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The Honorable Max Baucus  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Baucus and Ranking Member Hatch:

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am pleased to inform you of our support for the nomination of R. Gil Kerlikowske to serve as the next Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The IACP believes that the selection of Mr. Kerlikowske is an excellent decision and one that will truly enhance the CBP's mission and ability to protect the nation's borders from all threats.

As a result of Mr. Kerlikowske's nearly forty years of law enforcement and drug policy experience, he is well positioned to serve as the next Commissioner of the CBP. Mr. Kerlikowske understands the crucial role and the unique challenges that federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies play in combating crime, terrorism, the distribution and use of illicit narcotics, and other daily threats to our nation's communities.

Mr. Kerlikowske's has always demonstrated an unyielding commitment to law enforcement agencies and to safeguarding our nation. He clearly has the qualifications, experience and commitment necessary to be an effective leader of the CBP. Therefore, the IACP urges you to rapidly confirm Mr. Kerlikowske's nomination.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if the IACP may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Craig T. Steckler  
President