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## STATEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOM COCHRAN ON THE BROADBAND FOR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT OF 2010

Washington, D.C. -- All Americans deserve cities that are safe and secure, and effective communications among police, fire, and other first responders are essential to this. Congressman Peter King is introducing important legislation allocating the D block of the 700 Mhz spectrum to public safety. Mayors strongly support this because it would help to assure that our first responders are able to access a broadband network capable of providing reliable high speed data and voice applications so that they can meet current and future public safety needs. We look forward to working closely with Congressman King to see his bill enacted into law.

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The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,139 such cities in the country today. Each city is represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the mayor. More information about the Conference is available at [usmayors.org](http://usmayors.org).