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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6050

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing in support of Michael Botticelli, acting Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to be confirmed as the permanent Director. I've met with him here in Salt Lake County and was impressed with how well informed he is regarding the issues we face. My staff in the Division of Behavioral Health has worked directly with Mr. Botticelli on prescription drug abuse as well as methamphetamine abuse in his role at ONDCP.

When I met with Mr. Botticelli here in Salt Lake last year, I was impressed with his grasp of national issues related to drug control and addiction issues. His experience working at the local level is also important to me. I have the statutory responsibility to administer all of the public substance use disorder treatment and preventative care services. I also am the chair of our Criminal Justice Advisory County which is our county version of ONDCP. Having this responsibility has made me all the more aware of the value of having people like Mr. Botticelli in the role of permanent director of ONDCP.

As a dedicated and informed public servant, he would serve our county well as the permanent director of ONDCP. My staff and I would urge your support of his confirmation. We will also let Senator Orrin Hatch know of our support.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any further information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ben McAdams, Mayor
Salt Lake County

CC: Senator Orrin Hatch