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August 17, 2021

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chairman  
The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member  
US Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Office #224 Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to express the support of ADL (the Anti-Defamation League) for the nomination of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins for the position of United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

I have had the privilege of working with DA Rollins since she assumed office in January 2019 through my role as Director of ADL's New England Regional Office. DA Rollins has been a champion and fierce advocate in support of ADL's mission to promote "justice and fair treatment to all", particularly in the wake of recent antisemitic incidents in the Boston area.

ADL has been a leading anti-hate organization since 1913; our current work involves addressing hate crimes and incidents of antisemitism, preventing and responding to extremist activity, and educating residents on how to understand and confront bias and bigotry of all kinds. To fulfil our mission, we work with law enforcement and other government and community leaders. My work with her in this capacity makes it easy to unreservedly attest to her professionalism, leadership, fairness, thoroughness and transparency.

During her tenure as the Suffolk County District Attorney, DA Rollins has been a visionary leader in ensuring justice and fair treatment for all. She is a role model of integrity for the many communities within Boston, including young people. Her keynote address to over 200 Massachusetts high school students at ADL's Youth Congress in April was an inspiring call for justice for our next generation.

DA Rollins' response to two recent incidents of hate in the greater Boston community exemplifies her strengths as a leader. On June 26th, a gunman who had authored racist and antisemitic manifestos targeted and murdered two Black people in Winthrop, Massachusetts. His final destination was allegedly a synagogue, but he was killed in a shootout with police before he could carry out any further harm. Five days later, tragedy struck again when a rabbi was stabbed outside of a synagogue in Brighton, Massachusetts. The safety and security of the

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Boston area's Jewish community was threatened as a result of these two incidents. Reassurance was needed that there would be a thorough hate crime investigation and steps to ensure accountability. DA Rollins led the response, using the resources of her office to investigate these incidents transparently and fully, and took important steps to ensure the protection of the community. Her presence at vigils for both events gave further assurance of her commitment to the safety of the communities that had been directly impacted. Additionally, she informed the public of what she knew about each attack in the hours and days after they unfolded. These steps show her transparency and responsiveness to communities' needs as well as her commitment to justice; her actions uplifted the targeted communities without hampering either investigation.

Even in complex situations, DA Rollins keeps her focus on the human element of each case. In the aftermath of the incidents described above, she demonstrated true allyship and solidarity with the affected communities. The importance of her commitment to this ideal cannot be understated.

DA Rollins' sense of empathy and compassion, combined with her demonstrated intellect and legal aptitude, is needed at the highest levels of federal prosecution. These qualities make DA Rollins a perfect fit for a United States Attorney.

As a leader at an organization that pursues justice and fair treatment for all, as a resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and as a frequent partner with DA Rollins in this work, I thank you for your consideration of this letter of support and hope that you will confirm her nomination.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Trestan", written in a cursive style.

Robert Trestan  
Regional Director ADL New England