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Washington, DC 20528



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Mr. Gary B. Brown
Director, National Center for Maritime and Port Security
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Dear Mr. Brown:

I am pleased to appoint you to the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee (NMSAC) for a term of office ending December 31, 2008. You are appointed as a Special Government Employee and are subject to Federal conflict of interest laws, agency standard of conduct regulations, and annual financial disclosure requirements.

The NMSAC has made invaluable contributions through its advice to the Department on matters such as national security strategy and policy, actions required to meet current and future security threats, international cooperation on security issues, and security concerns of the maritime and transportation industry. This kind of dialogue and interaction is key to ensuring the Department is well informed as it considers boating safety issues and homeland security.

I greatly appreciate your willingness to serve on the Committee and am confident the Department will benefit from your ideas and experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Chertoff", written in a cursive style.

Michael Chertoff