

February 23, 2017

The Hon. Mick Mulvaney  
Executive Office of the President  
Office of Management and Budget

RE: Retain the Office of National Drug Control Policy

Dear Mr. Mulvaney:

We are thankful to the Trump Administration for prioritizing the reduction of drug use, drug trafficking, and its consequences. We represent former and current federal, state, and local officials, hundreds of community-based organizations, and tens of thousands of people working in drug prevention, drug treatment, drug treatment courts, mental health, recovery, medicine, law enforcement, and millions of individuals in recovery from alcohol and drug use disorders. Like the Administration, we believe drugs are a serious issue.

In light of the Administration's prioritization, we write in strong support of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), due to the critical and unique role the office serves:

- ONDCP eliminates waste and fraud in the federal government by preventing duplicate programs and strategies among various federal agencies, designed to reduce drug consumption (through prevention, treatment, and recovery support) and its consequences, and to eliminate drug trafficking.
- ONDCP oversees/coordinates federal efforts to combat the opioid overdose epidemic, which has been the fastest growing drug epidemic in U.S. history. It coordinates all federal agencies responsible for reducing drug trafficking and use, and thus ensures agencies adhere to the President's priorities and are not duplicative or wasteful.
- ONDCP brings essential expertise to the table on complex drug issues, expertise that would otherwise be missing or dispersed across multiple agencies.
- ONDCP holds all federal, state, and local agencies accountable for achieving specific goals to reduce drug trafficking, use, and other consequences.
- ONDCP funds and oversees vital programs to reduce drug use and drug trafficking:
  - The critically important Drug Free Communities (DFC) program, which provides funding directly to communities to prevent drug use. DFC-funded coalitions are proven to effectively reduce alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and prescription drug misuse among middle and high school-aged children.
  - The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program, which coordinates federal, state, and local law enforcement to streamline efforts to dismantle drug trafficking organizations and bring drug traffickers to justice.

At a time when drugs now kill more people than firearms or car crashes, it is more important than ever for ONDCP to remain a strong voice in the White House and a visible presence nationally.

Sincerely,

A New PATH  
Addiction Haven  
Addiction Medicine Foundation  
Addiction Policy Forum  
Advocates for Recovery Colorado  
Alabama Citizens Action Program  
Alano Club of Portland  
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence  
American Association of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American Correctional Association  
American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine  
American Osteopathic Association  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Society of Addiction Medicine  
AmerisourceBergen Corporation  
Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness  
Association of Persons Affected by Addiction (APAA)  
Association of Prosecuting Attorneys  
Association of Recovery Community Organizations  
Association of Recovery Schools  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Bangor Area Recovery Network, Inc.  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals  
Capital Area Project Vox  
Caron Treatment Centers  
Center for Recovery and Wellness Resources  
Center for Substance Abuse Research, University of Maryland  
Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition (CRCC)  
College on Problems of Drug Dependence

Communities for Recovery  
Community Alliances for Drug-Free Youth  
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America  
Community Oriented Correctional Health Services  
Connecticut Certification Board  
Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR)  
Council on Prevention and Education: Substances  
DarJune Recovery Support Services & Café  
DC Recovery Community Alliance  
Delaware Certification Board  
Detroit Recovery Project, Inc.  
Dorchester Recovery Initiative  
Drug Free America Foundation  
Drug Free Schools Coalition  
Easy Does It, Inc.  
El Paso Alliance  
Engaged Recovery Community Services  
Entertainment Industries Council, Inc  
Faces & Voices of Recovery  
Facing Addiction  
FAVOR Greenville  
FAVOR Mississippi Recovery Advocacy Project  
FAVOR Pee Dee  
FAVOR Tri-County  
FED UP Coalition to End the Opioid Epidemic  
Fellowship Foundation Recovery Community Organization  
Floridians for Recovery  
Foundation for Recovery  
Friends of Recovery - New York  
Friends Research Institute, Inc.  
Gem County Recovery Community Center  
Georgia Council on Substance Abuse  
Gerontological Society of America  
Greater Macomb Project Vox  
HOPE for New Hampshire Recovery  
Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association  
Institute for Behavior and Health  
International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium  
International Nurses Society on Addictions  
Jackson Area Recovery Community  
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health  
Juneau Recovery Community

Latah Recovery Center  
Legal Action Center  
Life of Purpose Treatment  
Lifehouse Recovery Connection  
Long Island Recovery Association (LIRA)  
Lost Dreams Awaken Center, Inc.  
Lotus Peer Recovery/Sober Kerrville  
Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors & Trainers, Inc.  
Maine Alliance for Addiction Recovery  
Major Cities Chiefs Association  
Major County Sheriffs of America  
Maryland Recovery Organization Connecting Communities (M-ROCC)  
Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR)  
Message Carriers of Pennsylvania, Inc.  
Mi-HOPE - Michigan Heroin & Opiate Prevention and Education  
Michigan Recovery Voices  
Minnesota Recovery Connection  
Missouri Recovery Network  
Mothers Against Drunk Driving  
Moyer Foundation  
National Alliance of State Drug Enforcement Agencies  
National Association for Children of Alcoholics  
National Association for Rural Mental Health  
National Association of City and County Health Officials  
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists  
National Association of Counties  
National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors  
National Association of Drug Court Professionals  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors  
National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse  
National Council for Behavioral Health  
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence  
National District Attorneys Association  
National Families in Action  
National Fusion Center Association  
National HIDTA Directors Association  
National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization  
National Minority AIDS Council  
National Narcotics Officers Association Coalition  
National Safety Council  
National Sheriffs' Association

Navigate Recovery  
New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good  
New York Association of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers, Inc.  
Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA)  
Nurse Practitioner Healthcare Foundation  
Oklahoma Citizen Advocates for Recovery & Treatment Association (OCARTA)  
Oklahoma Drug and Alcohol Professional Counselor Association  
P.E.E.R Wellness Center, Inc.  
Partnership for Drug-Free Kids  
PEER360 Recovery Alliance  
Pennsylvania Certification Board  
Pennsylvania Recovery Organization - Achieving Community Together - (PRO-ACT)  
Pennsylvania Recovery Organizations Alliance (PRO-A)  
People Advocating Recovery – PAR  
Phoenix House  
Phoenix Multisport Boston  
Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing  
PLR Athens  
Proove Biosciences  
RASE Project  
Recover Project/Western MA Training  
Recover Wyoming  
Recovery - Friendly Taos County  
Recovery Allies Of West Michigan  
Recovery Cafe  
Recovery Communities of North Carolina  
Recovery Community Of Durham  
Recovery Consultants of Atlanta  
Recovery Data Solutions  
Recovery Idaho, Inc.  
Recovery is Happening  
RecoveryATX  
RecoveryNC (Governors Institute on Substance Abuse)  
Regroup  
Rhode Island Certification Board  
Rhode Island Communities for Addiction Recovery Efforts (RICAREs)  
ROCovery Fitness  
Rosenthal Center for Addiction Studies  
Safe Kids Worldwide  
SAM Action  
Save Our Society from Drugs  
Shatterproof  
Smart Approaches to Marijuana  
SMART Recovery

Solano Recovery Project  
Spiritworks Foundation  
Springs Recovery Connection  
STEP Industries  
Strengthening the Mid-Atlantic Region for Tomorrow (SMART)  
Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists  
T.O.R.C.H Inc.  
Tennessee Overdose Prevention  
Texas Association of Addiction Professionals  
The Addict's Mom  
The Bridge Foundation  
The DOOR - DeKalb Open Opportunity for Recovery  
The Friends of NIDA  
The McShin Foundation  
The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse  
Tia Hart Recovery Community Program  
Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities  
Treatment Communities of America  
Trilogy Recovery Community  
Trust for America's Health  
Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness (USARA)  
Verde Technologies  
Vermont Recovery Network  
Virginia Association of Recovery Residences  
Virginia Certification Board  
Voices of Hope for Cecil County  
Voices of Recovery San Mateo County  
WAI-IAM, Inc. and RISE Recovery Community  
Washtenaw Recovery Advocacy Project (WRAP)  
WestCare, Inc.  
WholeLife Recovery Community/ Arizona Recovery Coalition  
Wisconsin Recovery Community Organization (WIRCO)  
Wisconsin Voices for Recovery  
Young People in Recovery  
Zoe's Story Fund

CC: The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
The Honorable Michael Pence  
The Honorable Jefferson B. Sessions III  
The Honorable Tom Price