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Wayne County Executive meets with White House officials

(Detroit) – Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano traveled to Washington D.C. today to participate with other county officials in a White House County Officials Meeting.

Senior White House officials and the nation's county leaders took part in a discussion that included topics like infrastructure, sustainable communities, health reform implementation and Medicaid.

There are over 3,000 counties in the nation. When the national government was formed, the framers of the Constitution did not provide for local governments. Rather, they left the matter to the states. Early state constitutions generally conceptualized county government as an arm of the state.

After World War II, a new era of county government was ushered in. Counties began providing an ever broadening range of services. These trends continue today.

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