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Below is the statement that the White House Press Secretary, Robert Gibbs released today.

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"A number of Administration officials, including the Vice President, have been looking forward to attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting in Providence as an opportunity to continue the strong relationship the Obama Administration has built with America's mayors since the Transition began in November. Unfortunately, because of circumstances surrounding the conference, Administration officials will not be participating in this year's meeting in Providence.

As you know, The International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) asked the Administration to respect the picket that is being organized by local firefighters who have been in a longstanding dispute with Mayor Cicilline. While this Administration is taking no position on the circumstances of the dispute itself, we have always respected picket lines, and Administration officials will not cross this one.

We understand that this will prevent numerous Administration officials from having a very useful and important dialogue with America's mayors at this meeting, and we will redouble our efforts to continue the dialogue in other ways. Accordingly, we have invited Mayor Diaz and the other leaders of the U.S. Conference of Mayors to the White House to discuss our ongoing work with America's mayors to get the economy moving again, create jobs and address many of the issues that Washington has ignored for too long."

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