



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Max Baucus
Chairman
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
Ranking Member
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Baucus and Ranking Member Hatch:

I write on behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the more than 3,000 Sheriffs nationwide to express our support for the nomination of R. Gil Kerlikowske to serve as the next Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

During his nearly forty years working in the law enforcement and drug policy fields, Mr. Kerlikowske has shown time and again his commitment to ensuring the safety of this nation and our communities. His national and local experiences as Director of the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy; Chief of Police for the City of Seattle, WA; Police Commissioner of Buffalo, NY; Deputy Director for the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; and President of the Major Cities Chiefs Association and the Police Executive Research Forum, etc., have tested and equipped Mr. Kerlikowske very well to coordinate and collaborate effectively with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies and partners to further CBP's mission of protecting this nation's borders from all possible threats.

In conclusion, the National Sheriffs' Association stands ready to assist in the confirmation of R. Gil Kerlikowske as the next Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and we urge the Committee on Finance and the United States Senate to move swiftly to confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron D. Kennard".

Sheriff (ret.) Aaron D. Kennard
Executive Director