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STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOM COCHRAN ON PASSAGE OF ENERGY REFINERY LEGISLATION

Washington, D.C. – “On behalf of the nation’s mayors, the United States Conference of Mayors is extremely disappointed that the House of Representatives today passed H. R. 3893, *The Gasoline for America’s Security Act of 2005* – the second energy bill to be passed by the House in less than eight weeks without the benefit of mayoral input.

We are very disturbed about the legislative process, or the lack thereof, on such significant changes to federal policy without adequate hearings involving mayors and other local officials whose communities will be directly impacted by this bill.

In addition, the bill regrettably continues to emphasize unnecessary expansion of federal powers to override state and local governments regarding land usage.

To push this energy bill through Congress in such a short amount of time under the guise of immediately reducing high gasoline costs is disingenuous. We all know that refineries will not be built overnight, thus this bill will not impact the nation’s gas prices for a long while.”

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