

The Honorable Gordon H. Smith
President and CEO



November 17, 2020

To Whom It May Concern in the Biden Transition Team,

I write to express my strong support for Patrick Kennedy to serve as the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Director. During the years we served together in the United States Congress—I as a Senate Republican and he as a House Democrat—we worked productively together in a bipartisan/bicameral manner to pass mental health legislation, specifically the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

From those years until now, Patrick and I have continued working together to advance the causes of mental health and substance abuse rehabilitation. At every opportunity, Patrick brings his “lived experience” and passion for public policies to find help for the addicted and relief for the mentally ill.

I have no doubt that the ONDCP would benefit from Patrick Kennedy’s leadership, and thank you for your consideration of him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon H. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "G" and "S".

Gordon H. Smith