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U.S.-CHINA COMMISSION ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF PETER VIDENIEKS

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Washington, D.C. – Chairman Carolyn Bartholomew and Vice Chairman Dan Blumenthal are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Peter Videnieks by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2008.

Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Videnieks served on the staff of Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-WVA), President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and Chairman of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, as an advisor on international affairs and energy issues. He also served on the staffs of the U.S. Trade Deficit Review Commission and the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Mr. Videnieks was previously a contracting officer for NASA, the Justice Department, and the U.S. Customs Service, where he was Division Director. He has also been an IRS revenue officer. He holds degrees from the University of Maryland (BA economics) and the George Washington University (MSA with concentration in procurement and contracting). Commissioner Videnieks' full bio is attached. His appointment, announced in the Congressional Record on January 12, 2007, is available at: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getpage.cgi?position=all&page=S527&dbname=2007_record.

The Commission's twelve members are appointed by the joint Congressional leadership for two-year terms. The Commission was created by Congress in 2000 to investigate and assess the economic and security implications of the U.S.-China relationship. Its statutory charter is available at <http://www.uscc.gov/about/charter.php>.

The Commission will hold its first public hearing for the 2007 report cycle on February 1-2, to examine the overall economic and security relationship between the United States and China. The hearing will be held in Room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C. The full agenda soon will be posted to the Commission's Web Site www.uscc.gov soon. The Commission plans to hold a series of public hearings on a broad array of topics within its legislative mandate, continuing its examination of the industrial, regional, and national security implications of U.S.-China trade and investment. The full 2007 schedule of Commission hearings will be posted to www.uscc.gov.

The Commission's four Annual Reports to Congress, transcripts of its public hearings, research papers, trade and economic data, and translations of relevant Chinese-language materials are available on line at www.uscc.gov.

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