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Mapp Named Member Of National Governors Association's Committee On Economic Development

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ST. THOMAS -- Governor Kenneth Mapp was named a member of the National Governors Association (NGA) Economic Development and Commerce Committee by NGA Chair, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert and NGA Vice Chair Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, according to a press release Government House issued late Monday.

The Economic Development and Commerce Committee handles issues dealing with transportation infrastructure, telecommunications, international trade promotion, financial services regulation, science and technology development, and affordable housing. Members of the committee ensure that the governors' views are represented in the shaping of federal policy.

"I look forward to serving on the NGA Economic Development and Commerce Committee," said Governor Mapp. "As governors, we are uniquely positioned to influence federal legislation and regulations that affect economic development and commerce policies."

Founded in 1908, NGA is the collective voice of the nation's governors and one of Washington, D.C.'s most respected public policy organizations. Its members are the governors of the 55 states, territories and commonwealths.

NGA provides governors and their senior staff members with services that range from representing states on Capitol Hill and before administrations on key federal issues to developing and implementing innovative solutions to public policy challenges through the NGA Center for Best Practices.

In February, Mapp joined the nation's governors in Washington, DC for the NGA's Winter Meeting, where issues affecting states and territories, as well as to share best practices to address some of the nation's challenges, were discussed.

"The NGA Winter Meeting is an opportunity to meet with our colleagues and discuss the many issues facing us as we govern. This meeting is a chance to examine great ideas from around the country so we can push forward in areas such as jobs, education, and healthcare, and government efficiency," Mapp said in February. "As a new member of the NGA, I am looking forward to meeting and networking with my colleagues."

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