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The National Treasury Employees Union

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The Honorable Max Baucus
Chairman, Committee on Finance
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Baucus:

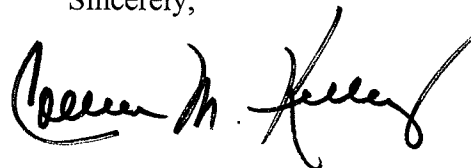
On behalf of the over 24,000 Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officers and trade enforcement and compliance specialists represented by the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU), I am writing to request you schedule a confirmation hearing for Alan Bersin to be CBP Commissioner as soon as possible after the Senate reconvenes.

NTEU has been in frequent contact with your staff regarding the Bersin confirmation process since his nomination in September 2009 and understand that pressing matters with health care legislation delayed the scheduling of a confirmation hearing. In light of recent events, however, it is critical that CBP has a confirmed leader at the helm.

NTEU strongly supports the nomination of Alan Bersin, an experienced homeland security veteran of the Clinton Administration, who has proved to be very effective in his current position overseeing the southwest border.

NTEU urges you to make Alan Bersin's confirmation to be the next CBP Commissioner a priority and look forward to you setting an expeditious hearing date.

Sincerely,



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