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May 8, 2020 Correction of Date for today's Urgent Alert

Please act on this important communication and call to action from the NJLM national affiliate, the National League of Cities. Help amplify the message that cities are essential and require direct federal economic relief.

Cities Are Essential. Join the Fight.

Cities, towns and villages are in the fight of our lives. And we intend to win it.

After over two months of no direct federal aid to most of America's communities on the frontline of the COVID-19 response, local governments are saying enough is enough.

We need direct support and economic relief and we need it NOW.

That is why NLC has launched the [Cities Are Essential campaign](#), to uplift the stories of our communities and residents, and get aid where it can make the biggest difference. We're asking for at least **\$500 billion over two years for local governments**, to help us respond, recover and reopen.

This money will save lives.

And we need you - all of you - to **get involved!** Send a letter to your Congressman, make noise on social media, and write an Op-Ed. We need to partner together to help America bounce back.

NLC has put together some critical resources and tools to help you bust myths, get your message out, and connect with your federal partners in Washington. Now is the time to fight! **America's municipalities are essential, and we prove it everyday.**

[Take Action Now!](#)

For more tools, resources and actions to take, visit the [Cities Are Essential campaign page](#). For other recovery and response resources for local leaders, visit [NLC's COVID-19 Response website](#).

To assist in providing guidance and information visit the [NJLM COVID-19 resource page](#). We will continue to update the page as we get pertinent information and include announcements in our Daily Updates.

We're in this fight, together.

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