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437 Russell Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking, Committee on the Judiciary  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to express strong support for the nomination of Michael Botticelli to serve as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) on behalf of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) and our National Network of Affiliates.

Mr. Botticelli's outstanding commitment to prevention, education, treatment and recovery services for alcohol and drug addiction makes him uniquely qualified to assume the role of Director of ONDCP. His success is due to his extensive experience in the field and his proven ability to work collaboratively with agencies related to criminal justice, education, prevention and others. His skill in coordinating across government and community organizations is incredibly important and valuable, given ONDCP's mission.

Mr. Botticelli and his passionate commitment to our cause has been recognized for his leadership roles with the National Association of State Alcohol/Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD), and also with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP).

At NCADD, we have been privileged to work with Mr. Botticelli, at both the State and Federal level. We strongly support the nomination of Mr. Michael Botticelli to serve as the next Director of ONDCP.

Sincerely,

Andrew N. Pucher  
President/CEO