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MAYOR BROWN DELIVERS CITY'S 2008 FEDERAL AGENDA *Washington Lobbying Trip Highlights City's Funding Priorities*

BUFFALO – Mayor Byron Brown today traveled to Washington, D.C. to deliver the City of Buffalo's 2008 Federal Agenda.

Accompanied by First Deputy Mayor Steve Casey and Tim Wanamaker, Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning, the Mayor has scheduled meetings with Senators Schumer and Clinton, and Members of Congress Slaughter, Reynolds and Higgins. The Mayor will also meet with senior level representatives of the U.S. department of Homeland Security and the General Services Administration.

"As with our first federal funding effort last year, my Administration's 2008 federal agenda is focused and well-defined," stated Mayor Brown. "Similar to our legislative agenda in Albany, this agenda reflects my determination to improve the city's overall economy and quality of life by accessing critically important federal funds for a variety of important projects in Buffalo. We have made excellent progress at both the federal and state levels of government and we intend to continue that positive momentum through our legislative and funding agendas this year in Albany and Washington."

Among the Mayor's agenda items are federal funds for: proposed citywide anti-crime camera surveillance system (\$1 million), Hickory Woods environmental remediation (\$5.6 million), environmental impact study for a bridge or bridges connecting lower Main Street to the Outer Harbor (\$1 million), and Fruit Belt Redevelopment community enhancements and infrastructure improvements (\$1.6 million).

The Mayor's federal agenda also included requests for several community-based priorities, which include appropriations for: City of Buffalo Micro- and Small-Business Loan Program, Young Adult Employment/Job Training Program, Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention Program, Drug-Free Communities program, Prisoner Re-Entry Program and the proposed Buffalo Urban Arts Center.

MAYOR BROWN AND STAFF WILL RETURN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH AT 5:55 P.M. VIA SOUTHWEST AIRLINES.

Note: The Mayor's federal and state legislative agendas are available on the city's website: www.city-buffalo.com

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