



August 27, 2021

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

Letter of Support for Nominee, Ms. Rachael Rollins

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The work of the Judiciary Committee is vital to ensure that nominees to serve as United States Attorneys, have exceptional professional experience, are highly regarded within their profession and community, and are known as ethical, openminded, attentive and receptive individuals to the vast constituencies served by the office of the United States Attorney, the Department of Justice and our government.

Recognizing that the best of the best should be considered for nomination and confirmation in the important position of United States Attorney, it is with honor, great pleasure and confidence that I offer my support for Ms. Rachael Rollins, the President's nominee for the position of United States Attorney, for the District of Massachusetts. District Attorney Rollins is an exceptional nominee who has demonstrated throughout her life and professional career a devotion to service, fairness and justice, an extraordinary knowledge and respect for the law, an inquisitive mind and an approach to duty, that will serve the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the United States Department of Justice, and our Nation well.

I have had the distinct privilege of knowing District Attorney Rollins for almost 15 years. I first met Rachael during her final interview for a position as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. I was serving at that time, as the United States Attorney. As you both know, the position of Assistant United States Attorney is coveted, very competitive and often described as the best or one of the best positions to hold in the legal profession. During my tenure as United States Attorney, our office used a committee to screen the hundreds of applicants, interview very competitive pools of the most accomplished attorneys for purposes of recommending the best people for the positions, and Rachael rose to the top.



During my first meeting with Rachael, it was clear to me that Rachael was an exceptional person, with extraordinary skills and experiences and would do an exceptional job representing the United States of America. Rachael lived up to everyone's expectation during her service as an Assistant United States Attorney.

During her time in the office Rachael handled a wide range of matters that called upon her, to use her educational, professional, and life experiences in exercising the wide range of judgment and discretion required of Assistant United States Attorneys. Rachael was highly regarded by her colleagues, the defense bar and the Court for her tireless work, her preparedness, her interpersonal skills and her integrity. Rachael's experiences at the United States Attorney's Office included all phases of both civil and criminal matters, including criminal investigation, presentations to grand juries, declinations and prosecutions, evidentiary hearings, jury trials, plea hearings, sentencing proceedings, appeals and the wide variety of matters that the United States Attorney's office is privileged to handle on behalf of the United States.

After leaving the United States Attorney's office, Rachael served in positions of increasing responsibilities, including leading and directing others. Rachael eventually, ran for and was elected District Attorney for Suffolk County Massachusetts. Having also served as an elected District Attorney in Massachusetts, prior to serving as United States Attorney, I know how important the work of the District Attorney offices is and the type of positive impact those offices have in the communities they serve. I also know from experience, how helpful serving as District Attorney is, particularly in both building relationships and trust in the community and with law enforcement, both of which play important roles in reducing crime and recidivism and improving the safety and security of all of our neighborhoods.

Rachael has all the important technical and legal knowledge and experiences that are the foundation for those United States Attorneys, that are viewed as most successful and are most respected. Rachael's qualifications however, go well beyond her technical skills and knowledge. She is a good and decent person. Because of what she has done and how she has served, Rachael has rightfully earned an exceptional reputation and is known for working well with all within our justice



system, including investigators, colleagues, defense attorneys, the Court, victims, and witnesses and the communities and neighborhoods being served. Rachael is conscientious and always open minded in her pursuit of fairness and justice.

As you know, much responsibility and authority rests in the hands and judgment of those privileged to serve as Assistant United States Attorneys and District Attorneys. Rachael always understood and demonstrated extraordinary judgment as she exercised her responsibility and authority as an Assistant United States Attorney and later as District Attorney.

I am confident that Rachael's vast experiences will serve her well as United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts and wholeheartedly recommend and support her nomination and confirmation. I want to thank you both and your Committee for providing me the opportunity to share my experiences with and support of Rachael Rollins.

I would be honored to provide any additional information for the Committee as you complete the important work in considering and (respectfully) hopefully, recommending and supporting the nomination of Ms. Rachael Rollins.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Sullivan

CC: The Honorable Charles E. Schumer, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable A. Mitchell McConnell III, Senate Minority Leader