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## **THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS APPLAUDS THE ADMINISTRATION'S NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY**

### **Statement of CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran**

Washington, D.C. – The new National Drug Control Strategy released today by President Barack Obama moves us in important new directions as it strives to address one of the most complex problems facing our nation and its cities.

Mayors are pleased that the strategy calls for bringing prevention and treatment into balance with law enforcement. It also acknowledges that drug problems are most effectively handled at the local level and emphasizes the importance of community-based efforts to prevent drug use. It calls for early intervention by integrating substance abuse treatment into mainstream healthcare, initiatives to curb prescription drug abuse, and expanded support for treatment and recovery.

Mayors are especially pleased that the strategy focuses on breaking the cycle of drug use, crime, delinquency and incarceration through support of law enforcement and other parts of the criminal justice system working in partnership with communities. And, it seeks to disrupt domestic drug trafficking and production while strengthening international partnerships.

This strategy incorporates drug control policies mayors have been advocating for many years. The U.S. Conference of Mayors looks forward to working with President Obama and National Drug Control Policy Director Gil Kerlikowske to implement this important new National Drug Control Strategy.

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To see the Administration's National Drug Control Policy, please visit  
<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/strategy/>.

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