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Senate Unanimously Confirms Joel David Kaplan as Deputy Director of OMB

Washington, D.C.—The Senate unanimously confirmed Joel David Kaplan of Massachusetts Thursday night as Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). As Deputy Director of OMB, Mr. Kaplan will assist the Director in overseeing the preparation of the Federal budget and help to supervise its administration in Executive Branch agencies. He will also work closely with Congress and federal departments to successfully implement the President's agenda, from growing the economy and creating jobs to ensuring a strong national defense and a secure homeland.

Previously, Mr. Kaplan served as Special Assistant to the President in the Office of the Chief of Staff, where he assisted in the coordination, development, and implementation of Administration policies. In that capacity, Mr. Kaplan focused on a wide range of issues including international economic affairs, homeland security, energy, and transportation.

Before joining the White House Staff in January of 2001, Mr. Kaplan worked as a policy advisor on the 2000 presidential campaign in Austin, Texas. Earlier, he served as a law clerk for the Honorable Antonin Scalia, Supreme Court of the United States and for the Honorable J. Michael Luttig, United States Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit (Alexandria, VA). He also served for four years as an Artillery Officer in the United States Marine Corps. Mr. Kaplan earned his bachelor's degree from Harvard College and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

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