHEREAS, mayoral involvement in educational partnerships can produce significant improvements in local schools; and

schools/after-school programs and support for mayoral initiatives; and

9. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that The U.S. Conference of Mayors strongly supports continued expansion of the Title I and school-to-career programs of the U.S. Department of Education; and
10. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that The U.S. Conference of Mayors strongly supports increased funding within the U.S. Department of Education to spur new partnerships among mayors, schools, businesses and the community, with such funding including a Mayor's Educational Initiatives Grant program and a "Labor-Management Partnerships" program; and
11. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that The U.S. Conference of Mayors applauds in principle the President's Call to Action for American Education for the 21st century and supports the President's school construction and renovation program, technology and reading initiatives, and increased funding for after-school programs; and
12. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that The U.S. Conference of Mayors should examine the impact of welfare reform on schools and identify efforts and activities to mitigate anticipated problems; and
13. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that The U.S. Conference of Mayors should monitor research and efforts in early childhood programs and identify ways they can foster early learning programs.

Projected Cost: Unknown

National Service has been a leader in planning and carrying out the Summit on behalf of America's young people,

5. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The United States Conference of Mayors strongly urges the Members of Congress to support the reauthorization of the national service programs administered by the Corporation for National Service.

Projected Cost: Unknown

5. WHEREAS, shortly after he signed the welfare reform measure, the President promised to create a \$3 billion welfare-to-work initiative which would provide funds to cities to assist in moving hard-to-place recipients into jobs; and
6. WHEREAS, the balanced budget agreement between Congress and the Administration included provisions for this \$3 billion initiative and, as part of reconciliation legislation, work is underway in both houses of Congress to construct a bipartisan program which would provide highly targeted funds to localities to move long-term welfare recipients into jobs; and
7. WHEREAS, in its long-standing welfare reform policy The U.S. Conference of Mayors has called for welfare benefits that are sufficient to maintain a standard of living compatible with health and well-being, and current efforts in the House of Representatives would exclude welfare recipients engaged in public service workfare positions from worker protections including minimum wage provisions by denying them employee status and allow states to count the value of non-cash benefits, specifically Medicaid, child care and housing assistance, along with TANF benefits and food stamps in calculating the total value of benefits received,
8. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The U.S. Conference of Mayors registers its support for the welfare-to-work program which has been reported out of the House Ways and Means Committee and urges the full House to pass it and the Senate to pass similar legislation; and
9. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The U.S. Conference of Mayors opposes any efforts to deny recipients engaged in public service workfare programs employee status and worker protections, exempt them from the minimum wage or count non-cash benefits in calculating benefit levels.

Projected Cost: \$3 billion