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The Honorable Cory Booker
United States Senate
717 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee
United States House of Representatives
2079 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Jackson Lee and Senator Booker:

On behalf of The United States Conference of Mayors, I am pleased to share with you that last week at the Conference's 88th Annual Meeting, the nation's mayors unanimously passed a [resolution \(link\)](#) I sponsored in support of the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act (H.R. 40/S. 1083). We recognize and support your legislation as a concrete first step in our larger reckoning as a nation, and a next step to guide the actions of both federal and local leaders who have promised to do better by our Black residents.

Our support of your bicameral legislation is not just an endorsement – it is a resolution. We have resolved to do better for our Black residents by promoting equal rights and opportunity through the implementation of policy reforms at the local level, as well as through our advocacy for action at the federal level.

This year, the nation's mayors will work diligently on a national platform known as an American Breakthrough, which will be informed by mayor-led work groups on critical interconnected challenges: Police Reform and Racial Justice; Guiding the COVID-19 Response and Health Equity; Eliminating Poverty; Dismantling Systemic Racism; and Supporting Equitable Economic Recovery. We are committed to doing our role in local government to disrupt systemic racism, which inhibits the realization of a nation of liberty, prosperity, and justice for all.

Thank you for your tireless advocacy on behalf of our cities. We are proud to echo your calls to address centuries of racial injustice and inequities in America, and the nation's mayors stand ready to support and amplify your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Fischer".

Greg Fischer
Mayor of Louisville
President