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**Committee Set to Receive Update on Mexican Drug Cartels and U.S. National Security**

Washington, DC – On Thursday, July 9, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will hold a hearing titled: “The Rise of the Mexican Drug Cartels and U.S. National Security” to provide an overview and update on the situation facing the United States and Mexico in their efforts to disrupt and dismantle Mexican drug cartels.

The hearing, which will take place in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, will also explore whether key U.S. Departments and Agencies have the sufficient tools and capabilities to execute those efforts. The witnesses will include:

Mr. Alan Bersin

(White House Border Czar; The hearing will be Mr. Bersin’s first appearance before a congressional committee.)

Assistant Secretary

Office of International Affairs

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Mr. R. Gil Kerlikowske

(White House Drug Czar)

Director

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Executive Office of the President

Mr. Lanny Breuer

Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

U.S. Department of Justice

Mr. Kumar Kibble  
Deputy Director, Office of Investigations  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Mr. Jayson Ahern  
Acting Commissioner  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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