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Trenton American Rescue Plan Committee Announces Chair

Princeton, NJ – March 29, 2021– The Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber congratulates Chairman of the Board, **Brenda Ross-Dulan** for her appointment to the **Trenton American Rescue Plan Advisory Committee** as Chair.

Mayor W. Reed Gusciora announced last Thursday that following the passage of the American Rescue Plan, the City of Trenton will assemble a committee of city officials, policy experts, and community leaders to evaluate upcoming projects that will take advantage of **\$73.8 million in federal aid** coming to Trenton over the next year.

“Throughout the pandemic, we’ve taken advantage of every funding source we could to provide free testing for Trenton residents, offer emergency loans to support local businesses, hire critical first responders, and launch new online platforms to ensure remote access to essential services,” said Mayor Gusciora. “Imagine what we can do with nearly \$74 million in funds dedicated to helping communities like ours get back on our feet.”

The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan contains \$360 billion in state and local aid to help employ essential workers, assist struggling families and small businesses, and make critical infrastructure investments.

“I’m honored to be appointed to this Advisory Committee and to serve as its chair. I look forward to working alongside some extremely well-respected individuals who want the best for the City of Trenton! My sincere thanks to Mayor Reed Gusciora for the confidence,” said Ross-Dulan.

The State of New Jersey will receive approximately \$6.4 billion plus another \$189 million to expand broadband internet across the state. Each of the 21 county governments will split \$1.8 billion, with another \$1.7 billion divided among all 565 cities and municipalities. Trenton is due to receive \$73.8 million of that aid, with the first half arriving within 60 days of the bill being signed into law. The other half will arrive within the next 12 months.

“Brenda has been a vital leader within the Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber as Chairman of the Board and we could not be more honored to have her serve on this crucial committee,” commented Hal English, President & CEO of the Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber. “It will lead our Region, our businesses and our members back on the path to prosperity as we continue to forge through this pandemic together.”

The committee is made up of the following individuals: Brandon McKoy, President of N.J. Policy Perspective; Marge Caldwell-Wilson, City Council Vice President; Elvin Montero, Director of Communications, Chemistry Council of New Jersey; Jeannine LaRue, Senior Vice President of the Kaufman Zita Group; Kelly Ingram, I Am Trenton; Adam E. Cruz, Business Administrator; Dr. Adela M. Ames-Lopez, Director of Health and Human Services; Maria Richardson, Director of Recreation, Natural Resources, and Culture; Wahab A. Onitiri, Director of Public Works; Andre McNair, owner of Octobers Vintage in Trenton; Shereyl Snider, UrbanPromise Trenton.

The Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber– The Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber is a membership organization committed to promoting business growth within the Central New Jersey and Mercer County Region. With more than 8,000 individual Chamber member contacts and more than 1,600 Member companies, the Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber is one of the largest regional Chambers in the state. More information about the Chamber can be found at www.princetonmercerchamber.org.
