

# PHOENIX MULTISPORT

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TO: The United States Senate Judiciary Committee

RE: Confirmation of Mr. Michael Botticelli, as Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

Dear Honorable Members of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee:

As the National Executive Director and Founder of Phoenix Multisport, a nonprofit helping those in recovery from substance abuse, I strongly support the nomination and confirmation of Michael Botticelli as the Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

It was an honor to have the opportunity to meet with Mr. Botticelli a few months ago at the White House and take part in the "Advocates for Action Roundtable," where we discussed ways to reform drug policy in America, find solutions to help combat drug addiction and discuss successful programs for long term recovery. Because Mr. Botticelli understands addiction and recovery on a personal level, he understands the need for treatment and recovery support, and that it is not a one size fits all answer.

I've been sober for over 17 years and since founding Phoenix Multisport in 2007, over 14,000 individuals have taken part in our free programs and activities in Colorado. Phoenix Multisport is an active, sober, community for individuals in recovery from substance abuse and for those who choose to live sober. We were pleased when former Director Gil Kerlikowske visited our Denver facility and saw firsthand the positive affect our program is having in so many lives.

Michael Botticelli recognizes the cost of addiction in our families and communities and that we must find ways to help those who are suffering. As we search for new ideas on substance abuse prevention and learn new ways that support long term recovery, I feel that Mr. Botticelli will bring a wealth of information to help fight the battle of addiction in America. Mr. Botticelli is a proven leader and will serve the Office of National Drug Control Policy well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Most sincerely,

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