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MAYORS COMMEND HOUSE PASSAGE OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN, URGE QUICK ACTION IN THE SENATE

Statement From U.S. Conference of Mayors President Miami Mayor Manny Diaz

Washington, D.C. – “On behalf of the nation’s mayors, I am pleased that the U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Bill. This bill meets the mayors’ expectations of creating millions of jobs and jumpstarting our economy.

“Mayors are especially pleased to see significant funding for local programs with targeted investments and unprecedented accountability measures. In fact, many of the programs in the House measure represent long-term priorities that the Conference of Mayors has been promoting for years. Both the House and Senate bills contain funding for our key priorities including creating jobs through road and street improvements, bridge repair and maintenance, transit projects, public safety and water and wastewater infrastructure. The bills also contain funding for much needed job training, expanded unemployment benefits, and increased tax benefits.

“Cities and metropolitan areas are where 84% of the American people live and where the pain of this economic downturn is being felt most. This American Recovery and Reinvestment Bill places the greatest resources where public investment can have the greatest impact.

“We urge the Senate to also show their support for job creation and jumpstarting our economy.”

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