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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are writing today to express our strong support for Michael Botticelli's nomination to serve as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and our strong hope that your committee will move this nomination swiftly through the confirmation process.

Our organization speaks for the 1 in 4 children living in families at high risk for addiction, providing help when parental substance use disorders create havoc for the whole family, resulting in huge costs to the health care system, the courts and corrections system, and harm to the greater society, affecting our schools, our neighborhoods and our communities.

Michael Botticelli has a deep knowledge of the multi-faceted drug use and addiction issues that harm our children and families. He has a rich history of effectively bringing together the critical stakeholders across the prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery support spectrum to address those issues. In addition to this broad knowledge and experience, he has brought to his current role of Acting Director of ONDCP a contagious and engaging leadership style that is permeated with a healthy passion and enthusiasm for the mission of ONDCP's work for the needs of the American citizen. He understands that prevention of drug abuse problems belongs to all -- the American family, the schools, the faith community, the helping professions -- and intuitively leads in ways that strengthens and empowers all of us in our legitimate roles.

We and our 45 affiliate organizations across the country urge you to give Mr. Botticelli's nomination careful consideration so that we can be assured of his strong and passionate leadership as ONDCP Director in the near future. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO

Gary M. Weiss, MD
Board Chairman