

November 13, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader McConnell and Leader Schumer,

We write to urge the Senate to swiftly approve the nomination of Jim Carroll as the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). 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. We are thankful for the Senate's work to combat the addiction crisis through the passage of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act. It is critical that the Senate now act promptly to confirm Jim Carroll as Director of ONDCP so that the SUPPORT Act can be properly implemented.

ONDCP has a unique mission and focus to coordinate the policy and budgets of all federal Departments and agencies across the supply and demand aspects of drug control in order to best ensure a comprehensive and effective response to all the drug issues facing our nation and its citizens. ONDCP needs strong and clear leadership in the midst of the worst drug epidemic in our nation's history, and that can only be achieved with a Senate-confirmed Director.

Jim Carroll is well qualified to serve as Director, having previously served at high levels in the White House, including Deputy Chief of Staff and General Counsel in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). In his role as Acting Director of ONDCP, he has led the agency in achieving its objectives of reducing opioid and addiction deaths through disrupting drug trafficking networks, deploying prevention resources, and coordinating evidence-based treatment.

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. ONDCP is the one place in government capable of ensuring that the response to the nation's drug issues are properly funded, coordinated, and are optimally effective. We urge you to confirm Jim Carroll so that we can work with ONDCP to combat the addiction epidemic and save lives together.

Sincerely,

A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing)
Addiction Policy Forum
American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians
American Psychological Association
American Society of Addiction Medicine

Americans Against Legalizing Marijuana (AALM)
amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research
Cannabis Industry Victims Educating Litigators (CIVEL)
Caron Treatment Centers
Center on Addiction
Collaborative for Effective Prescription Opioid Policies (CEPOP)
College on Problems of Drug Dependence
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)
Drug and Alcohol Service Providers Organization of Pennsylvania
Drug Free America Foundation, Inc.
Drug Free Schools Coalition
Drug Prevention Resources
Entertainment Industries Council, Inc. (EIC)
Faces & Voices of Recovery
Facing Addiction with NCADD
Florida Coalition Alliance
Greater New Orleans Drug Demand Reduction Coalition
Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation
Hope Soldiers
Institute for Behavior and Health, Inc.
International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)
Legal Action Center
Mainers Protecting Our Youth and Communities
Minnesota Recovery Connection
NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals
National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws (NAMSDL)
National Association for Children of Addiction (NACoA)
National Association of Drug Court Professionals
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)
National Council for Behavioral Health
National Families in Action
Parity Implementation Coalition
Partnership for Drug-Free Kids
Phoenix House
Resilient Futures Network, LLC
Rosenthal Center for Addiction Studies
Save Our Society From Drugs
Shatterproof
Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action (SAM Action)
TASC, Inc. (Illinois)

The Council on Prevention and Education: Substances Inc. (Copes)

The Kennedy Forum

Treatment Communities of America

WestCare Foundation

Young People in Recovery