



September 19, 2014

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), the more than 5,000 coalitions it represents nationwide, and the 291 members it represents in the states of Vermont and Iowa, I am writing to express our strong support for the President's nomination of Michael Botticelli to serve as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). I urge you to support his swift confirmation.

Mr. Botticelli has a wealth of knowledge and extensive experience in the drug policy field. His tenure as Deputy Director of ONDCP began in November 2012, and he has served as Acting Director since March 2014. In this role, Mr. Botticelli provides efficient and effective coordination of community-based prevention, treatment and recovery programs, while strongly encouraging the development and use of data to enhance performance and increase accountability. His detailed knowledge of both federal and state substance use/abuse financing systems is a unique quality that he will bring to the position as Director.

Throughout his career, Mr. Botticelli has served in a variety of important leadership roles. As the former Director of the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services in Massachusetts, he forged strong partnerships with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and stakeholder groups to guide and implement evidence-based prevention and treatment programs. He has also served as a member of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors' board of directors.

Mr. Botticelli is a true leader with a strong ability to bring the full range of law enforcement, prevention, treatment and recovery professionals and organizations together to effectively address our nation's drug problems. Please work to ensure Mr. Botticelli's swift confirmation as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Arthur T. Dean
Major General, U.S. Army Retired
Chairman and CEO

cc: Members of the Judiciary Committee