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September 12, 2011

R. Gil Kerlikowske
Director
Office of National Drug Control Policy
750 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Kerlikowske:

Thank you for your letter regarding the development of the 2012 *National Drug Control Strategy*. As you are no doubt aware from my previous correspondence, I am extremely interested in efforts to dismantle the marijuana plantations on federal lands being included in the 2012 *Strategy*. This major and growing problem is of particular importance to the rural Northern California district I represent as well as many other areas of the country.

Last fall, the House overwhelmingly passed a resolution I authored, H. Res. 1540, calling on you and your office to work in conjunction with federal and state agencies to develop a comprehensive and coordinated strategy to permanently dismantle Mexican drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) operating on federal lands. Since significant time has elapsed since passage of the resolution, I would like to request an update on the status of the strategy's development.

I would also encourage you to include developing a comprehensive plan for the permanent dismantling of DTOs operating on federal lands as a part of your 2012 *Strategy*. I appreciate your inclusion of efforts to reduce trafficking and target marijuana growing operations on federal lands as a part of the 2011 *Strategy*, but I was disappointed that it did not include the need for a more comprehensive approach to dismantle DTOs.

As you prepare the 2012 *National Drug Control Strategy*, I encourage you to consider the importance of a long-term solution for eradicating this threat to our public lands and to make this a stronger priority. I thank you for your service, and I appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to have your staff contact Bryan Cleveland in my Washington office at 202-225-3076.

Sincerely,

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WALLY HERGER
Member of Congress

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August 24, 2011

The Honorable Wally Herger, Jr.
United States House of Representatives
242 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Herger:

The development of President Obama's *National Drug Control Strategy (Strategy)* included extensive dialog and consultation with policy makers, practitioners, subject matter experts, and partners across the Nation. As a result of this robust input, the 2010 and 2011 *Strategies* reflected an unprecedented comprehensive approach to reducing drug use and its consequences.

The 2010 Strategy set forth the Administration's evidence-based approach to drug policy. Because illicit drug use disproportionately affects certain segments of society, the 2011 *Strategy* reinforced our policy direction and placed additional focus on populations with unique challenges and needs in addressing their substance abuse issues: active duty military and Veterans; women and their families; college and university students; and those in the criminal justice system.

The 2012 *Strategy* will continue to expand upon a balanced approach to drug policy and will emphasize community-based drug prevention, integration of drug treatment into mainstream health care, innovations in the criminal justice system to break the cycle of drug use and crime, and international partnerships to disrupt transnational drug trafficking organizations.

We seek your thoughts and ideas for the 2012 *Strategy*, including suggestions on refining our approach to best support the important work of our international, state, local, and tribal partners. Please find a link to the 2010 and 2011 *Strategies* at <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/strategy/>. Please email your comments directly to Rob Reed, Acting Director of ONDCP's Office of Legislative Affairs, at reed@ondcp.eop.gov or feel free to call (202) 395-6912. As we are moving forward, we request your feedback no later than September 12th. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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R. Gil Kerlikowske
Director