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Mr. Kemp L. Chester is the Assistant Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Chief of its National Opioids and Synthetics Coordination Group (NOSCG). In this capacity, Mr. Chester leads interagency efforts to reduce the availability of heroin, fentanyl, and synthetic drugs in the United States by disrupting its global supply chain. Mr. Chester leads an interagency team of subject matter experts, and works closely with the White House and the National Security Council to manage a network of partnerships across the Federal government - as well as international partners - focused on the illicit opioid crisis and synthetic drug issues.

Prior to joining the Senior Executive Service and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Mr. Chester was the Director of National Security and Intelligence

for a private sector consulting firm in the D.C. area where he managed a multimillion dollar program bringing state of the art information sharing and safeguarding technologies to the Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Chester previously served as the Chief of the Office of Counternarcotics Worldwide at the Defense Intelligence Agency where he was responsible for intelligence collection and analysis on global narcotics issues, and for the management of all funding for the intelligence analysis effort in support of Department of Defense counternarcotics activities. During a 27 year career as a U.S. Army Officer, Mr. Chester served in a number of command and staff positions in the United States, Europe, and the Middle East, including combat service in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom. During his two tours in Iraq he served as an Army infantry division operations officer and a strategic planner for coalition forces, and during his time in Afghanistan then-Colonel Chester served as the Chief of the Ministry of the Interior Intelligence Advisory Team for the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan. Working closely with coalition partners and the European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan Mr. Chester designed and built an enduring police intelligence capability for the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan which included the Afghan National Intelligence Training Center (ANITC), the Network Targeting and Exploitation Center (NTEC), and the full staffing of an 1100-person Directorate of Police Intelligence within the Ministry. He also served as the mentor and senior advisor to Afghanistan's Director of Police Intelligence.

Mr. Chester holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from The Citadel, a Master of Arts in International Relations from the University of South Carolina, a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, a Master of Military Arts and

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