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**TO:** Councilman Jami Larson

**FROM:** Dan Culhane

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**RE:** Federal legislative visit – March 30-April 1, 2011

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The annual federal legislative visit to Washington, DC is coming up March 30-April 1, 2011 that will be hosted by the Ames Chamber of Commerce. I am hopeful that you and the rest of the city council will support Steve Schainker and at least one other member of the council going on this important legislative endeavor. These visits are vital to a community and this is highly apparent by the number of communities that spend time and resources to enhance relationships with their contacts in our nation's capitol on an annual basis.

This year we are planning to meet with agencies such as the United States Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, and the Department of Transportation. I would hope that we could define opportunities to meet the right people on issues such as flood mitigation, renewable and sustainable energy, Grand Avenue extension, and the list goes on of things our community should be pursuing.

Naturally, we will meet with our elected officials while we are there and our times with both Senators and our Congressman are confirmed. Other aspects of the trip are coming together nicely and we hope to have the agenda and all travel arrangements finalized by the middle of next week.

I look forward to hearing from you.

