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STATEMENT OF BOSTON MAYOR THOMAS MENINO, PRESIDENT, U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, ON SENATE PASSAGE OF FISCAL RELIEF FOR CITIES

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“The nation’s mayors are extremely pleased that the Senate voted today 95-3 to approve \$4 billion in fiscal relief for America’s cities and counties. This strong bipartisan vote responds to the needs of our cities, whose budgets have been squeezed by the weak national economy, state aid cuts, and the increasing demands of homeland security.

“We will work hard to ensure that this essential provision remains in the final bill agreed to by the conference committee and can be enacted quickly, so the funds can be distributed to states and cities as soon as possible.”

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The primary roles of the Conference of Mayors are to promote the development of effective national urban/suburban policy; strengthen federal-city relationships; ensure that federal policy meets urban needs; provide mayors with leadership and management tools; and create a forum in which mayors can share ideas and information. The Conference will hold its 71st Annual Meeting in Denver June 5-10, 2003. More information is available online at www.usmayors.org.

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