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Dear Patrick,

I was thrilled to hear that you are interested in the ONDCP director position. I think you are the best person for that position at this critical time in our country. I have long believed that the real importance of that position is that it offers an incredible bully pulpit. You would be perfect for that role given your commitment and power of persuasion. I will never forget the deep respect and admiration that members of both parties showed for you when we testified before the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee back in the Spring. I told Claudene that I had to look up whether the folks singing your praises were Republicans or Democrats because you could not tell from their comments. You are precisely what we need now, someone who has the stature and savvy to bring attention to substance use issues across the political spectrum and to the general public.

Patrick, I also think that your willingness to speak about your lived experience as a person in long-term recovery is also very powerful. I have seen the impact that your sharing has had. It is exciting to think about your having a platform to do this on a national level.

By now, you should know that I think you would be fantastic at ONDCP and I hope you will apply for the position. Let me know if there is anything that I can do to support you. We have a window of opportunity with President-elect Biden and we need to make sure that we have the best people in place to get this vital work accomplished.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur C. Evans, Jr.".

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