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The Honorable Rahul Gupta
Director
Office of National Drug Control Policy
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Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Director Gupta:

As you are aware, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is statutorily required to issue the National Drug Control Strategy to outline the federal government's efforts to address substance use disorder in the United States and ameliorate its harmful effects.¹ On January 28, 2022, pursuant to Section 706(e) of the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998, as amended (21 U.S.C. § 1705(e)), you informed Congress that ONDCP intends to deliver its 2022 National Drug Control Strategy by June 30, 2022.²

According to the most recent provisional data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 100,000 people experienced fatal drug overdoses between June 2020 and June 2021.³

Given the urgent need to address America's overdose crisis, we request a briefing regarding ONDCP's progress in preparing the 2022 National Drug Control Strategy and your office's ongoing efforts to mitigate this crisis—including the efforts described in the Administration's 2021 Statement of Drug Policy Priorities—by March 4, 2022.⁴

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

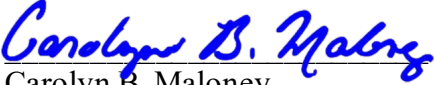
¹ White House, *Office of National Drug Control Policy* (online at www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/) (accessed Feb. 10, 2022); SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-271.

² Letter from Director Rahul Gupta, Office of National Drug Control Policy, to Majority Leader Charles Schumer, United States Senate, et al. (Jan. 28, 2022); SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-271.

³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Provisional Drug Overdose Death Counts* (online at www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm) (accessed Feb. 10, 2022).

⁴ Office of National Drug Control Policy, *The Biden-Harris Administration's Statement of Drug Policy Priorities for Year One* (Mar. 2021) (online at www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/BidenHarris-Statement-of-Drug-Policy-Priorities-April-1.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2TBk34U_XRqlqK_pAYnUd_9f7zY3IbCQI9KxI6S5eYeRJdFzI9B09hZ84).

Sincerely,


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