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## **Nation’s Governors Meet with President Biden to Urge Action on Debt Ceiling and Bipartisan Priorities**

On Friday, February 10, 2023, governors from across the nation met in the White House with President Joseph Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Chief of Staff Jeff Zients, National Economic Council Director Brian Deese, Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Marcia Fudge, Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, and Senior Advisors Mitch Landrieu, John Podesta, Gene Sperling and Julie Chavez Rodriguez. Key issues of discussion included economic development, infrastructure investment and several bipartisan priorities.

Several governors echoed similar sentiments for the Congress and Administration to work collaboratively to ensure a bipartisan solution to address the U.S. statutory debt ceiling and to “consider serious long-term reforms that will reduce the national debt and put the country on more sustainable fiscal footing.”

Forty-five governors will be attending the National Governors Association (NGA) Winter Meeting this week. This allows for governors from across the country to bring together and discuss best practices and solutions in addressing these issues. “Opportunities as such bring leaders into one room with a common goal, to improve and to better the lives of our people.” stated Governor Lemanu. He continued, “I look forward to these discussions and bringing forth solutions for our American Samoa.”

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