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Chairman Byrd Names New Appropriations Staff Director

Charles Kieffer Named to Post

WASHINGTON, D.C... Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., announced today that Charles Kieffer has been appointed to Staff Director of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"Chuck Kieffer is a model public servant. He is smart, dedicated, and innovative. I have great confidence in Chuck's ability to lead the staff of the Appropriations Committee," Byrd said.

"Chuck has proved, time and again, how invaluable his expertise is. I have no doubt that he will continue to work with both Democratic and Republican Senators and their staffs in the committee's tradition of bipartisanship. As the committee moves forward with the appropriations bills, we will work to meet our shared responsibility of building the foundation for a better future for our country," Byrd said.

"It is an enormous honor, and an even greater responsibility, to take on this position. I am humbled by Senator Byrd's faith in me, and will do all that I can to live up to his expectations," Kieffer said.

For the past six years, Kieffer has served the Committee as Deputy Staff Director and, for the last four years, as Democratic Staff Director of the Homeland Security Subcommittee. An expert on budget issues, Kieffer brings 29 years experience to the position, including 16 years with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), starting in the Reagan Administration, and seven years at the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare/Health and Human Services.

Kieffer replaces Terry Sauvain, who retires after more than 40 years in public service. For six years, Sauvain has served as Byrd's Staff Director for the Appropriations Committee.

"Terry has performed his duties with dedication, efficiency, and diligence," Byrd said. "I thank Terry for his dedication to the Committee, for his friendship, and his service to this nation."

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