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[Insert foundation name], [Insert representative/senator name] Meet to Strengthen Public-Philanthropic Collaboration

[City, State Abbreviation] – Making the most of the August congressional recess, many legislators are returning to their districts and meeting with representatives from community, corporate, private, and international foundations to help strengthen the collective impact of the public and philanthropic sectors. Today, ***[insert foundation name]*** met with ***[insert representative/senator name]*** to explore ways to collaborate more effectively in addressing community challenges such as education, health care, and poverty.

"[Insert quote from foundation]," said [insert name], [insert title]. "Continue quote from foundation leader." [Message should emphasize the commitment of foundations to foster collaboration among leaders within the community to address their pressing needs and advance the public good]

As part of the Council on Foundations' District Days 2010, foundations across the country are meeting with members of Congress during the August recess to discuss issues that are important to advancing the work of foundations and philanthropy. Some of the hot topics include:

- Extending and expanding the IRA charitable rollover to include gifts to donor-advised funds, gifts above \$100,000, and planned gifts.
- Implementing a flat-rate, revenue-neutral private foundation excise tax.
- Maintaining current law on charitable deduction rates to support and encourage charitable giving.
- Reinstating the estate tax at an appropriate exemption level as an incentive for the wealthiest taxpayers to give generously.

[Insert foundation/local information regarding its recent/relevant efforts as a community partner/leader in addressing pressing needs]

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