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## ASAM Applauds Senate Confirmation of Michael Botticelli as ONDCP Director

**CHEVY CHASE, MD, FEBRUARY 13, 2014** – The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) applauds the US Senate’s unanimous confirmation of Michael Botticelli as the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

As a former state substance abuse division director, the recent acting director for ONDCP and a person in long-term recovery from addiction, Mr. Botticelli brings a wealth of both professional and personal experience to this new position. He is committed to reforming America’s drug policy so that it promotes prevention, treatment and recovery support while ensuring the ongoing safety of America’s diverse communities.

“ASAM has been a long-time supporter of and partner to ONDCP, particularly under Mr. Botticelli’s leadership,” offers Stuart Gitlow, ASAM President. “We look forward to our continued collaboration with ONDCP, and to educating Americans about the disease of addiction and the benefits of evidence-informed treatment. We are also honored that he will be the recipient of ASAM’s Public Policy Award at our upcoming Annual Conference.”

### The Public Needs to Know

Addiction is a chronic disease and is treatable with stabilizing medications, psychosocial interventions and recovery support programs. Even so, millions of Americans currently in need of treatment are unable to access it. ASAM is an association of physicians and associated professionals dedicated to improving the treatment of alcohol, drug and other addictions, educating physicians and medical students, promoting research and prevention, and enlightening and informing the medical community and the public about these issues.

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