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MAYORS SAY FISCAL CLIFF WOULD IMPACT HUNGER, HOMELESSNESS IN AMERICA:
The U.S. Conference of Mayors to Release 2012 Hunger and Homelessness Survey

25-CITY SURVEY RESULTS ANNOUNCED ON A CONFERENCE CALL
Thursday, December 20 – 12 noon (EST)

Washington, D.C. – With threats of the fiscal cliff pending and budget cuts to domestic programs looming, The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) will release its 2012 Hunger and Homelessness Report on Thursday, December 20 at 12:00 noon (EST) during a CONFERENCE CALL featuring mayors from around the country.

The survey will include results from 25 of America’s major cities (listed below) and highlight how the slowly recovering national economy impacts people in need of shelter and food assistance in metropolitan centers in the United States. If Congress and President Obama fail to reach a budget deal prior to December 31 and sequestration cuts take effect, programs that fund homeless shelters and food pantries could see drastic cuts.

For more than a quarter century, The Conference of Mayors has reported on the status of hunger and homelessness in our nation’s cities, as well as individual programs offered to help those needing emergency assistance.

**NOTE: AN ADVANCED EMBARGOED COPY OF THE REPORT AND RELEASE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT WWW.USMAYORS.ORG THE EVENING OF Wednesday, Dec. 19th! **

WHO:
Philadelphia, PA Mayor Michael Nutter, USCM President
Asheville, NC Mayor Terry Bellamy, USCM Hunger and Homelessness Task Force Chair
Louisville, KY Mayor Greg Fischer, USCM Metro Economies Committee Chair
Tom Cochran, USCM CEO and President
Jennifer Ho, Deputy Director, United States Interagency Council On Homelessness

WHAT:
NATIONAL CONFERENCE CALL to release the 2012 HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS REPORT

WHEN:
Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 12:00 noon (EST)

WHERE:
Call-In Number: 1-800-768-6570 | Passcode: 7877462

PARTICIPATING CITIES (25):
Asheville, NC
Boston, MA
Charleston, SC
Charlotte, NC
Chicago, IL
Cleveland, OH
Dallas, TX
Denver, CO
Des Moines, IA
Gastonia, NC
Los Angeles, CA
Louisville, KY
Minneapolis, MN
Nashville, TN
Norfolk, VA
Philadelphia, PA
Phoenix, AZ
Portland, OR
Providence, RI
San Antonio, TX
St. Paul, MN
Salt Lake City, UT
San Francisco, CA
Trenton, NJ
Washington, D.C.

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