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Statement from The U.S. Conference of Mayors CEO & Executive Director Tom Cochran On the Earthquake in Haiti

Washington, D.C. – “On behalf of the nation’s mayors, The U.S. Conference of Mayors extends prayers and condolences to the people of Haiti and their families here in the United States. We are all devastated this morning by the images of death and destruction of death in the wake of yesterday’s massive earthquake.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors has a long history of support for Haiti. As the organization that represents cities all across this country, we recognize the numbers of residents in our cities who have family and loved ones in Haiti and are concerned about their well-being. Without fail, when disasters like this occur, mayors call to ask how they and their cities can help, and we stand ready to assist in the relief effort initiated by President Obama to help the people of Haiti to recover from this terrible disaster.”

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