

November 10, 2014

Senator Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
437 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Members of the Committee:

I write to offer enthusiastic support for the nomination of Michael Botticelli to serve as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy on behalf of Lines for Life, the Northwest's leading substance abuse and suicide prevention organization. Acting Director Botticelli brings keen intellect, thoughtful insight and a remarkably deep portfolio of experience, and will provide excellent leadership at the helm of ONDCP.

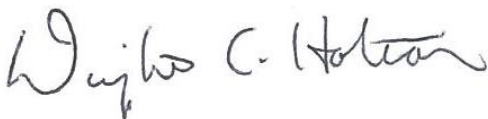
I offer a unique perspective on Mr. Botticelli's experience. As a former federal prosecutor with 15 years prosecuting in the EDNY and D. Oregon – most recently as U.S. Attorney for Oregon -- I have a deep appreciation of Mr. Botticelli's commitment to the law enforcement and interdiction component of effect drug control policy. Mr. Botticelli has throughout his career demonstrated substantial interest and support for the work of narcotics investigators in keeping communities safe from the devastation of illegal drug trafficking. In his role as Acting Director, Mr. Botticelli has been an excellent champion for law enforcement efforts to interdict the supply side of drug trafficking.

But in my current role as a the CEO of a leading drug abuse prevention organization, I also appreciate Mr. Botticelli's understanding of the value of prevention in keeping communities safe and averting the tremendous costs that illegal drug use imposes – on families, on the victims of drug-related crimes, on communities and on taxpayers. Mr. Botticelli's leadership in combatting the epidemic of prescription drug abuse is just one example of the value he brings to the role of the Office of the Director in advancing prevention. At Lines for Life, preventing substance abuse and suicide is our mission – and we are confident that as Director, Mr. Botticelli would provide unparalleled leadership in implementing innovative and effective prevention strategies.

There are few leaders in the realm of drug control policy who have demonstrated such excellence in both interdiction and prevention efforts. Mr. Botticelli therefore offers ONDCP a rare combination of experience and leadership that will serve the nation extremely well.

I am honored to offer the unqualified support of Lines for Life for the nomination of Michael Botticelli to serve as Director of the Office of National Control Policy. I would be happy to provide any further information if helpful.

Respectfully submitted,



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