



November 1, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader McConnell and Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the more than 30,000 members of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I urge you to prioritize the nomination of Mr. James W. Carroll to serve as the next Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Mr. Carroll has been reported favorably out of the Senate Judiciary Committee and we ask that you promptly confirm him before the adjournment of the 115th Congress.

The IACP believes that Mr. Carroll has the qualifications and experience necessary to be an effective leader of the ONDCP. Mr. Carroll's service in the Department of Treasury, the Department of Justice, the Office of Management and Budget, as well as his time as White House Deputy Chief of Staff, ensure that Mr. Carroll has a broad understanding of the impact that narcotics use and trafficking has on our communities and our citizens. In addition, Mr. Carroll's experience provides him with a unique perspective on the resources and capabilities the federal government can bring forth to address the education, enforcement and treatment needs that are necessary to successfully address this crisis.

For nearly two years, we have been without a confirmed drug czar to lead the efforts of the United States on combating the opioid epidemic. Mr. Carroll is ideally positioned to successfully lead the agency and has demonstrated his ability to collaborate across all segments of law enforcement to combat drug addiction and to protect our communities and citizens from harm.

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Failure to vote by the Senate on Mr. Carroll's pending nomination before adjournment will mean that, once the 116th Congress convenes in January, the President and the Senate will have to begin the entire process again to fill this critical vacancy that could and should be filled today.

For the benefit of everyone, we urge you to swiftly schedule a vote on this noncontroversial nominee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul M. Cell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "C".

Paul M. Cell
Chief of Police, Montclair State University Police Department, New Jersey
IACP President