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Senator Patrick Leahy  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Comm.  
437 Russell Senate Office Bldg  
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Senator Charles Grassley  
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Comm  
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the nomination of Mr. Michael Botticelli, Acting Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to serve as the permanent Director of ONDCP.

As the former Deputy Director of the Iowa Department of Public Health and Iowa's state alcohol and drug abuse director I had numerous opportunities to work with Mr. Botticelle when he was the Director of the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services in Massachusetts. I was impressed with his ability to provide policy and programmatic guidance for the substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery programs in the state of Massachusetts. He emphasized results and utilized data to enhance performance and accountability in the state. His unique combination of experience, both personal and career wise will be beneficial in implementing the National Drug Control Strategy. His knowledge, skills and experience are aligned with the goals of the President's Drug Strategy.

Mr. Botticelli is also recognized as a leader on the national level. He served on the Advisory Committee to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), as an Advisor to the National Action Alliance on Suicide Prevention, and other advisory committees. Additionally he was actively involved with the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD).

I strongly support his nomination and urge the committee to swiftly act on his confirmation.

Sincerely,



President, Zwick Healthcare Consultants, LLC