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Jon E. Rice
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The White House, Office of National Drug Control Policy
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Rice,

Thank you for requesting input on the National Drug Control Strategy (“Strategy”). I urge that the Strategy include and preserve funding for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program, including its innovative Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) and drug prevention programs.

I have long held that the spread of illegal drugs, including opioids, is a scourge on American families. I agree that innovative research and data are necessary to support drug control strategies, as stated in the President’s Drug Policy Priority #6.¹

I believe that the HIDTA program, which I have supported as a member of the U.S. Senate, can help support this priority by providing crucial resources to law enforcement and local governments.² These include training and information coordination.³

For example, the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA operates the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program.⁴ ODMAP tracks and consolidates overdose data from jurisdictions across the United States to support public safety and health efforts.⁵ The program can link first responders to a mapping tool in order to trigger a real-time response to information on the ground.⁶ In Georgia, every county has at least one participating agency, and the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA continues to develop new features.⁷ ODMAP is the type of

¹ *Statement of Drug Policy Priorities*, White House (Apr. 1, 2025), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2025-Trump-Administration-Drug-Policy-Priorities.pdf> at 4.

² Kristin Finklea, *High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program*, Congressional Research Service (Mar. 4, 2025), <https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/IF11917>; *Mission*, Atlanta-Carolinas HIDTA Program, <https://www.achidta.org/default.aspx?MenuItemID=46&MenuSubID=8&MenuGroup=Public>.

³ *Id.*

⁴ Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program, <https://odmap.org>.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ Participating Agencies, Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program, <https://www.odmap.org/Agency>.

program that “[innovates] in research and data to support drug control strategies,” one of the 2026 Drug Policy Priorities.⁸

Beyond information sharing, HIDTAs also provide important programs related to drug prevention, especially for students.⁹ This work supports the President’s Drug Policy Priority #4: preventing drug use among young people.¹⁰

According to agency budget submissions, the Administration proposes shrinking the HIDTA budget from nearly \$300 million to \$196 million in Fiscal Year 2026.¹¹ I am concerned that this proposed cut in HIDTA funding may lead to the end of ODMAP and other important programs.

I believe that incarceration alone will not solve the opioid crisis. However, I support smart, targeted interventions to prevent and stop the flow of fentanyl in our communities, such as the HIDTA program. As the Office of National Drug Control Policy continues developing the National Drug Control Strategy, I urge you to preserve funding and resourcing for ODMAP, as well as the HIDTA priorities more broadly, including prevention programs.

Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Warnock" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Reverend Raphael Warnock
United States Senator

⁸ *Statement, supra* note 1.

⁹ *Mission*, Atlanta-Carolinas HIDTA Program, <https://www.achidta.org/default.aspx?menuitemid=46&menugroup=Public&menusubid=8>.

¹⁰ *Statement, supra* note 1, at 4.

¹¹ *Fiscal Year 2026 Budget*, Office of National Drug Control Policy, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/FY-2026-ONDCP-CONGRESSIONAL-BUDGET-SUBMISSION.pdf> at 9; *Fiscal year 2026 Budget and Performance Summary*, U.S. Department of Justice, <https://www.justice.gov/media/1403736/dl> at 23.