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REACTION BY THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOM COCHRAN ON GOVERNORS' REJECTION OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUNDS

U.S. MAYORS SEND LETTER TO PRESIDENT OBAMA

Washington, D.C. – On the heels of a letter to President Obama from the nation's mayors, the U.S. Conference of Mayors CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran made the following comments in response to governors' rejection of economic recovery funding:

"The nation's mayors met with President Obama, Vice President Biden and Cabinet Officers last week and committed ourselves both Republican and Democrats to work to implement the Economic Recovery ARRA legislation immediately. This week, governors are here in Washington and there is concern over the statements of some governors that certain funds will not be allowed to reach the cities and our people in many states. The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) working with our members and monitoring the situation, will continue to report as we determine the best course to ensure that needed funds across the board reach the citizens of the metro areas of the nation.

"It is unfortunate that a number of governors have come to Washington and cast a cloud of division in their ranks. The USCM through its membership commits itself to work with all governors and city and county officials to turn the economy around and reach President Obama's goal of 3.5 million jobs as we go forward to December of 2010."

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