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Benjamin B. Tucker Confirmed as ONDCP Deputy Director of State, Local and Tribal Affairs; Brings 40 Years' Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Experience to Drug Policy Office

(Washington, D.C.) – The U.S. Senate confirmed the nomination of Benjamin B. Tucker by unanimous consent today to be the new Deputy Director of State, Local and Tribal Affairs for the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Mr. Tucker will oversee ONDCP's High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program (HIDTA), Drug-Free Communities (DFC), National Youth-Anti-Drug Media Campaign, and Counter-Drug Technology Assessment Center (CTAC).

"I am pleased with the confirmation of Benjamin B. Tucker," says Director Kerlikowske "He embodies the Obama Administration's commitment to a comprehensive and balanced *National Drug Control Strategy* that recognizes addiction as treatable disease, emphasizes prevention and facilitates coordination with law enforcement. Mr. Tucker knows first hand that this country needs to be smarter when developing solutions to our Nation's drug problem. His perspective will aid us in addressing the problem as both a public safety and a public health issue."

Mr. Tucker brings 40 years of broad experience in both law enforcement and criminal justice from New York City and Washington D.C. Beginning as Deputy Director of New York's Law Enforcement Services Center, he went on to serve as a senior research associate at NYU's Wagner School of Public Service, as Deputy Director for the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing, and later as chief executive for New York City's Department of Education. As Chief Executive, Mr. Tucker directed all matters related to the safety and security of 1.1 million school children and 1200 schools, as well as managing day-to-day administration and operations. Under his leadership, the Department of Education constructed the Office of School Safety and Planning, where all facets of school security were coordinated in conjunction with the New York City's Police Department.

Mr. Tucker studied Criminal Justice at John Jay College in New York, NY and earned his J.D. in 1981 from Fordham University's School of Law. He then spent two years as a legal advisor to the Deputy Commissioner of New York.

Tucker's field experience, coupled with his wide-ranging management knowledge, will help ONDCP achieve higher levels of innovation, effectiveness, and impact.