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## **STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRESIDENT BEVERLY O'NEILL ON RISING ENERGY COSTS**

Washington, D.C. – “The nation’s mayors are very concerned about the recent spike in fuel and energy costs and the financial burden it places on American citizens and families. Industry projections for continued increases throughout the summer means additional strain on family budgets and forced changes in transportation patterns.

To address this growing issue, the nation’s mayors are coming together for a national summit on energy and the environment in Chicago this May to identify innovative strategies to reduce this unfair burden on all citizens who are working everyday for themselves or their families.

Mayors know that aggressive action is necessary to turn this tide, and they are taking the lead in addressing the nation’s energy challenges to reduce our dependency on foreign oil.

We cannot wait on the federal government; we must do what mayors do best and act now.”

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