

# FACES & VOICES OF RECOVERY

November 5, 2014

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate  
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 201510

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Ranking Member:

On behalf of Faces & Voices of Recovery (FAVOR), I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Acting Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to serve as the permanent Director of ONDCP. We believe Acting Director Botticelli's knowledge, skills, and experience are aligned with the goals set forth in the President's Drug Strategy.

Throughout his tenure as Acting Director of ONDCP, Mr. Botticelli has worked tirelessly on behalf of those in or seeking recovery from addiction. As you know, addiction recovery reduces devastating societal problems such as overburdened criminal justice systems, domestic violence, homelessness and child welfare. In addition, we know addiction recovery is associated with better outcomes in the treatment of HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, liver damage, and prenatal conditions.

Mr. Botticelli understands the importance of prevention, treatment, and recovery in reducing associated health and societal problems. He continues to effectively coordinate cross-agency policy initiatives, and has proven to successfully work productively with other agencies.

As an organization in the recovery community who works in the field of public health and recovery support services, we applaud Acting Director Botticelli's work, often with a diverse set of stakeholders, to address important issues regarding substance use disorders. Acting Director Botticelli's success is based in part on his ability to work collaboratively not only with the health community, but also with other sectors representing criminal justice, education, interdiction, prevention, and others.

A permanent leader of ONDCP is particularly critical at this time as our nation faces an unprecedented number of needless deaths related to opioids and other drugs. Faces and Voices of Recovery respectfully requests the swift confirmation of Mr. Michael Botticelli to serve as the permanent Director of ONDCP.

Sincerely,



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