



October 16, 2014

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

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Senator Grassley:

The National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS), representing more than 700 hospitals and behavioral health treatment organizations who serve people of all ages, strongly supports the nomination of Michael Botticelli as Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

Mr. Botticelli joined ONDCP as Deputy Director in 2012 and, assumed the role of Acting Director in March. He has done an outstanding job as Acting Director and that experience will be very helpful going forward.

Mr. Botticelli has extensive background at the state level working with the Massachusetts Department of Health (MDPH) where he served as Director of the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services for nearly a decade. His worked to expand substance abuse treatment services provides him with all the essential tools needed to run our national drug policy.

Mr. Botticelli has the broad experience and ability to work across the aisle to achieve results that will lead to improving care for millions of Americans. He is the right candidate to lead ONDCP now, and we encourage the Senate Judiciary Committee and full Senate to approve his nomination in an expeditious manner to face the nation's epidemic of prescription drug and heroine abuse.

Sincerely

Mark Covall  
President and CEO