STATEMENT BY U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRESIDENT SACRAMENTO MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSON ON THE BALTIMORE STATE’S ATTORNEY’S ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE FREDDIE GRAY CASE AND BALTIMORE MAYOR STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE’S RESPONSE FOLLOWING IT

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Conference of Mayors President Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson issued the following statement today in reaction to the Baltimore State’s Attorney’s announcement in the Freddie Gray case and Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake’s response:

“Acting on reports submitted to her yesterday by the Baltimore Police Department and the Medical Examiner, State’s Attorney Marilyn Mosby today took quick and decisive action in the effort to deliver justice in the death of Freddie Gray. Her strong public statement regarding the charges against the six police officers involved should assure the people of Baltimore and the nation that the pursuit of justice in this case will be diligent, transparent, and prompt.

“Credit is also due Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake for her immediate and forceful response to the State’s Attorney’s action. She instructed Police Commissioner Batts to suspend and arrest the six officers. And she reflected the feelings of mayors across America when she stated that the vast majority of police officers serve their communities with pride, courage, honor, and distinction, and that there is no place for brutality, misconduct, racism or corruption in the policing of our cities.

“The nation’s mayors stand with Mayor Rawlings-Blake in her pledge of justice for Freddie Gray, his family, and the people of Baltimore.”

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