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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
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The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our deep concern regarding recent media reports that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may propose the elimination of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Understanding that we live at a time where media reports must be greeted with a certain amount of skepticism, especially those reports covering your Administration, we felt that the importance of the ONDCP to law enforcement and the effort to combat illegal drugs in the United States was such that we had to address it with you.

You made very clear on the campaign trail and in your time in office that you recognize the threat posed by drug trafficking and abuse. Our nation is currently facing an epidemic of opioid-related deaths--drugs now kill more people than gunshot wounds and car crashes. The ONDCP plays a vital role in coordinating a national strategy to fight drug trafficking and reduce illegal drug use. As you know, State and local law enforcement agencies are on the front lines of this fight, but it is the ONDCP that funds and oversees critical programs like the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and Drug Free Communities programs. Without the ONDCP to help law enforcement agencies at every level to work together, we would have no way to set and coordinate a national strategy.

We urge you and your Administration to reject any notion or proposal to eliminate the ONDCP and, in fact, urge you to ensure that the budget prioritizes its efforts and those of State and local law enforcement to combat the use and sale of illegal narcotics. As always, we thank you for your leadership and look forward to working with you and your Administration on this issue. If I can be of any additional assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jim Pasco, Senior Advisor to the National President, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,

  
Chuck Canterbury  
National President

cc: The Honorable Michael R. Pence, Vice President of the United States  
The Honorable Jefferson B. Sessions III, Attorney General of the United States  
The Honorable J. Michael "Mick" Mulvaney, Director, Office of Management and Budget