



**STATEMENT OF NEW ORLEANS MAYOR MARC MORIAL,
PRESIDENT, U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS**

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“The nation’s mayors strongly disagree with the Administration’s decision not to use adjusted census data in determining how to allocate federal funds. It is unfair and unwise.

“The unadjusted data excludes approximately 3.3 million people. Most are city residents; many are minorities. Cities now stand to lose hundreds of millions of dollars in federal as well as state aid over the next decade.

“This decision comes at a critical time, as cities work to meet essential security, law enforcement, and public health needs. It means that America’s cities will get the short end of the stick.”

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