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To: The Mayor

From: Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director

Three weeks after the earthquake hit Haiti, we continue to be overwhelmed by the devastation and human misery we see in that country. This has occurred despite a massive effort by the United States and nations throughout the world.

Many of you have contacted us asking how to provide help to Haiti and its people. Through my previous memos we have provided you with the information we've gotten about how to send help to Haiti.

Because so many cities have responded to the crisis in Haiti, we would like to share information on cities' efforts with all of our members and the public. We plan to publish this information in U.S. Mayor and on our Web site.

If your city – either the government or organizations in your community – has provided help to Haiti, please send us information in the form of a brief narrative describing that help. Include in it:

- How your city played a role in letting the community know how to send help to Haiti;
- How your city provided any of its own resources (personnel, equipment, supplies, funding, etc.);
- Whether and how your city or an organization in your city arranged for an airlift to transport equipment, supplies, etc. to Haiti;
- Whether your city or an organization in your city is hosting any Haitians affected by the earthquake;
- Any agencies or organizations (including religious institutions) in your city which you would like to cite for their efforts.

Photos (with captions) depicting local efforts are welcome.

In addition, please feel free to include any comments on your experience working with the various national organizations – governmental and non-governmental – that you contacted in connection with providing help to Haiti.

Please send your information as soon as possible and no later than close of business next Monday (February 8) to the Conference's Director of Public Safety, Laura DeKoven Waxman, at lwaxman@usmayors.org. If you have any questions please contact Laura by email or at (202) 861-6754.