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Mr. Reed Cordish  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Re. ONDCP Funding and Programs

Dear Mr. Cordish,

At a time when the national opioid addiction epidemic is crippling our country, killing more people than car crashes or firearms, it is more important than ever for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to continue its effective and vital community-based programs that support law enforcement, reduce crime, and save lives.

The Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI) and our over 250 law enforcement partners across the Country are on the streets every day working to protect the safety and lives of our citizens. It is critically important that the President honor his pledge to support law enforcement and fight the opioid epidemic and give people struggling with addiction access to the help they need. The decision to defund ONDCP will have life and death consequences, and we believe the voice of law enforcement, those on the front lines of this epidemic, should be genuinely considered.

Drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in the United States, with more than 54,000 overdose deaths reported in 2015. Almost 33,000 of those overdose deaths – more than 90 deaths every day – involved opioids, including prescription opioid pain relievers, heroin, or the synthetic opioid fentanyl, which is up to 50 times more powerful than heroin.

ONDCP is a key agency in the national effort to combat the opioid epidemic, and it is more important than ever to preserve ONDCP and its vital community-based programs that reduce crime and save lives, such as the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and the Drug Free Communities programs, two very effective programs with widespread bipartisan support among local, state, and national law enforcement and lawmakers alike. HIDTA facilitates cooperation among enforcement agencies to share information and implement effective strategies to combat drug abuse and drug-related crime in high-need areas of the country. HIDTA has increased collaboration between public health and law enforcement and championed many innovations that have potentially saved countless lives. One such innovation is an app developed by the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA program that provides real-time tracking of fatal and non-fatal overdose incidents so as to interrupt the flow of dangerous batches of heroin and provide opportunities for law enforcement to prevent future overdoses and save lives.

ONDCP has also been a champion of the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI), a nonprofit organization that in less than two years has trained and supported 256 law enforcement agencies in 30 states that serve as a pre-arrest bridge and police-based access point to treatment. Traditional criminal justice approaches to addiction have not been effective, sparking a nationwide movement led by law enforcement and ONDCP that recognizes addiction is a chronic disease that needs long-term treatment, not arrest and jail. Our pre-arrest diversion and referral programs make our communities safer, prevent overdose deaths, build community trust of their police, and save law enforcement and taxpayer funds. Together, we have already helped an estimated 10,000 people into treatment to date.

Drastically cutting ONDCP's budget by 95% will decimate effective and vital community-based programs and well established law enforcement partnerships that reduce crime and support life-saving community work. The loss of these programs and ONDCP's leadership, resources, and coordination will make the difficult task of seeking and accessing treatment for substance use disorders, even harder.

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The opioid epidemic is the most urgent public health crisis we face today – more than 90 Americans die every day. During this time of extreme need, ONDCP’s leadership and critical programs are required more than ever and should be supported with level funding versus massive cuts which will only result in more preventable overdose deaths and crime.

Thank you for your consideration and we sincerely hope the Administration will restore funding for ONDCP’s critical programs and professional staff.

Sincerely,

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