



October 15, 2014

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

It is with great enthusiasm that I am writing to express support for the nomination of Mr. Michael Botticelli, Acting Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to serve as the permanent Director of ONDCP.

While serving as the Director of the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Mr. Botticelli approached our organization with the iron determination to institute innovative changes within the child welfare system for families affected by substance use disorders. Through his collaborative efforts and tireless commitment to these families, Massachusetts was able to dedicate counselors and staff with an expertise in substance use disorders to the State's child welfare offices. Mr. Botticelli's thorough understanding of substance use disorders and prevention and treatment programs, coupled with his experience working with federal and state financing systems and his proven track record to effectively collaborate with partners at the federal and state level, is reflective of the essential skills and background needed to lead ONDCP in overcoming the challenges our nation faces.

Acting Director Botticelli serves as a symbol of hope while projecting the far-reaching message to families struggling with addiction that recovery is possible. We strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Michael Botticelli to serve as the permanent Director of ONDCP and look forward to his confirmation.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director