



The Honorable Senator Patrick Leahy, Chairman
Honorable Senator Arlen Specter, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senators Leahy and Specter:

I write to support the nomination of Gil Kerlikowske as the Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. Chief Kerlikowske started his impressive law enforcement career in the Tampa Bay Area and received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in our Criminology program at the University of South Florida.

As a professor, social scientist and director of a top-ranked graduate program in Criminology, I am particularly impressed by Chief Kerlikowske's science-based approach to policy. An emphasis on research, reason and evidence to guide the nation's policies on drug control is critically important. There is a considerable body of social science literature on the causes, consequences and remedies for drug abuse. My longstanding familiarity with this literature extends back to my own dissertation research on heroin drug markets on the streets of Detroit. The research findings have too often been neglected because of the political, ideology-driven nature of the national discussion. Chief Kerlikowske can and will provide the link between science and practice in addressing the nation's drug problems. His evidence-based pragmatism has earned him the well deserved reputation among his peers for being "smart on crime." Although Kerlikowske has dedicated his life to the police profession, he has a healthy respect for the limits of law enforcement to solve the nation's drug problems. I expect him to identify and implement policies and practices that reflect the best ideas and experiences from multiple disciplines, social services, and the public health arena and beyond.

There is also a considerable social science literature on implementation; much of the research highlights the many and varied ways that good ideas *do not* come to fruition ("implementation failure"). To avoid implementation failure, the multi-faceted nature of this issue requires a strong and credible *leader* who can bring diverse viewpoints and perspectives together to identify the best prospects for success (and who can wean policy makers from their reliance on politics and ideology in this sphere). This issue also requires an effective *administrator* who can then implement those identified change efforts - someone who can *get things done*. In Chief Kerlikowske you get both a strong leader and effective administrator. He has manifested these important strengths in his capacity as chief in four cities, as the Deputy Director of the USDOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and as the President of the Major Cities Chiefs Association. Throughout his career, he has evidenced willingness, indeed eagerness, to listen to all perspectives. He has the ability to bring people with diverse viewpoints together to identify "what works" and then to motivate those partners to facilitate implementation.

I feel confident that I can speak on behalf of my peers in academic Criminology; we stand ready to assist Chief Kerlikowske in identifying and implementing multi-disciplinary, research-based policies and programs to address the serious national issue of drug abuse. We are heartened by this choice and the prospect for change that it represents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom Mieczkowski", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tom Mieczkowski, Ph.D.
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Re: Nomination of Gil Kerlikowske to be the Director of the
Office of National Drug Control Policy

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Gil Kerlikowske to be the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (the "Drug Czar"). I have known Mr. Kerlikowske since 1998, when I worked closely with him during my time as a deputy associate attorney general and acting director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). Mr. Kerlikowske impressed me as a strong manager and a smart, ethical, devoted public servant.

I have kept in touch with Mr. Kerlikowske over the years and continue to be impressed with his abilities. He is a leader in policing circles and a strong advocate for improving the effectiveness of law enforcement. For example, he and I made a joint presentation to the Major City Chiefs Association on new research and innovations in community policing. I can assure you he is highly regarded by his peers.

Furthermore, Mr. Kerlikowske is committed to crime prevention, as evidenced by his work with Fight Crime: Invest in Kids. He will bring that important perspective to the position of Drug Czar.

As the head of a national victim-serving organization, I understand the connection between illegal drugs and crime. The National Center for Victims of Crime believes that our nation needs a Drug Czar who is a skilled manager, is open to new research, and has a strong reputation with the law enforcement community. Mr. Kerlikowske embodies those qualities, and we urge his swift confirmation.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Leary

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March 17, 2009

Chuck Wexler
Executive Director

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman
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Dear Senator Leahy,

On behalf of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), I am writing to wholeheartedly endorse the nomination of Seattle Chief of Police Gil Kerlikowske to be Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

PERF is a Washington, D.C.-based professional association of police chiefs and other leaders of local and state police departments. PERF also serves as a research and consulting firm specializing in helping police agencies to improve their policies and operations. PERF is governed by a board of directors of leading police chiefs.

PERF has had a long and productive relationship with Chief Kerlikowske. In 1990, when he was chief of police in Fort Pierce, Fla., Gil was the recipient of PERF's Gary P. Hayes Award, which is given to up-and-coming police executives who are recognized for their leadership abilities and achievements on the critical issues affecting law enforcement agencies. In 1996, PERF's member chiefs across the nation elected Chief Kerlikowske for a two-year term as President of PERF. And in 2006, Gil received PERF's highest honor, the Leadership Award, for his outstanding contributions to the field in developing community policing and other innovations.

Even though Chief Kerlikowske has already had a brilliant career, PERF is pleased to see that President Obama recognizes that some of Gil's greatest contributions may be yet to come, as he takes on the task of coordinating the nation's entire campaign against illegal drug abuse. As a seasoned police chief, Chief Kerlikowske has no illusions about the devastating impact that illegal drugs have had on American cities. He knows firsthand that drug markets drive the violent crime in many cities, and he will bring a street-level view to the formulation of national drug policies.

At the same time, throughout his career Gil has demonstrated a broad understanding that enforcement is only one part of a comprehensive approach, and that drug abuse prevention, treatment, and education initiatives bring long-term reductions in drug abuse and drug-related crime.

Thus, Chief Kerlikowske is the right person at the right time to serve as President Obama's drug czar. He will bring the balanced view to drug abuse policy that was envisioned when Congress created the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

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Dear Senator Leahy,

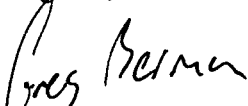
We are writing to enthusiastically endorse Gil Kerlikowske for the position of Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. We encountered Chief Kerlikowske during research for a book we are writing on the trial and error process of criminal justice innovation. At the time, we were looking for a national leader who exemplified the virtues of patience and reflection that we believe are critical to achieving lasting innovation. To our surprise, one name kept coming up in our interviews with scholars and other criminal justice practitioners around the country: Chief Kerlikowske. In our subsequent conversations with him, these recommendations were borne out. Chief Kerlikowske possesses a rare combination of management acumen, intellectual curiosity and a willingness to bring broad coalitions together to embrace new solutions to old problems.

It's fair to say that we were thrilled when we heard that Chief Kerlikowske had been nominated to head ONDCP. He's the perfect man for the job. We cannot think of anyone else with the kind of credibility that he has with both the law enforcement and drug treatment community.

Chief Kerlikowske's nomination is also welcome news for our institution. The winner of the Innovations in American Government Award from the Ford Foundation and Harvard University, the Center for Court Innovation is a nonprofit think tank dedicated to justice system reform. Founded in 1993, the Center was created to help the justice system respond more effectively to difficult problems like addiction, delinquency, child neglect, and domestic violence. The Center has made a significant investment in drug courts, working with the New York State court system to help create more than 170 drug courts in New York, as well as with the U.S. Department of Justice to disseminate lessons learned from its drug court experiments to a national audience. We look forward to working with Chief Kerlikowske in advancing ONDCP's mission.

Please let us know if you need any more help or information.

Regards,


Greg Berman


Aubrey Fox



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March 18, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
United States Senate
433 Russell
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Dear Senator Leahy,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing you on behalf of Seattle Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske's nomination as Chief of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

I have known Chief Kerlikowske for over fourteen years and can testify that I know he is a man of honor, vision, and strength. During his tenure as the Chief of the Buffalo Police Department, I had the opportunity and good fortune to work closely with him, including professionally on Diversity Projects with the Police Department, and on Community Issues, as well as on the Board of Directors of the National Federation for Just Communities of WNY (previously known as The National Conference for Community and Justice of WNY).

His concern for the people of Buffalo was always his highest priority, but he also demonstrated a concern for our country and maintained a strong connection with the law enforcement community throughout the United States. He is a committed and hardworking American leader; a role model for all.

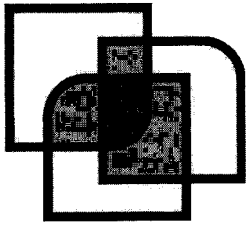
His inclusive and strong style of leadership was respected by the men and women with whom he worked and by the community he served. He was focused, clear and energetic. Among the many new programs he initiated were diversity workshops that he mandated for his entire department. As a partner in this work, I can attest to Gil Kerlikowske's dedication to improving intergroup relations, community policing, and dealing with bias, bigotry, and racism in our society.

He always knew what needed to be accomplished and accordingly initiated, planned and implemented projects and policy with diplomacy and success. His innovative spirit was responsible for change and growth within the department and with his collaborative efforts with other agencies and organizations. He is a leader, who not only is open to change, he encourages that same openness in others.

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The Chief is an active listener, responsive and a proactive leader. In addition, he is intelligent, well versed and a scholar interested in research and evaluation.

Personally, I have always found him to be a very nice person; a gentleman and a good and decent man. Most of all, Gil Kerlikowske is a man of integrity and strength, well suited for this position.

Our country will be well served when he is appointed to the position of Chief of the National Drug Control Policy.

If you have any further questions regarding this recommendation, please contact me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Lana D. Benatovich
President
The National Federation for Just Communities of WNY, Inc.



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March 19, 2009

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The Honorable Arlen Specter
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Dear Chairman Leahy & Ranking Member Specter:

I have closely followed Chief Gil Kerlikowske's nomination to serve as the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. As the Senate considers Chief Kerlikowske's nomination, I would ask that you take note of the important role that he has played in supporting community policing activities, including drug prevention efforts, over the last thirty-five years. With this in mind, on behalf of D.A.R.E. America and the thousands of DARE officers throughout the United States, I would like to wholeheartedly support Chief Kerlikowske's nomination.

Gil Kerlikowske's experience as a police officer over three decades will provide a much needed front line perspective on the need for prevention, enforcement and treatment efforts to effectively address the epidemic of drug abuse. Since his time as a police chief in Florida, where he guided two cities to the Attorney General's Crime Prevention Award, Gil has been at the forefront of understanding the critical role that the community - with parents, teachers, and law enforcement officers working together - can have on crime and drug prevention. He firmly believes that the long-term answer to drug abuse starts with our youth and championed prevention efforts, including D.A.R.E., during his tenure as Commissioner of Police in Buffalo.

During his time with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and more recently as the President of the Major Cities Police Chiefs, Chief Kerlikowske always made an effort to work closely with drug prevention and education organizations like D.A.R.E. This dedication to a balanced approach on drug abuse is a perspective that will serve him well at the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Chief Kerlikowske's dedication and knowledge have given him the support of law enforcement across the nation. Likewise, his sincerity and integrity have earned him the respect and trust of the criminal justice community. Taken together, I cannot imagine an individual better suited for the challenges of re-focusing the nation's attention on the critical issue of youth drug abuse. Therefore, as the head of D.A.R.E. America and on behalf of the officers, students and communities we serve, I would hope that you will give Chief Gil Kerlikowske positive consideration for Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Sincerely,

Charlie J. Parsons
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Gregory J. Nickels
Mayor of Seattle

March 23, 2009

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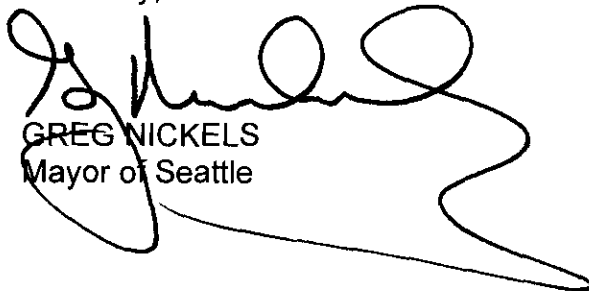
Dear Senator Leahy:

It gives me great pleasure to offer my full and unequivocal endorsement for the nomination of Chief R. Gil Kerlikowske as the Director for the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Gil has served as the Chief of Police in the City of Seattle for nearly nine years, and this nomination is a tremendous recognition of his accomplishments throughout his law enforcement career.

Shortly after I became mayor, Gil and I had a long conversation about our approach to public safety. We formed a close working relationship, and Gil has led with distinction. He oversees a department that is one of the most transparent in the nation, setting a high standard for professionalism and accountability. Crime rates have dropped to historic lows during his tenure, and we continue to find innovative ways to reach our young people and prevent violence.

It is a privilege to support Gil. Our nation would be well-served by Gil's appointment as Director of ONDCP. I look forward to assisting him in any way I can. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



GREG NICKELS
Mayor of Seattle

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Hon. Patrick J. Leahy
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By US mail and e-mail to [REDACTED]@[REDACTED].gov

Dear Senator Leahy:

I write to express my strong support for the nomination of Gil Kerlikowske as Director of the Office of Drug Control Policy.

I have known Chief Kerlikowske professionally and personally for more than 15 years and have always considered him one of the strongest voices for progressive, accountable, and effective policing in the United States. I first met Chief Kerlikowske in his capacity as Deputy Director of the COPS Office, in connection with DOJ's "best practices" projects on police oversight, use of force, and police ethics. He performed extraordinarily in that effort. I admire the Chief for his work in Seattle, where he has brought down the crime rate and took bold steps to increase police accountability and transparency by his appointment of a civilian to head the Seattle PD's Office of Professional Accountability—the Department's internal affairs unit. He is ideal for this job. The combination of high intellect, deep experience in drug policy, and sensitivity to both the supply and demand side of the drug problem presages the success of his leadership of this vital office.

I have long been involved in law enforcement. I served as a staff lawyer and as a Deputy General Counsel of Warren Christopher's commission to investigate the LAPD in the wake of the Rodney King incident. I was appointed as General Counsel of the Kolts investigation of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) by the County's Board of Supervisors. Since 1993, I have served as the first police monitor in the country as Special Counsel to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors respecting the LASD. I frequently consulted with DOJ in its efforts to implement its Section 14141 authority with respect to patterns or practices of police misconduct.

I currently am the Executive Director of the Police Assessment Resource Center (PARC) which PARC was formed in 2001 with the financial backing of the Ford Foundation. PARC has established a national presence as a leading authority on contemporary American policing. PARC is dedicated to the advancement of effective, respectful, accountable, and constitutional policing. PARC's work is also national in scope. Among

Hon. Patrick J. Leahy

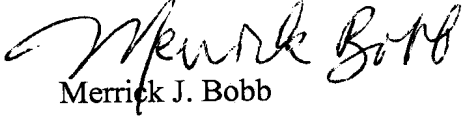
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other assignments, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) made a major grant to PARC to formulate proposed national guidelines for monitors of law enforcement agencies. PARC was the recipient of a substantial subgrant from the COPS Office to the LAPD to develop proposed national standards for Internal Affairs Bureaus. PARC speaks authoritatively and with great credibility to a wide spectrum of persons interested in law enforcement, from its strongest critics to its ardent supporters. There is no other national voice providing a neutral, thoughtful perspective, and consistent and prolific commentary, on law enforcement while maintaining independence from any interest group or cause.

I write to you today in my personal capacity only, not in my role at PARC or as Special Counsel to Los Angeles County. I strongly urge your support of Chief Kerlikowske's nomination.

Yours very truly,



Merrick J. Bobb



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The Honorable Arlen Specter, Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

The U.S. Conference of Mayors enthusiastically endorses the nomination of R. Gil Kerlikowske as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and encourages the Committee to act quickly on the nomination.

Chief Kerlikowske is a longtime ally of mayors throughout this nation. He worked with us when he was Chief of Police in Buffalo and President of the Police Executives Research Forum and when he was Deputy Director of the COPS Office. Most recently, as Chief of Police in Seattle and President of Major Cities Chiefs Association, he worked closely with us last summer in the development of our National Action Agenda on Crime for the Next President of the United States.

President Obama's choice of Chief Kerlikowske as the next ONDCP Director is good for our cities and for our nation. He is a top-flight police executive who understands the complexity of the drug problem and its impact on our cities. We look forward to working with him to build the federal-state-local partnership needed to reduce the use and trafficking of the illegal drugs that continue to plague this nation.

Sincerely,

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Tom Cochran
CEO and Executive Director



March 20, 2009

Senator Patrick Leahy
433 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

On behalf of Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) and our more than 5,000 coalition members nationwide, I would like to express our strong support for Police Chief, Gil Kerlikowske's swift confirmation as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Throughout Chief Kerlikowske's 36 years of experience in law enforcement and drug policy issues, he has demonstrated the highest level of dedication, passion, and commitment to effectively addressing our nation's crime, substance abuse and addiction problems.

Chief Kerlikowske has served as the highest ranking law enforcement officer in four cities in the United States, and for the last nine years he was the Chief of Police in Seattle. In addition, he also served as President of the Major City Chiefs Association, and Deputy Director of the COPS program at the Department of Justice. As a result of his vast experience, Chief Kerlikowske understands that the national drug control strategy must be comprehensive and coordinated. He also recognizes that the perspectives of those closest to the ground - state and local law enforcement, prevention, treatment and recovery professionals - play a critical role in this strategy. CADCA and its members whole-heartedly support Chief Kerlikowske's nomination.

Chief Kerlikowske is singularly qualified to lead the nation's drug control efforts. He embodies all of the attributes needed to be both an effective manager and a visionary leader, and is a fierce defender of community policing principles that remove barriers between the criminal justice, and prevention and treatment community. I am confident that Chief Kerlikowske's law enforcement background at the federal and city levels make him uniquely qualified to serve as Director at ONDCP.

Chief Kerlikowske is universally respected by the law enforcement, prevention, and treatment fields as a result of his steadfast work ethic, honesty, and demeanor. CADCA fully supports Chief Kerlikowske's nomination and strongly urges you to see that he is favorably considered and promptly confirmed as the Director of the ONDCP. Thank you for considering our views on this important nomination.

Sincerely,

Arthur T. Dean
Major General, U.S. Army, Retired
Chairman and CEO

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Public Policy Consultant

cc: Bruce Cohen



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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

March 20, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Leahy:

**RECOMMENDATION OF SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF GIL KERLIKOWSKE FOR APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF
THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY**

As Sheriff of Los Angeles County, I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Seattle Police Department Chief Gil Kerlikowske to Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

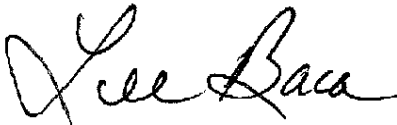
The position of Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy requires that the individual not only be abreast of all drug enforcement issues, but must be willing to undertake the management of this agency. Chief Kerlikowske's diverse background and experience make him the ideal candidate to serve in this important role. His thirty-six year career in law enforcement includes serving as Chief of Police for the City of Seattle Police Department, and being the former deputy director of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

Throughout his distinguished career, Chief Kerlikowske has served in positions in which he has gained critical knowledge in drug enforcement and education. Chief Kerlikowske has the experience and proven organizational management results to lead this vital agency in its efforts to establish policies, priorities and objectives for the nation's drug control program. Currently, he is serving as president of the Major Cities Police Chiefs' Association and is respected throughout the nation for his leadership.

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I respectfully urge you to consider Chief Gil Kerlikowske for appointment as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and thank you for your kind consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

P.S. I am a member of the Major Cities Chiefs Association. Dil and I recently gathered our executives together to exchange our best practices in Washington. He is a terrific thinker and doer!

March 23, 2009

Senator Patrick Leahy
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
433 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

I think we can all probably agree that many of the appointments made by Pres. Obama have been excellent. One of the more difficult appointments to make was director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. In the past that position has been filled by individuals strong and methodology and/or ideology but weak on background and pragmatism. My sense of his current nomination of Chief Gil Kerlikowske is particularly inspired because he has a rich and appropriate background and he is an individual who will be very pragmatic in dealing with the complex problems posed by drug abuse in the United States.

Having served as a police chief in two very different major cities, Buffalo and Seattle, and two smaller cities in Florida, Chief Kerlikowske has a rich understanding of the problems of drug abuse as well as many of the costs and the limited benefits attained through our current policies. The situation in Seattle, for example, reflects the rich mix of standard enforcement along with a variety of associated approaches intended to diminish the abuse as well as the consequences of the abuse.

His 36 years of law enforcement experience and his multiple stints as a police chief gains him an impressive credibility in the policing community. His recognition in that community is certainly reflected in his election as President of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and of the Major Cities Chiefs Association and by the many awards he has received as a role model for modern sophisticated police leadership.

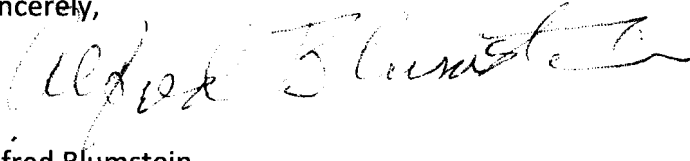
His recognition and appreciation comes not only from the policing world. He has been called upon by the US Department of Justice, is chairman of the board of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, and serves as an adjunct faculty member in various academic institutions. His skills and interests are obviously broad ranging and appreciated in a wide variety of relevant communities.

I have served on a variety of committees with Chief Kerlikowske and have found him to be most impressive in his wisdom, his sophistication in dealing with complex issues, and his pragmatism

in sorting through complexities such as those that pervade the drug-abuse problem. I have no doubt that that judgment about him is shared widely. That judgment was also reflected in his appointment as the deputy director of the COPS program in the Justice Department, where I know he served with distinction.

It should be clear that I consider Gil Kerlikowske a truly outstanding candidate to provide solid leadership to the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). I strongly support the appointment and urge his easy confirmation.

Sincerely,

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Alfred Blumstein



Personal

March 23, 2009

Hon. Patrick Leahy, Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Leahy,

As a former National Drug Policy Director for five years, I want to express my strong support for Gil Kerlikowske for Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Gil Kerlikowske has demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of narcotics issues as Police Chief of Seattle. He served as the elected President of the Major Cities (Police) Chiefs Association, was named Outstanding Military Police Officer Honor Graduate in the U.S. Military Police in 1970, and worked as an undercover narcotics detective. He brings a wide level of experience to the issue. He has also served as Buffalo's Police Commissioner.

Gil understands how to work in coordination with the Justice Department, having been Deputy Director of the COPS Program. He has a natural team relationship with our new Attorney General Holder.

Since becoming Seattle Police Chief on 2000, Gil Kerlikowske brought the City's crime rate to a forty-year low. In addition, Chief Kerlikowske is known and highly respected internationally for his knowledge of crime and drugs. He has been an invited speaker at forums around the world. He brings a deep and wide knowledge of law enforcement and the international drug threat that will be of enormous assistance to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Moreover, he is able to work with all areas of the drug issue from treatment to incarceration, understanding that it takes the entire framework of tools to break the chain of drug abuse and crime. He is a strong supporter of drug courts to expand treatment to nonviolent offenders and stop the cycle of recidivism that otherwise continues both crime and drugs.

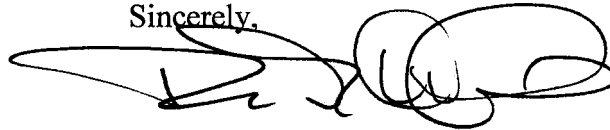
Of recently added importance, Gil Kerlikowske will be helpful in curtailing the newly increased threat of numerous cross-border Mexican and other international drug cartels entering American cities, because he is experienced in undercover drug enforcement.

We must take action quickly to restore the priority to the drug issue that directly kills over 50,000 a year and is a very real threat to our citizens. Gil Kerlikowske knows

the need for action against drug abuse deaths at home and drug supply routes abroad. He will improve border operations and confront international suppliers. He will be an integral part of President Obama's national security team and will work well with Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, Secretary Clinton, Attorney General Holder, and the many other cabinet secretaries with anti-drug missions.

Strongly support prompt confirmation of Gil Kerlikowske as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Sincerely,

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Barry R. McCaffrey
General, USA (Ret.)
Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy
1996-2001

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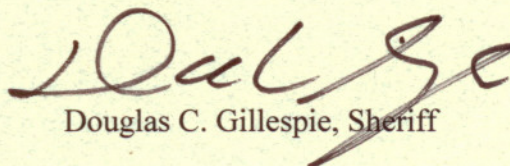
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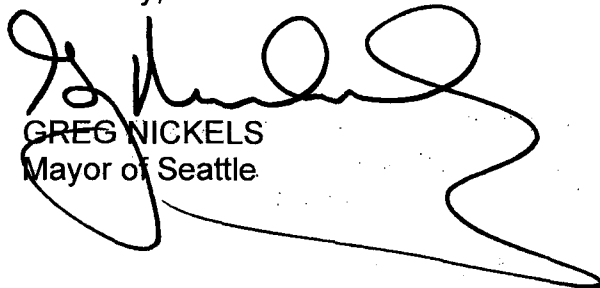
Dear Senator Leahy:

It gives me great pleasure to offer my full and unequivocal endorsement for the nomination of Chief R. Gil Kerlikowske as the Director for the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Gil has served as the Chief of Police in the City of Seattle for nearly nine years, and this nomination is a tremendous recognition of his accomplishments throughout his law enforcement career.

Shortly after I became mayor, Gil and I had a long conversation about our approach to public safety. We formed a close working relationship, and Gil has led with distinction. He oversees a department that is one of the most transparent in the nation, setting a high standard for professionalism and accountability. Crime rates have dropped to historic lows during his tenure, and we continue to find innovative ways to reach our young people and prevent violence.

It is a privilege to support Gil. Our nation would be well-served by Gil's appointment as Director of ONDCP. I look forward to assisting him in any way I can. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



GREG NICKELS
Mayor of Seattle



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William G. Milliken
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Hubert Williams
President

Dear Senator Leahy:

I am writing to wholeheartedly support R. Gil Kerlikowske, nominee for the position of Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy ("Drug Czar"). I have known Chief Kerlikowske for over 15 years, and during this period, he has served as the Deputy Director of Community Oriented Policing Services and is currently the Chief of Police of the Seattle Police Department.

I have seen the devastating effect that drugs have had on our communities and recognize the value that the Drug Czar's position could have in assisting cities, towns, and villages across our country to find new and more effective remedies for addressing this problem. As a former Police Chief in Buffalo, New York, and now Chief in Seattle, Washington, Gil Kerlikowske is accustomed to making tough decisions under difficult circumstances. He knows that the coordination of efforts and sharing of information between the various departments and agencies of our government is the key to the resolution of this problem, and he has the leadership skills to motivate others to work cooperatively in the accomplishment of this objective.

As President of the Police Foundation¹ for the past 24 years, I have had the opportunity to work with law enforcement organizations throughout the nation to improve policing and enhance the quality of public safety. Gil Kerlikowske has stood out during this

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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman

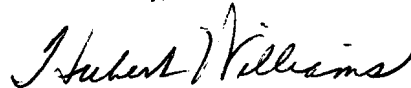
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time as one of the most significant policing leaders due to his interest in scientific research and his commitment to make necessary reforms, as well as his balanced approach to prevention and law enforcement.

As a former Deputy Director of the COPS Office for the U.S. Department of Justice, Gil is highly respected with the law enforcement community for his work in Community Oriented Policing. He has the strength, character, and intellect to elevate to the status of the Drug Czar and to help the country find solutions to this complex and difficult problem. I fully support Chief Kerlikowske's appointment as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, based on his impressive law enforcement career, as well as his professional integrity. I believe that Gil is an exceptional candidate for this position.

Sincerely,

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Hubert Williams

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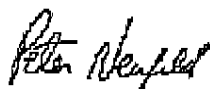
We are the co-founders and co-directors of the Innocence Project, and are writing to recommend Gil Kerlikowske as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Our relationship with Chief Kerlikowske developed through our work with the Innocence Project during his tenure as Chief of the Seattle Police Department in Washington. During that time we have seen him express and demonstrate significant regard for the reforms that can prevent wrongful convictions, and take affirmative steps to address and prevent police misconduct. We have also noticed and respect the policies that he implemented to help ensure that his officers would be sensitive to the disparate needs of the various ethnic and racial communities throughout the city of Seattle, thus enhancing the value of his department's role therein.

The country would be well served by placing a person of Gil Kerlikowske's character and regard for effective policies to the position of Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

We hope that you, the Committee, and the Senate will see fit to confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,



Peter Neufeld
Co-Director



Barry Scheck
Co-Director

cc: Ranking Member Arlen Specter
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University



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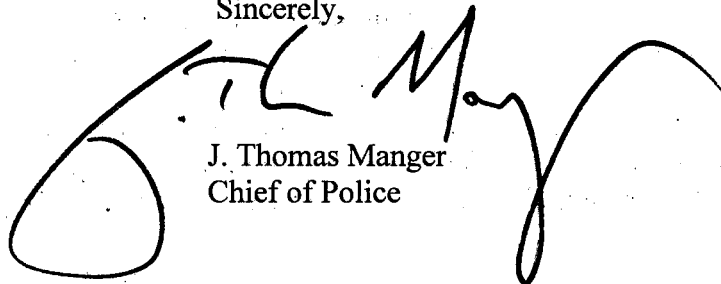
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Sincerely,



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Chief of Police

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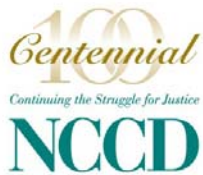
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Michael McGrath
Chief of Police

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Senator Patrick Leahy
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Dear Senator:

March 23, 2009

I am writing in enthusiastic support of the confirmation of Gil Kerlikowske as the Director of the Office of Drug Control Policy. I have known him for almost 15 years and can think of no one better suited to provide leadership in this crucial area.

My first dealings with Chief Kerlikowske were when he ran the police department in Fort Pierce, Florida. My organization, the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, had been selected by the U.S. Department of Justice to assist dozens of communities to implement data-driven, evidence-based responses to youth violence. We picked Fort Pierce as one of our early sites because of the reputation of Chief Kerlikowske as one of the most progressive law enforcement officials in America. Because of his leadership, our youth violence project was very successful.

I also worked with Chief Kerlikowske when he was a leader of the Police Executives Research Forum and when he worked for the COPS Office in Washington, D.C. He was a champion of community policing and always placed a high value of learning from the best research.

In Seattle, Chief Kerlikowske inherited a department that was known for enlightened policing but was surrounded by intense political and community controversy. He was able to advance the most positive aspects of the Seattle Police Department, while restoring public support and confidence in the Department. Chief Kerlikowske showed his skills at communicating with and working with the very diverse Seattle community.

I urge you to confirm him. He brings a great knowledge of many aspects of drug control policy. The key issue is balance, and Chief Kerlikowske knows how to harmonize the different resources of law enforcement, prevention, and intervention. We urgently need a leader at the Office of Drug Control Policy who can utilize the best science that we have to combat the addiction problem. We need an open minded person now more than ever—someone who can respectfully listen to many points of view and arrive at a consensus. Gil Kerlikowske is not an ideologue on one side of the drug policy debate. Moreover, his experience will assist in the complex coordination that must be managed by the Office of Drug Control Policy. His standing as a law enforcement leader will enhance the prestige of the National Office.

I can support his nomination without reservations. The National Council on Crime and Delinquency will work with him to achieve the successes that the nation so urgently needs.

Respectfully yours,

Barry Krisberg Ph.D.



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Sincerely,

Richard D. Wiles
Sheriff

cc: Senator John Cornyn



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Robert L. Davis
Chief of Police



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Sincerely,

Colonel Robert C. White
Chief of Police

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OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL · CITY OF SEATTLE

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Via Facsimile and Mail

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United States Senate
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Re: **Nomination of Gil Kerlikowske, Director,
Office of National Drug Control Policy**

Dear Senators Leahy and Specter,

I am writing to endorse the nomination of Gil Kerlikowske as director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and to urge your confirmation of his appointment. I believe Chief Kerlikowske will bring a reasoned and street-wise voice to drug enforcement in our country, and a progressive approach to federal drug policy-making.

As Chief of the Seattle Police Department, Chief Kerlikowske instituted community policing practices that partner the police with citizens and neighborhood groups in solving problems, resulting in more sensible approaches to addressing drug activity and other crime. Chief Kerlikowske led the police force by personal example, respecting and supporting innovative, yet practical, services for those struggling with addictions, such as our needle exchange and methadone van programs, as well as a local housing project for chronic alcoholics.

Traditional drug enforcement methods aimed at first-time and casual users have not worked well. New approaches are needed. Chief Kerlikowske will lead this policy debate at the national level effectively and with reason. I enthusiastically, and without reservation, urge you and your colleagues to expeditiously confirm Chief Kerlikowske. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Tim Burgess, Chair
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The Honorable Senator Arlen Specter, Ranking Member.
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Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Specter,

It is a privilege to recommend Seattle Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske for Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. While serving as Seattle's chief law enforcement officer for over eight years, he has changed the image and relationship of his department in our community. He truly believes that law enforcement must include community involvement and aim at root causes.

Issues such as youth gangs and youth violence, homelessness, mental health and substance abuse all contribute to crimes on our streets and Chief Kerlikowske has actively integrated awareness and use of community-based alternatives to arrest and punishment in policing related to such issues.

As the director of YouthCare, the largest youth services agency in this community - serving over 2000 runaway and homeless youth each year, I have seen this community approach first hand. His officers have been encouraged to help young people avoid jail by utilizing our services. He has deployed resources to develop partnerships and community ties that make law enforcement officers and officials active participants in diverting at-risk young people from paths that lead to incarceration. We have regular meetings at local precincts and are welcomed to be part of the discussions and honest dialogue. Officers take time to come into our center to introduce themselves as a positive face and welcome smile so that young people see them as a resource on Seattle's streets.

We know our police support by names not just badges. Prioritizing development of this kind of rapport and relationship building comes from leadership at the top - from someone who believes that social crimes happen for social reasons and that social responses are part of the solution. That helps us reduce the need for jails and helps us put lives on positive paths.

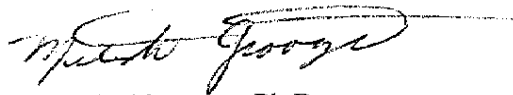
Chief Kerlikowske stood by YouthCare as an advocate in our pursuit of special funds to develop a new community treatment approach to helping young people victimized through prostitution. He stood with us when we lobbied the state

legislature to change the law to defer these cases to treatment where services were available. We stood together to put mental health providers into patrol cars with Seattle police officers to help mediate stressful encounters with the public. He understood that this resource could help defuse tensions during arrests or help bring appropriate services to the situations and avoid arrests all together. These innovative alternatives to an "us against them" mentality are part of why Seattle now enjoys its lowest crime rate in four decades.

Chief Kerlikowske also lives these principals and believes that community involvement is something we do in our personal lives as well. He served on YouthCare's Capital Campaign for the recently opened Orion Center which helped us build a state-of-the-art urban facility for runaway and homeless youth that provides education and employment solutions to youth and young adult homelessness. He and his wife have helped build Seattle and contribute as people to the welfare of our community. I speak often to officers under his leadership and they say this is a man who inspires and who understands; a compassionate man of the highest integrity.

The drug problem in America requires a new vision for solutions that extends beyond law enforcement. It requires a person who will look at the issue from many angles with fresh eyes and who will champion and put resources into community solutions. Chief Kerlikowske is such an individual. We will miss him on the Seattle streets. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on his behalf and please do not hesitate to call on me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
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RE: Gil Kerlikowske

Dear Senators Leahy and Specter:

I learned last week that the President has nominated Gil Kerlikowske for the position of Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy. I am writing you this letter to endorse this gifted nomination.

I first became acquainted with Gil Kerlikowske through my work and his with the American Judicature Society (AJS). We both worked along with former Attorney General Janet Reno to help develop greater focus on the need to improve, and in some cases reform, the criminal justice system. Gil has always been an important voice on this topic. Having been the Police Chief in Buffalo, New York and Seattle, Washington, he comes at all law enforcement and criminal justice issues with a hard-edged experience-based perspective. Yet he has always been the law enforcement official most likely to want to encourage open dialogue with all participants in the criminal justice arena. To that end, he has given of his time over and over again on questions having to do with the causes of wrongful convictions.

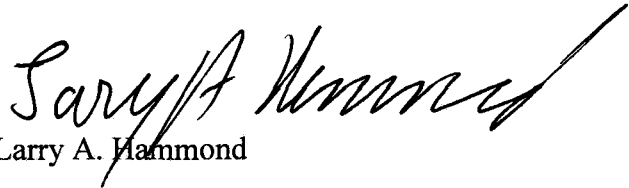
For instance, a couple of years ago, I asked him to come to Arizona to speak to our police chiefs about eyewitness identification. He readily agreed to do so and his remarks were powerful, focused and remembered to this day by police chiefs who I encounter here.

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Gil Kerlikowske has also served on the AJS National Advisory Council since its creation several years ago. He continues to be an important sounding board for the work of this organization. His resume will speak for itself but all of us who have worked with him would warmly endorse his nomination and hope that it will lead to a swift confirmation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Larry A. Hammond

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March 24, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Senate Judiciary Committee
433 Russell Senate Office Building
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Leahy:

I am writing this letter in support of Gill Kerlikowske's nomination to serve as Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. Gill is uniquely qualified by both experience and dedication for this position.

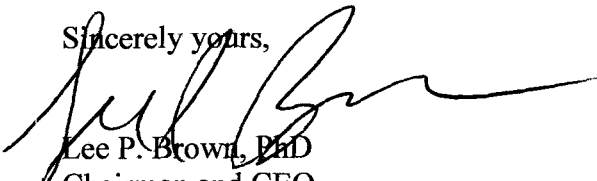
Gill has had a distinguished career in law enforcement. He has served in different parts of the country, which gives him a diverse perspective on the problems of law enforcement and drug abuse. He is well respected in the law enforcement community, as well as by the people in the communities where he has served. As you can see from his resume that has been submitted, he has been very active in both professional and community organizations.

As you know, I had the honor of serving as the nation's "Drug Czar" under President Bill Clinton. Based on that experience, I can attest to the fact that Gil, someone I have known professionally for years, not only understands the complexity of the problem, but also has the requisite experience and ability to bring people and organizations together to make a difference.

If confirmed, he would bring to the job a broad and wise perspective on how to direct this nation's efforts to reduce the use of illegal drugs.

I have no doubts that any trust bestowed upon him will not be betrayed. I urge you to support his nomination.

Sincerely yours,



Lee P. Brown, PhD
Chairman and CEO



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CHARLES M. VEST

President

March 25, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write to express strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Gil Kerlikowske as Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

I am president of the National Academy of Engineering and president emeritus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Chief Kerlikowske recently served on a major National Academies study that I co-chaired with former U.S. Secretary of Defense William Perry. The topic of our study was Protecting Individual Privacy in the Struggle Against Terrorists. This complex study examined the nexus of technology, counterterrorism, and personal privacy and produced a framework for program assessment that we hope will be adopted throughout the federal government.

Chief Kerlikowske was an outstanding contributor to this study, and displayed an excellent ability to communicate and work with the entire spectrum of participants that included former intelligence community officials, attorneys, academic computer experts, statisticians, and private sector IT specialists. Gil brought on-the-ground law enforcement experience and perspective that were invaluable. Although this was a limited interaction during a two-year period, it was an excellent window into his ability to work at a high policy level while remaining grounded in practical experience.

It is a privilege to support his confirmation.

Sincerely yours,

Charles M. Vest

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3/25/09

Re: Drug Czar Nomination: Chief R. Gil Kerlikowske

Dear Senator Leahy,

I write in support of the nomination of Chief R. Gil Kerlikowske as Drug Czar for the United States of America.

My support for Chief Kerlikowske arises from my experience of twenty three years as a prosecutor handling primarily major crimes of violence and crimes against children and nine years as a circuit court judge in Multnomah County, Oregon. Over the course of that career, I became firmly convinced that no matter how well the justice system responds to a crime, we can never make the victim whole. The burglary victim never again feels as safe in their own home, even if we get their property back. The child sex abuse victim has suffered a trauma and loss of trust we can address in counseling but can never erase. Prevention of crime is truly worth ten pounds of cure.

In this regard, Chief Kerlikowske's professional background is extraordinarily impressive. In addition to excelling at traditional aspects of law enforcement, his chairmanship of the board of directors of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids speaks volumes to his recognition that protecting the community begins with investing in proven programs which lower rates of delinquency and subsequent adult crime.

It is this kind of broad experience in law enforcement and creative thinking about approaches to attacking root causes I believe we urgently need in our next Drug Czar.

Sincerely,

Keith Meisenheimer
Circuit Court Judge
Co-Chair, Portland Boys and Girls Club



March 25, 2009

Senator Patrick Leahy
United States Senate
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Via Fax: 202-224-3479

RE: Drug Czar Nomination: Chief R. Gil Kerlikowske

Dear Senator Leahy,

In the best interest of the kids throughout our nation, Boys & Girls Clubs of America highly recommends **Chief R. Gil Kerlikowske** as Drug Czar for the United States of America.

Chief Kerlikowske has not only dedicated over 36 years of his life to law enforcement throughout our nation, he has also been a Champion for our Youth as Chairman of the Board of **Fight Crime: Invest in kids**, which is a national organization that looks into the research and reasons on how to prevent kids from becoming criminals.

Most importantly, the Chief has fully understood that prevention is a critical component to the decrease in youth violence and crime and drug and alcohol abuse which directly supports the core values of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's life saving programs in character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts and Sports, Fitness and Recreation.

With genuine enthusiasm, on behalf of the 4.2 million children served by Boys & Girls Clubs nationwide, we wholeheartedly support Chief Kerlikowske's nomination as Drug Czar, as we have the faith, belief and trust in his leadership and abilities to serve our country in this vital role.

In the best interest of the kids,

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Inukai", is written over a white background.

Richard Inukai
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26 March 2009

The Honorable Senator Patrick Leahy, Chair Senate Committee on the
Judiciary

433 Russell Senate Office Building
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Washington, DC 20510

Re: Endorsement of Chief of Police R. Gil Kerlikowske

Dear Senator Leahy:

On behalf of the National Black Police Association, I am writing to
express our support of Chief Kerlikowske for the position of Director of
the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Chief R. Gil Kerlikowske service to the community and his influence in
policing started long before his arrival to the Seattle Police Department.
As a student at Fort Meyer's High School a number of students
regarded him as a focused, studious and got along with everyone.
One person stated that he was then considered a "very honest man".
He definitely was regarded as a person you could trust. Wherever Chief
Kerlikowske went that same thought about his character was second to
none. Following graduation from high school it was clear that the law
enforcement field was his destiny. In the United States Army he was
recognized for his work by being bestowed the honor "outstanding
military police officer." His years of service with the St. Petersburg Police
Department help him to define his role in policing and his commitment
to the communities he served.

Policing has changed dramatically over the past 20 years. It became
clear after meeting Chief Kerlikowske that many of those changes
rooted themselves in the leadership of individuals like him. As the Chief
of Police Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie Florida, his departments received
the Attorney General Crime Prevention Award. As Commissioner for the
Buffalo, New York, he was the first outsider appointed in thirty years.
Chief Kerlikowske was known for his creative approaches to policing and
his ability to build bridges with entities that often didn't talk to each
other. He was known for his fairness and openness. Most of all he

worked hard. As the Deputy Director of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program he provided local grants to police departments all across the United States. The position with COPS fit many of his basic principals he held true throughout his career. His expectations about policing are that it should be fair, comprehensive, and attentive to the concerns of communities of color, supportive of direct and positive communication. He wanted officers to be safe and have the tools to address serious concerns many communities in crisis were facing. This was never more prevalent than when he came to Seattle, Washington in August of 2000.

While in Seattle Chief Kerlikowske brought every tool he had acquired over his career in policing to resurrect the tarnished image of the Seattle Police Department. It would be impossible to name all of the things he did to turn things around. When he arrived in Seattle it was clear he wanted Seattle residents to know things would be different. He modeled his actions with the expectations that officers would do the same. He wanted policies and directives within the department that showed prevention and intervention were just as important as enforcement. He wanted officer to have safe working conditions and exceptional equipment and tools to do the job. Chief Kerlikowske focus was on the big picture, a picture that included everyone.

As Chief of the Seattle Police Department he worked with local leaders to establish the Seattle Police Foundation. The Foundation has raised over a million dollars in funds to get the department additional equipment and resources. He established a less lethal option program to provide officers with alternatives to lethal force when the situation allows. Chief Kerlikowske's hiring and promoting of minority officers has not gone without notice. He has promoted officers of color and placed them in recognizable and strategic positions within the department, everyone from the ranks of Sergeant to Deputy Chief. Chief Kerlikowske participated in several settings that allowed him to meet frequently with diverse community members and often those individuals that felt disenfranchised from the police department. Relying on his eleven Demographic Advisor Councils he was able to address issues quickly

and directly. Chief Kerlikowske believed the Seattle Police Department should be transparent. As he engaged community members, officers, grass root organizer, outside consultants and the business community he took the department to a higher standard. He took great pride in getting the Seattle Police Department accredited. In 2006 he received the "James V. Cotter Award" from the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) committee, marking the first time the Seattle Police Department has ever been nationally accredited.

Through the years Chief Kerlikowske has spearheaded initiatives and encouraged problem solving thinking to address crime issues. He has never been shy about taking risks on ways to better address community concerns and crime. Chief Kerlikowske has been outspoken about alternatives to minority confinement and the use of social services to better address problem areas. He supported programs like Re-Investing in Youth, GOTS (Get Off the Streets) program that provided treatment for offenders, the restoration of voting rights for convicted felons under specific conditions and working with King County Juvenile Detention to reduce the disproportionate minority confinement. His active oversight of the department and his participation in the community has resulted in City of Seattle being one of the safest major cities in the United States.

The National Black Police Association strongly supports the recommendation of Gil Kerlikowske for this position knowing that his leadership and expertise will well serve the American people with his sound principles of public safety and public health and demonstrates to criminal organizations threatening to undermine stability that we take seriously our responsibility to reduce drug use in the United States.

Sincerely,


Ronald E. Hampton
Executive Director

Cc: John F. Hayes, Jr., National Chairman



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CHARLES H. RAMSEY
Commissioner

March 27, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
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The Honorable Arlen Specter
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Messrs. Leahy and Specter:

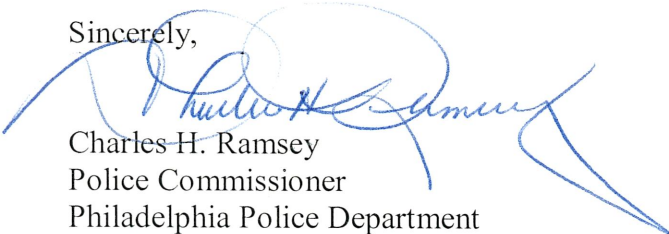
I am writing in support of Mr. Gil Kerlikowske as President Obama's nominee for the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. I have known Gil for many years and most recently as the Chair of Major City Chiefs. He understand the demands and needs of local law enforcement as well as the benefit of preventive programs.

I am confident that as the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, he will bring his knowledge and experience to advance our efforts in controlling illegal drugs in this country. Gil has worked to combat the affects of illegal drugs in our urban centers, on families, and individuals' lives.

The recent events on our southern border highlight the importance of a coordinated national drug control policy and its relationship with homeland security and neighborhood safety. I know that Mr. Gil Kerlikowske will perform the duties of this position with commitment and skill. I ask that you move his nomination in front of the Committee on the Judiciary as soon as feasible.

Thank you for considering this request. As always, please call on me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,


Charles H. Ramsey
Police Commissioner
Philadelphia Police Department



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March 27, 2009

Hon. Patrick Leahy, United States Senator
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433 Russell Senate Office Building
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Hon. Arlen Specter, United States Senator
U. S. Committee on the Judiciary, Ranking Member
711 Hart Building
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Re: Letter of Recommendation – R. Gil Kerlikowske

Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Specter:

It is with great admiration that I offer this recommendation in support of R. Gil Kerlikowske, President Barack Obama's nominee for the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

I had the privilege of first meeting and working with R. Gil Kerlikowske when he was appointed, after a national search, as Police Commissioner of the Buffalo, New York Police Department.

It was apparent that Commissioner Kerlikowske had a unique personal style which earned him respect from Buffalo's diverse communities. He was embraced by block clubs, neighborhood crime watch groups, and small and large businesses. During the time he served as Police Commissioner, his progressive and engaging law enforcement leadership was able to transcend Buffalo's political and ethnic cultures.

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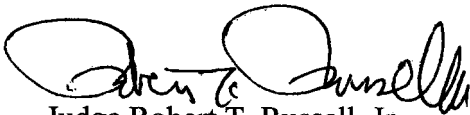
Commissioner Kerlikowske's personable style was direct, forthright, honest and sincere. I found him to be a caring person who was concerned about the plight of crime victims, the sincerity of his officers, and the safety and stability in our neighborhoods. He brought refreshing innovative ideals to the Buffalo Police Department. Commissioner Kerlikowske updated the department's equipment and also implemented community police tactics and procedures that reduced the City's crime rate.

Commissioner Kerlikowske was always available to work with the local courts on new initiatives such as Buffalo's first Drug Treatment Court, which I currently preside over. He was excellent at providing a law enforcement perspective. He was able to balance the need to be aggressive in enforcement initiatives against profiteers and distributors of street drugs, and at the same time be sensitive to the court initiative of strong judicial oversight and judicial monitoring of treatment programs for the addicted offenders as a strategy to reduce recidivism and the demand for drugs.

Commissioner Kerlikowske brings a wealth of experience in law enforcement as an administrator, an undercover officer, and as a street officer. He has broad knowledge and perspective on strategies to address our country's drug distribution and abuse challenges. His personal leadership style, progressive problem solving techniques, and superb law enforcement skills are all strong attributes. I sincerely believe, and I am firmly convinced that he will make an exceptional choice as our country's next Director of the Office of the National Drug Control Policy.

I enthusiastically recommend R. Gil Kerlikowske's confirmation by this Honorable Body.

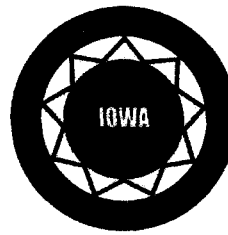
Respectfully Submitted,

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Judge Robert T. Russell, Jr.
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March 27, 2009

✓ The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman
The Honorable Arlen Specter, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Specter:

I am writing about the nomination of Seattle, Washington Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske to become the next Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). On March 26, 2009 in Washington, DC, I spoke in person with The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, U.S. Senator from Iowa, about this nomination. I have also sent a copy of this letter to Senator Grassley, a member of the Committee.

By way of introduction, I have been a local and state law enforcement officer since 1978. I am now the Director of the State of Iowa Intelligence Fusion Center at the Iowa Department of Public Safety. For more than twenty-five years, I have specialized in criminal intelligence and information sharing, and I currently serve as the chairman or as a member of numerous national boards, councils, and other bodies engaged in this important work. These groups work closely with many federal agencies and their components, including the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the ONDCP and its High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program.

As you know, the principal purpose of ONDCP is to establish policies, priorities, and objectives for the nation's drug control program. Among other things, the Director of ONDCP is charged with producing the National Drug Control Strategy, which directs our nation's anti-drug efforts and establishes a program, a budget, and guidelines for cooperation among federal, state, and local entities. Effective criminal intelligence and information sharing capabilities are critical to producing this Strategy, and to successfully achieving ONDCP's purpose and specified goals.

In recent years, Chief Kerlikowske and I have served together on councils and at events which produce policy recommendations and publications covering a wide range of criminal intelligence and information sharing issues. Even as a busy police chief in a major U.S. city, he has always been accessible and fully committed to this work, and he has made the time to actively contribute to it in meaningful ways. His availability, participation, and steadfast support demonstrate the value and importance that Chief Kerlikowske places on criminal intelligence and information sharing – work that is central to the development of the National Drug Control Strategy, and vital to achieving ONDCP's goals to reduce illicit drug use, manufacturing, and trafficking, and drug-related crime and violence. I am also confident that his history as a collaborative, innovative leader and his extensive experience as a local police executive will help him coordinate the anti-drug efforts of executive branch agencies, while ensuring that such efforts sustain and complement state and local anti-drug activities.

Each day hundreds of thousands of state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers work in partnership with federal agents on the front lines in our fight against the illicit drug trade. Effective coordination and the sharing of intelligence and investigative information are crucial in the fight against violent drug trafficking organizations. Chief Kerlikowske is committed to these essential activities, which will serve all of us well during his tenure as ONDCP Director.

Sincerely,

RUSSELL M. PORTER, Director
Intelligence Fusion Center

cc: Senator Charles E. Grassley

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28 March 2009

The Honorable Senator Patrick Leahy, Chair Senate Committee on the Judiciary
433 Russell Senate Office Building
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Washington, DC 20510

Re: Endorsement of Chief of Police R. Gil Kerlikowske

Dear Senator Leahy:

On behalf of the Black Law Enforcement Association of Washington, I am writing to express our support of Chief R. Gil Kerlikowske for the position of Chief of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Chief R. Gil Kerlikowske service to the community and his influence in policing started long before his arrival to the Seattle Police Department. His decorated honors in the Army and his years of service with the St. Petersburg Police Department helped him to define his role in policing and his commitment to the communities he served.

There is no doubt policing has changed dramatically over the past 20 years and Chief Kerlikowske is a change agent making policing better. Through his hard work in many positions across the country Chief Kerlikowske's insight, commitment to community policing and professionalism has been embedded into the leadership across the country. For example as the Chief of Police for Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie Florida, his departments received the Attorney General Crime Prevention Award. As Commissioner for the Buffalo, New York Police Department, even as the first outsider appointed in thirty years he was able to build bridges with entities that often didn't talk to each other. Chief Kerlikowske is known for his hard work, creative approaches to policing, his fairness and openness.

His appointment as the Deputy Director of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program he provided local grants to police departments all across the United States. The position with COPS fit many of his basic principals he held true throughout his career. Chief Kerlikowske understands the foundation and fundamentals of policing. He wants the men and women of law enforcement to be safe and have the tools to address serious concerns many communities in crisis are facing. It was his diverse approaches to policing that prepared him for the major challenges in his future. This was never more prevalent than when he accepted the position as the Chief of the Seattle Police Department in August of 2000.

When he arrived in Seattle it was clear he wanted Seattle residents to know things would be different. He modeled his actions with his expectations and drew from his past experiences. He wanted everyone from his most senior officers, highest-ranking officer and all civilian personnel to know this was their department and they were important to how this department would develop through the years. He instructed his command staff to develop policies and

directives within the department that showed prevention and intervention were just as important as enforcement.

As Chief of the Seattle Police Department he worked with local leaders, grass root organizers, homeless advocates, ministers, numerous diverse community representatives, a variety of legal perspectives (ACLU, Defense Associations, corporate, civil, private), and included a countless number of other police agencies to address City of Seattle issues. He worked with members of the African American community to establish a less lethal option program to provide officers with alternatives to lethal force when the situation allows. Chief Kerlikowske's hiring and promoting of minority officers has not gone without notice. He went into the communities of color and actively recruited individuals to the Seattle Police Department. He also promoted officers of color and placed them in recognizable and strategic positions within the department. Every individual that is promoted, every position available within the department and each rank from detective to deputy chief were routinely analyzed by Chief Kerlikowske. It was common to see him engaged in settings that allowed him to meet frequently with diverse community members some of whom felt disenfranchised from the police department. Relying on his eleven Demographic Advisor Councils he was able to address issues quickly and directly. Chief Kerlikowske believed the Seattle Police Department should be transparent. He not only worked on the image of the department but he also addressed its professionalism. Chief Kerlikowske took great pride in getting the Seattle Police Department accredited. In 2006 he received the "James V. Cotter Award" from the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) committee, marking the first time the Seattle Police Department has ever been nationally accredited.

Through the years Chief Kerlikowske has spearheaded initiatives and encouraged problem solving thinking to address crime issues. He will research, solicit and seek out ways to better address community concerns and to address crime. Chief Kerlikowske has been outspoken about alternatives to minority confinement and the use of social services to better address problem areas in the community. He supported a wide variety of programs such as Re-Investing In Youth, GOTS (Get Off the Streets) which is a program that provided treatment for offenders, the restoration of voting rights for convicted felons under specific conditions and working with King County Juvenile Detention to reduce the disproportionate minority confinement. His active oversight of the department and his participation in the community has resulted in City of Seattle being one of the safest major cities in the United States.

The Black Law Enforcement Association of Washington strongly supports the recommendation of Chief R. Gil Kerlikowske for this position as Chief of the Office of National Drug Control Policy knowing that his leadership and expertise will well serve the American people because of his sound principles of public safety and public health. He will demonstrate to criminal organizations threatening to undermine stability that he takes seriously the responsibility to reduce drug use in the United States.

Sincerely,

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John F. Hayes Jr.

President of B.L.E.A.W.



Police Department

Edward A. Flynn
Chief of Police

March 30, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Senator Leahy:

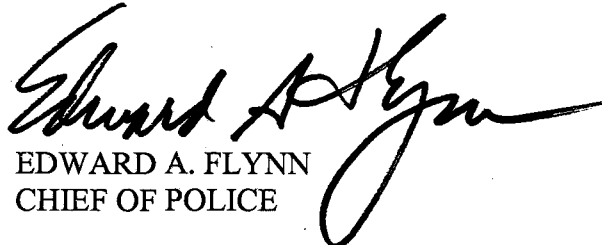
With this letter I express my support for Gil Kerlikowske to become Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). I am one of many law enforcement executives pleased that our President of the Major Cities Police Chiefs Association has been nominated to serve in this important position.

Chief Kerlikowske has the qualities and leadership needed for success at ONDCP. He has years of policing experience and is very familiar with our nation's struggle with drugs after serving in Florida police departments, as Commissioner of Police in Buffalo, and Chief of Police in Seattle. Following executive experience at the U.S. Department of Justice, he is also familiar with Washington and has proven his ability to accomplish the tasks at hand.

We need an ONDCP Director that is prepared and ready to address the violence and tragedy that results from drug abuse. America is facing serious issues in relation to drug control, prevention and treatment. I believe Gil Kerlikowske is qualified to address these challenges.

Law enforcement executives around the country have witnessed Gil's leadership as President of the Major City Police Chiefs Association and we stand ready to support him in his new position. Please consider moving the nomination of Gil Kerlikowske quickly through the confirmation process so that he may begin the important work at ONDCP. He understands the struggles of local law enforcement agencies in the fight against drugs, and will direct appropriate resources to assist in this nation-wide battle.

Sincerely,



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March 30, 2009

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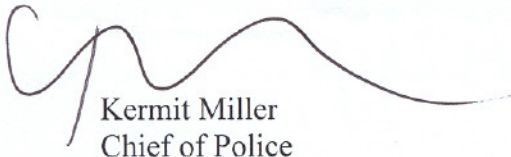
Chairman Leahy:

I am writing to offer my support for the nomination of Gil Kerlikowske to become Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). As a law enforcement executive, I am proud that President Obama has nominated the President of the Major Cities Police Chiefs Association to serve in this very important position.

Law enforcement leaders have seen firsthand Gil's leadership as President of the Major City Police Chiefs Association and we stand ready to work with him in his new position. Law enforcement agencies across the nation have always looked to you for leadership. Once again, we are asking for your assistance by moving the nomination of Gil Kerlikowske quickly through the confirmation process so that he may begin the important work at ONDCP.

Please feel free to contact my office should you need additional information in support of this very important nomination.

Sincerely,



Kermit Miller
Chief of Police

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March 30, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
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The Honorable Arlen Specter
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter,

On behalf of the over 22,000 judges, prosecutors, public defenders, probation and law enforcement officers, court administrators, substance abuse and mental health treatment professionals, and community leaders the National Association of Drug Court Professionals represents, it gives me great pride to strongly support the nomination of R. Gil Kerlikowske for the position of Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Throughout his career in law enforcement, Gil Kerlikowske has pioneered innovative approaches to community policing that have greatly enhanced the communities in which he has served. In doing so, Chief Kerlikowske understands the critical role treatment plays in ending the cycle of substance abuse and crime.

While serving as Police Commissioner in Buffalo and Chief of Police in Seattle, Gil Kerlikowske was a proponent of diversion programs, such as Drug Court, that treat substance abusing offenders. In Seattle, he developed a strong relationship with Drug and other Problem Solving Courts and made sure his officers did the same. He has spoken at a Drug Court graduation and has seen first hand the transformation Drug Courts bring about in individuals, their families and their communities. Gil Kerlikowske truly understands that treatment must be part of the solution to the drug epidemic in this country.

The nomination of Gil Kerlikowske presents an opportunity for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy to stem the tide of substance abuse and crime by implementing a policy that incorporates enforcement, prevention and treatment. Chief Kerlikowske is the right choice to develop and execute this policy and his expedient confirmation is soundly endorsed by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Thank you for your continued leadership and for considering this letter of support.

Sincerely

West Huddleston
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Dear Senators Leahy and Specter:

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Thank you for this opportunity to express our support for Gil Kerlikowske to become the next Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Members of the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) include the state, territorial and tribal chief executive officers of criminal justice agencies charged with managing federal, state, and tribal justice assistance resources as well as practitioners from all components of the criminal and juvenile justice systems. As an association and as the representatives of their individual jurisdictions, our members work closely with many federal agencies including the Department of Justice and ONDCP on issues related to substance abuse prevention, treatment, and control.

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Chief Kerlikowske, as the chief of police for Seattle, Washington, and former chief of police in Buffalo, New York, has broad experience in developing policies and strategies to address substance abuse and its consequences. His experience as an official in the COPS Office and as a leader of the Major City Chiefs Association has given him a national perspective on policing and the challenges facing the public safety community. He understands the environment we in state, tribal, and local governments face as we seek to improve the functioning and efficiency of the nation's justice system.

Burke Fitzpatrick

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Throughout his career, Chief Kerlikowske has shown a deep commitment to, and passion for, using the criminal justice system to protect Americans and bring positive change to communities nationwide. In this environment of tight budgets and a worsening economy, it is critical that public officials use all available resources of the federal government to keep our streets safe, protect our kids, and respond to the needs of crime victims. Chief Kerlikowske's experience, record of public service, and prior tenure at the COPS Office demonstrates that he has the judgment, experience, temperament, depth of knowledge, and commitment to best practices to lead the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

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We strongly urge his speedy confirmation.

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Sincerely,

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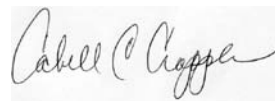
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March 30, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Arlen Specter, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I am writing on behalf of the forty-four state narcotic officer's associations and the more than 69,000 law enforcement officers represented by the National Narcotic Officers' Associations Coalition (NNOAC), to offer our strong support for the appointment and confirmation of Chief R. Gil Kerlikowske as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

America's narcotic officers and every other person or organization involved in drug enforcement, treatment and prevention, have come to rely upon the services, support and leadership of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Having a well-qualified person leading this office is important to the safety and well being of every American. We believe that Chief Kerlikowske's many years of law enforcement service, his life-long commitment to the safety and welfare of our fellow citizens and his experience in addressing drug prevention, treatment and enforcement issues make him an ideal candidate to fill this critically important position.

Through his 36 year law enforcement career – most notably, as Seattle's Chief of Police for the past nine years – and through his work as President of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA), Chief Kerlikowske has worked on all sides of the drug problem and has provided steady leadership on a range of issues, including prescription drug abuse, enhancing drug courts, and tackling methamphetamine production. Additionally, by serving as Deputy Director for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) office within the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Chief Kerlikowske understands the importance of working closely with federal, state and local law enforcement and is experienced in administering federal programs.

The NNOAC is very concerned with the growing movement to legalize or decriminalize illegal drugs including marijuana and the efforts by some groups to advocate in favor of a strategy of harm-reduction rather than our nation's proven abstinence based drug prevention message. During the past twelve years, we have witnessed attacks against our nation's comprehensive drug strategy of prevention, treatment and enforcement by those who would support changes to our drug laws and policies. These reckless proposals to change successful drug policies are being made despite dramatic reductions in meth labs and teen drug use and without regard for the impact on the health and well being of our children or communities.

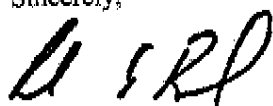
As you consider Chief Kerlikowske's nomination, the NNOAC would ask the Committee on the Judiciary to use this as an opportunity to work with Chief Kerlikowske to re-focus our government's attention on the need for a clear and consistent national drug control policy that strongly opposes drug legalization or decriminalization and that reinforces the threat that illicit drugs pose to every community in America.

Chief Kerlikowske is a dedicated and well qualified professional and we can think of no one more qualified than him for appointment as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President. The NNOAC would urge you to confirm Chief Kerlikowske's nomination as Director of ONDCP as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] if you require further information as you work through the nomination process.

Thank you again for taking time to review our position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. E. Brooks', written in a cursive style.

Ronald E. Brooks, President
NNOAC

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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Arlen Specter
Ranking Member
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U.S. Senate
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Dear Messrs. Leahy and Specter:

I am the Metropolitan Sheriff for Miami-Dade County, Florida and I take great pleasure and pride in strongly recommending the appointment of Chief Gil Kerlikowski to serve as the next Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Chief Kerlikowski currently serves as President of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCC). Prior to that appointment, he served with distinction as Commissioner of Police in Buffalo, New York and Chief of Police in Seattle, Washington.

Chief Kerlikowski is a proven high performance manager and a seasoned administrator who is able to make reasoned, well thought out decisions that greatly benefit the MCC organization. Moreover, he fosters effective working relationships and has earned the respect of his staff and senior management by displaying outstanding professionalism and assistance to the various member departments and community as a whole. Therefore, I have no reservations that he is capable of managing the ONDCP and I urge you to move his nomination quickly through the confirmation process.

Should you have other concerns regarding this recommendation, please contact me at [REDACTED]. Thank you for your continued support of law enforcement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Parker".

Robert Parker, Director
Miami-Dade Police Department



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Dear Messrs. Leahy and Specter:

I write to offer my strong support for the nomination of Gil Kerlikowske to become Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Law enforcement executives are proud that President Obama has nominated the President of the Major Cities Police Chiefs Association to serve in this extremely important position.

Leading the Nation's largest police departments on matters of public policy, Chief Kerlikowske demonstrates conviction, professionalism and strength—all qualities needed for success at ONDCP. He has served on the front lines of our Nation's struggle with drugs, in Florida police departments and as Commissioner of Police in Buffalo and Chief of Police in Seattle. With executive experience at the U.S. Department of Justice, he is no stranger to Washington and knows how to get things done. We can ill afford "on the job training" to address the violence and tragedy that results from drug abuse in this country. With America facing serious issues in drug control, prevention and treatment, there is no one better qualified than Gil Kerlikowske for the position of Director of ONDCP.

Law enforcement leaders have seen firsthand Gil's leadership as President of the Major City Police Chiefs Association and we stand ready to work with him in his new position. American law enforcement has always looked to you for leadership and we again turn to you to move the nomination of Gil Kerlikowske quickly through the confirmation process so that he may begin the important work at ONDCP.

Sincerely,



Rodney D. Monroe
Chief of Police



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Ronal W. Serpas, Ph.D.
Chief of Police

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Dear Messrs. Leahy and Specter:

I respectfully submit this letter to offer my strong support and confident recommendation for the nomination of Gil Kerlikowske to become Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). I join with fellow Law enforcement executives in taking great pride that President Obama has recognized and honored the Major Cities Police Chiefs Association by nominating the acting President of our Association to serve in this extremely important position.

Chief Kerlikowske has consistently demonstrated excellence in integrity, professionalism and strength of leadership in his role in leading the Nation's largest police departments on matters of public policy. He has led and served on the front lines of our Nation's struggle with drugs, in Florida police departments and as Commissioner of Police in Buffalo and Chief of Police in Seattle. He will be well equipped to face the challenges of critical issues in Washington from his outstanding executive experience at the U.S. Department of Justice. The time is crucial in addressing the violence and tragedy that results from drug abuse in our country and the devastating effects in the lives of people. Chief Gil Kerlikowske is exceptionally qualified to serve in the position of Director of ONDCP to encounter and contend with superlative resolve the serious issues in drug control, prevention and treatment in America.

Personally and in conjunction with fellow Law enforcement leaders, we have witnessed Gil's superb leadership as President of the Major City Police Chiefs Association. We are committed and prepared to join partnership and support with him in his new position. American law enforcement continues to look to your leadership and we collectively offer our respectful requests that you regard the nomination of Gil Kerlikowske with full affirmation and prompt action in confirmation process so that he may begin the valuable work at ONDCP.

Sincerely,

Ronal W. Serpas, PhD
Chief of Police

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Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.
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I am writing to offer my support for the nomination of Gil Kerlikowske for Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Law enforcement executives are proud that President Obama has nominated the President of the Major Cities Police Chiefs Association to serve in this extremely important position.

Leading the Nation's largest police departments on matters of public policy, Chief Kerlikowske demonstrates conviction, professionalism and strength—all qualities needed for success at ONDCP. He has served on the front lines of our Nation's struggle with drugs in Florida police departments, as Commissioner of Police in Buffalo and Chief of Police in Seattle. With executive experience at the U.S. Department of Justice, Gil is no stranger to Washington. He possesses the knowledge and expertise so vital to achieving the changes necessary for law enforcement across the nation. We can ill afford "on the job training" to address the violence and tragedy that results from drug abuse in this country. With America facing serious issues in drug control, prevention and treatment, there is no one better qualified than Gil Kerlikowske for the position of Director of ONDCP.

Law enforcement leaders have seen firsthand Gil's leadership as President of the Major Cities Police Chiefs Association and we stand ready to work with him in his new position. I support the nomination of Gil Kerlikowske and urge that you move quickly through the confirmation process so that he may begin the important work at ONDCP.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.
Police Chief
Cincinnati Police Department

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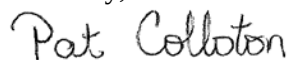
Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

On behalf of the Council of State Governments Justice Center board of directors—leaders of a national organization that serves policymakers at the local, state, and federal levels from all branches of government to increase public safety and strengthen communities—we are writing to urge you to approve the nomination of Gil Kerlikowske to direct the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Chief Kerlikowske has been a national leader on drug issues and is committed to a balanced and common-sense approach to reducing related crimes and the destructive influence drugs have had on our communities and families. As a board member of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids and as chief in four cities, he has been dedicated to addressing juvenile drug issues. He knows on both a professional and personal level what it will take to achieve meaningful reform in this country. Chief Kerlikowske in all of his positions in law enforcement and as President of the Major Cities Chiefs Association has demonstrated that he can achieve consensus among diverse stakeholders and understands the value of the kind of true collaboration that can only come from years of successfully conducting community policing efforts.

As elected and appointed state officials, we know that it will take someone with vision, an ability to navigate partisan politics, a comprehensive understanding of the issues, and a successful management style to direct ONDCP. Chief Kerlikowske has demonstrated these abilities time and again. He understands that tough enforcement alone cannot solve our nation's problems related to illegal drugs and has proposed an approach that state leaders know is needed: one that includes treatment, prevention, and evidence-based practices. No one knows better than someone who has spent more than three decades on the front lines of policing how complex the set of factors are that affect drug abuse and crime. Chief Kerlikowske has stated that without a comprehensive approach that involves courts, law enforcement, border security, prisoner reentry, and other systems and initiatives working hand-in-hand, we cannot begin to address this country's drug problems. He is not only correct in how he has framed the complexity of the problems facing the next director, he knows how to address them.

We thank you for considering the views of state legislators, judicial leaders, and executive branch officials as you decide the appointment of the next ONDCP director.

Sincerely,



Rep. Pat Colloton (R-KS)

Chair, Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
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Sincerely,

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Colonel Daniel Isom
Chief of Police
St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department

EDWIN MEESE III

31 March 2009

The Hon. Sen. Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
433 Russell Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy:

It is a pleasure to recommend to the Senate Judiciary Committee the confirmation of Gil Kerlikowske as Director of the Office of National Drug Policy.

I have known Chief Kerlikowske for over 20 years, during which time he has held several highly responsible positions in the law enforcement profession. I first met him during his fellowship with the National Institute of Justice. I have followed his career since then, including his work as Chief of Police in Buffalo, New York, and most recently in Seattle, Washington.

In all of his activities, Gil Kerlikowske has been an outstanding leader of policing in the United States. He has demonstrated creativity and innovation and has been an inspiration to others who have worked with him and to many others throughout the U.S. who have witnessed his accomplishments.

Because of his experience, character, and personal qualifications, Chief Kerlikowske would be an outstanding leader for the nation's efforts to combat drug abuse and drug trafficking. As a former Attorney General of the United States, I enthusiastically support his confirmation. If further information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,



Edwin Meese III



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Leading the Nation's largest police departments on matters of public policy, Chief Kerlikowske demonstrates conviction, professionalism and strength—all qualities needed for success at ONDCP, and qualities he has evidenced throughout his law enforcement career. He has served on the front lines of our Nation's struggle with drugs, in Florida police departments and as Commissioner of Police in Buffalo and Chief of Police in Seattle. With executive experience at the U.S. Department of Justice, he is no stranger to Washington and knows how to get things done. We can ill afford "on the job training" to address the violence and tragedy that results from drug abuse in this country. With America facing serious issues in drug control, prevention and treatment, there is no one better qualified than Gil Kerlikowske for the position of Director of ONDCP.

Law enforcement leaders have seen firsthand Gil's leadership as President of the Major City Police Chiefs Association and we stand ready to work with him in his new position. I have great faith in Gil's ability to "get the job done" and he has my enthusiastic and unqualified support. I will conclude by saying that American law enforcement has always looked to both of you for leadership and we again turn to you to move the nomination of Gil Kerlikowske quickly through the confirmation process so that he may begin the important work at ONDCP.

Sincerely,

HEATHER J. FONG
Chief of Police



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Senator Arlen Specter
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

As nonprofit organizations dedicated to advocating for sound national drug policy, the State Associations of Addiction Services and the Legal Action Center write to express our strong support for Chief Gil Kerlikowske's nomination as the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). The State Associations of Addiction Services is a national association of 44 state associations of drug and alcohol addiction prevention and treatment providers, and the Legal Action Center is a national law and policy organization that advocates for people with drug and alcohol addiction histories, criminal records and HIV/AIDS.

We believe that Chief Kerlikowske will provide the leadership necessary to shape a new and much more effective vision for our nation's drug and alcohol policies. We are extremely pleased with recent remarks by President Obama, Vice President Biden and Chief Kerlikowske that call for a change in our national policy to a coordinated, comprehensive approach that expands the health responses to addiction, including prevention and treatment. We are excited by President Obama's support for such policy reforms as expansion of addiction prevention and treatment, and sentencing reform that eliminates racial injustice and emphasizes treatment instead of incarceration where appropriate. While more than 23 million Americans need care for drug and alcohol addiction and misuse, 90% of them – nearly 21 million people – never receive it. Prevention techniques that have proven successful reach far too few of our young people, and therefore drug and alcohol use has become an epidemic. People in recovery or still suffering from this disease too often are treated as second-class citizens.

Throughout his 36-year career in law enforcement, Chief Kerlikowske has demonstrated a great commitment to effectively addressing addiction to alcohol and other drugs in our country. We are pleased that Chief Kerlikowske recognizes that solving our nation's drug problems requires strong support for both enforcement and demand reduction efforts including prevention, treatment and recovery supports. Chief Kerlikowske has been a strong supporter of ensuring that adults and young people with drug and alcohol problems can, where appropriate, be diverted from the criminal justice system into addiction treatment. Chief Kerlikowske's support for diverting young people with addiction histories into treatment where appropriate and his support for the work of our nation's drug courts is consistent with clear scientific findings that addiction is a preventable and treatable disease – and that prevention and treatment are the most effective and cost-efficient strategies for reducing drug and alcohol problems.

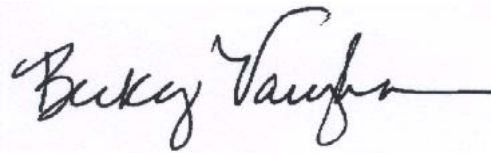
We strongly commend Chief Kerlikowske's work at the community level and his ability to partner with individuals and organizations representing various important segments in the community who are working on the front lines to fight our nation's problems with drugs. Chief Kerlikowske's breadth of experience in community policing makes him uniquely qualified to bring in the various groups of people, including addiction prevention and treatment providers, people in recovery and their family members, members of the law enforcement community and other allies, to work together in the coordinated way required to successfully fight against drug and alcohol addiction in this country. We strongly believe that Chief Kerlikowske's extensive experience at the community level will provide him with the understanding necessary to implement critically important, effective reforms to our drug policy at the national level.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views. We strongly endorse the nomination of Chief Kerlikowske to direct the ONDCP and encourage his swift confirmation.

Sincerely,

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Paul N. Samuels
Director/President

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Becky Vaughn
Executive Director
State Associations of Addiction Services

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Gabrielle de la Gueronniere, JD
Director for National Policy
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March 31, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD), thank you for your leadership as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee on issues pertaining to addiction prevention, treatment and recovery. We are very appreciative of your work and continue to stand ready to partner with you and others to make further progress.

I am writing today to express support of Chief R. Gil Kerlikowske as the next Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). We are pleased the Committee has chosen to consider this important nomination and recommend action that will lead to a quick confirmation process.

As Chief Kerlikowske noted during his White House appointment announcement, the "...success of our efforts to reduce the flow of drugs is largely dependent on our ability to reduce demand for them... and that starts with our youth." We could not agree more. Chief Kerlikowske recognizes that effective substance abuse prevention represents a core component of any successful national drug control strategy. In particular, Chief Kerlikowske is known for his commitment to working closely with a cross section of State and local law enforcement officials, parents, educators and others to make our communities and neighborhoods safer and healthier places to live. We appreciate his dedication and stand ready to partner with the Chief to expand and improve our prevention services.

During his 36 year career, Chief Kerlikowske has promoted the benefits of helping more Americans find the path to treatment and recovery. The Chief displayed this focus whether he was serving as Chief of Police, Deputy Director of the Department of Justice (DOJ) COPS program, or President of the Major City Chiefs Association. As the managers of State prevention, treatment and recovery systems across the country, we appreciate Chief Kerlikowske's frontline experience and pledge to serve as an active partner in expanding and improving our treatment and recovery services.

In sum, we are pleased with Chief Kerlikowske's commitment to bring a balanced and thoughtful approach to our nation's drug control policy. In addition, we are impressed with Chief Kerlikowske's career and commitment to our communities and neighborhoods. As a result, we recommend quick action in order to confirm Chief Kerlikowske as the next Director of ONDCP.

Again, thank you for your leadership. Should you or your staff have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 293-0090 x106.

Sincerely,

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Robert I.L. Morrison
Interim Executive Director



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Atlanta Police Department
Richard J. Pennington
Chief of Police

March 31, 2009

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Chairman
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U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Richard J. Pennington
Chief of Police



CITY OF DALLAS

DAVID M. KUNKLE
CHIEF OF POLICE

April 1, 2009

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Respectfully submitted,

David M. Kunkle
Chief of Police



City of Phoenix
OFFICE OF THE POLICE CHIEF

April 6, 2009

The Honorable Arlen Specter
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Specter:

Re: Nomination of Gil Kerlikowske as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)

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JACK F. HARRIS
Public Safety Manager
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**Harold L. Hurtt
Chief of Police**

**CC: Senator John Cornyn
Committee on the Judiciary**

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The City of
OKLAHOMA CITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT
William Citty
Chief of Police

April 12, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
United States Senator
433 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

I am writing you in support of Chief Gil Kerlikowske and his nomination for the Director of the Office of National Drug Policy.

I've known Gil five years since becoming a member of Major Cities Chiefs. It was clear from my first meeting with Major Cities Chiefs that Gil was well respected among his peers. After knowing him personally, I too came to respect him for a number of reasons, but most of all for his sincerity and dedication to law enforcement. I found him to be sincere and passionate about law enforcement's role to address issues and challenges facing our communities. It was obvious that Gil worked hard at keeping up with advancements in technology, changing laws, homeland security and innovations in law enforcement.

Gil has been in informal and formal leadership roles with Major Cities Chiefs and demonstrated an ability to unite individuals with diverse backgrounds, opinions and conflicting interests that include the local, state, federal and private sectors. Major Cities Chiefs has had a greater voice and impact in the areas of homeland security and federal legislation primarily due to his leadership.

Gil has the unique ability to balance a tough stance on crime, while understanding the importance of prevention and intervention. A philosophy that is critical to reducing the growing number of violent crimes associated with illegal drug use. Gil's integrity, respect, knowledge and passion will be an asset to the Office of National Drug Policy.

Sincerely,

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William Citty
Chief of Police

pc: Senator Tom Coburn
Senator Arlen Specter

Stewart Konduros & Associates, LLC

April 20, 2009

Senator Patrick J. Leahy
433 Russell Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Specter,

I am writing to recommend Senate confirmation of R. Gil Kerlikowske as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. I recently retired as Chief of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division after serving 30 plus years with that agency. I have known Chief Kerlikowske since 1995 when we were participants in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Executive Institute.

Currently serving as Seattle' Chief of Police, he has had an outstanding career with service ranging from police chief to deputy director of the Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services. He has led three police organizations to national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. He is president of the Major Cities Chiefs Association and a past president of the Police Executive Research Forum.

Chief Kerlikowske is a professional, innovative, experienced law enforcement leader. I have every confidence that he has all the qualities necessary to competently perform in this position that is so important to our nation and the well being of its citizens. I am certain he will seek ways to combat illegal drugs by strong enforcement, demand reduction, prevention, and treatment. In conclusion I wholeheartedly recommend confirmation of this fine gentleman.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Stewart
CEO