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## NAPO WASHINGTON REPORT FLASH

### **NAPO Supports R. Gil Kerlikowske's Nomination – Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

On August 1, 2013, President Obama announced his intention to nominate R. Gil Kerlikowske as Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Kerlikowske has been the Director of National Drug Control Policy since 2009 and previously served as the Deputy Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services at the Department of Justice.

**NAPO fully supports Mr. Kerlikowske's nomination. (See NAPO's endorsement letters to Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus & Ranking Member Orrin Hatch below).** Mr. Kerlikowske has 37 years of law enforcement and drug policy experience, including serving nine years as Chief of Police in Seattle, Washington, and five years as Police Commissioner in Buffalo, New York.

Mr. Kerlikowske has been a dedicated career public servant, and has continually evidenced his integrity, strong judgment, and commitment to the law enforcement mission. NAPO has urged the Senate Finance Committee to act swiftly in confirming Mr. Kerlikowske for this critical position.

If you have any questions about NAPO's endorsement of Mr. Kerlikowske, please contact Melissa Nee at: [mnee@napo.org](mailto:mnee@napo.org).

**Source:**

"CBP Commissioner Nominee Is Current Drug Czar and Former Police Chief." *STR & STTAS International Trade and Customs*. N.p., n.d. Web. 21 Aug. 2013. <<http://www.strtrade.com/news-publications-customs-commissioner-Kerlikowske-080513.html>>.

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August 19, 2013

The Honorable Max Baucus  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Baucus:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), 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.

NAPO is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America's law enforcement through legislative and legal advocacy, political action, and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents more than 1,000 police units and associations, 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers, and more than 100,000 citizens who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

Mr. Kerlikowske is one of our nation's most skilled and respected law enforcement professionals. Throughout his career, Mr. Kerlikowske has demonstrated that he is exceptionally qualified to handle the full range of challenges faced by today's U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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We urge the Senate Finance Committee to act swiftly in confirming Mr. Kerlikowske for this critical position. If NAPO can provide any additional information to support Mr. Kerlikowske's nomination, please do not hesitate to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

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