



National Border Patrol Council

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The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
Chairman
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden,

I am writing on behalf of the 16,500 Border Patrol agents across the nation that are represented by the National Border Patrol Council in support of Kevin K. McAleenan to be the next Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Mr. McAleenan is highly qualified to lead our nation's unified border agency and spearhead efforts on customs, immigration, and border security. We fully endorse his selection and urge the Senate to promptly vote on his confirmation.

Throughout his long career at CBP and its predecessor agency, Mr. McAleenan has consistently shown his dedication to the agency's mission and has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to protecting our nation's borders. His experiences across CBP as Executive Director of the Office of Antiterrorism; Area Port Director at LAX; Deputy Commissioner, Office of Field Operations; Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations; Deputy Commissioner; and most recently Acting Commissioner, have equipped him with a breadth of knowledge of the unique complexities and challenges the agency faces on a daily basis.

As Acting Commissioner, Mr. McAleenan has played a key role in empowering our agents to detect, respond, and interdict border penetrations. Unfortunately, due to his "Acting" status, other senior leadership in the agency are reluctant to enact widespread changes. Mr. McAleenan's confirmation will give Border Patrol Agents and CBP Officers a stable leader.

Acting Commissioner McAleenan has demonstrated the talent, and he has the intelligence and personality to lead the frontline Border Patrol agents in securing our nation's borders. We are honored to support his nomination to be the next Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

With kindest regard I am,

Brandon Judd
President
National Border Patrol Council