

September 20, 2021

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing in support of District Attorney Rachael Rollins, President Biden's nominee for United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

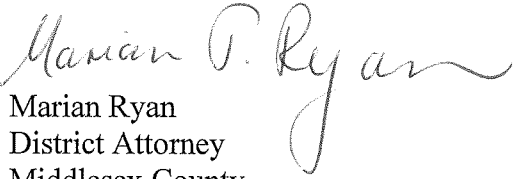
As the Middlesex County District Attorney, I have worked alongside District Attorney Rollins since 2019. During our shared tenure, our nation has witnessed a blossoming of a national movement for progressive criminal justice reform, a reimagining of the role which prosecuting offices should play in their communities and calls for fresh perspectives on critically important issues of racial justice. At every juncture, as the first woman of color to serve as District Attorney in Massachusetts, District Attorney Rollins took reasoned and thoughtful positions to answer these calls.

Shortly after District Attorney Rollins took office in 2019, she joined me, the Committee for Public Counsel Services (the Massachusetts public defender agency) and the Chelsea Collaborative in a lawsuit in which we demanded an end to federal immigration arrests in and around Massachusetts courthouses. The specter of federal officials arresting immigrants in Massachusetts courts struck fear in many of our most vulnerable citizens and prevented them from seeking access to justice in our courts. District Attorney Rollins served as a vocal advocate and tireless partner in this lawsuit. She recognized that when victims, witnesses, and defendants

fear that entering a courthouse could place them at risk of immigration consequences, it prevents prosecutors from securing justice. That District Attorney Rollins joined me in this bold legal challenge demonstrates the very type of leadership that we need in a United States Attorney.

I urge a favorable vote on District Attorney Rollins' nomination.

Cordially,

  
Marian Ryan  
District Attorney  
Middlesex County