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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

The National Family Partnership (NFP), the leading anti-drug parent organization for the past 35 years, encourages the Senate Committee on the Judiciary to give serious consideration to supporting the nomination of Michael Botticelli to the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). It is rare that the substance abuse prevention field is offered the possibility of having, in this critical national position, a person who understands prevention in its broadest and most effective paradigms, while also being a powerful advocate for evidence-based intervention, treatment and recovery for those suffering from addiction and for their family members.

Through our 80 affiliates and our long-term partnership with hundreds of thousands of schools and thousands of communities, NFP is America's leader in educational prevention campaigns. Effective prevention requires environmental change through participation and involvement – and our campaigns are designed for that purpose. Our best known campaign is the Annual Red Ribbon Campaign (October 23-31st), which helps to move thousands of young people across the country each year into the critical personal commitment never to use drugs. We created the Lock Your Meds public awareness campaign which helped us realize anew how essential it is for the country to have an ONDCP Director who will be relentless in protecting our youth from access to opioids and other addictive and deadly prescription drugs. We applaud Mr. Botticelli for the steps he has already taken in addressing this current epidemic.

We the parents of America's vulnerable youth need and deserve a dedicated public servant who is experienced and committed to protecting our children from the scourge of drug use. We believe Mr. Botticelli is the person needed in that position at this time to support our efforts. We hope your committee will meet with him soon and move him toward swift confirmation.

We hope that Mr. Botticelli will soon be confirmed as the ONDCP Director, and we look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead as we continue our ongoing leadership in protecting America's youth from drugs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peggy B. Sapp", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Peggy Sapp  
President