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**Executive Director:**

JOHN J. GUNTHER

Dear Congressman:

The Conference of Mayors recently concluded its 1965 Annual Conference at which the nation's Mayors reiterated their support for the establishment of a federal Cabinet level Department to deal with questions of housing and urban development.

The Mayors, through the Conference, have been strong supporters of such a department for 10 years and it is that you might know of this support that I am pleased to enclose herewith a copy of the resolution adopted on June 2.

We hope that you will support legislation to establish the Department which we understand will come before the House of Representatives in the very near future.

Sincerely,



Neal S. Blaisdell  
Mayor of Honolulu  
President, United States  
Conference of Mayors

Attachment

Resolution Adopted  
1965 Annual Conference of Mayors  
The Chase-Park Plaza Hotel  
St. Louis, Missouri  
June 2, 1965

Department of Housing and Community Development

WHEREAS, the rapid growth of our urban areas has created problems affecting both our national welfare and economic productivity which call for effective and timely action by federal, state, and local government and by private enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has a clear responsibility for providing positive leadership and constructive assistance in the solving of these problems; and

WHEREAS, placing the functions of housing and urban development under a Cabinet-level federal department will give proper recognition to the importance of urban problems in the social and economic advancement of the nation; and will help achieve more effective coordination of the programs affecting urban areas and will provide local government officials with a centralized resource of information and assistance on the full range of federal programs affecting urban areas; and

WHEREAS, President Lyndon B. Johnson and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey have given their full support to legislation now before the Congress to create such a Department; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Conference of Mayors has long and actively supported the creation of such a Department to deal directly with the problems of the cities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the U. S. Conference of Mayors again reiterate its support for the proposed Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each member of the United States Congress be memorialized with a copy of this resolution.