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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
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Re: Letter in Support of Rachael Rollins, U.S. Attorney nominee for the District of Massachusetts

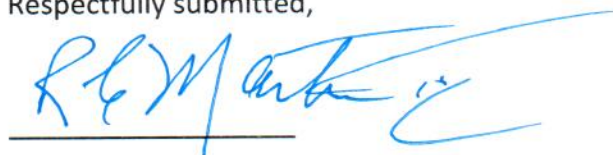
Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin, and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write to offer my keen support for the nomination of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael S. Rollins nominee to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. I have known District Attorney Rollins long before she became the current Suffolk County District Attorney. Rachael was an associate at my former law firm, Bingham McCutchen, when I was the managing partner of the Boston office of that firm. I have since watched Rachael's professional trajectory, as she served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, General Counsel for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, and then General Counsel for the Massachusetts Port Authority before launching her successful campaign to become the District Attorney for Suffolk County.

As a former state and federal prosecutor, and a former Suffolk County District Attorney (19992-2002), I applaud DA Rollins' efforts to make prosecutors, police and the courts more accountable and equitable. The challenges of holding criminals accountable, balancing the rights and interests of victims, and ensuring that those with the authority to arrest, prosecute and sentence are mindful of the disparities and biases that influence and affect outcomes are complex. The past year and a half has illuminated the need for those wielding power and authority in the criminal justice system to be mindful of their responsibility to promote a safe and secure society that is also fair; in that regard, DA Rollins has demonstrated leadership on all of these fronts. She has initiated alternatives to end prosecution of mental illness and substance use disorders by offering low-level offenders access to treatment, services and diversion programs. In turn, she has used the resources of her office to prioritize the prosecution of repeat and violent offenders who are the most serious threats to the safety and security of individuals and communities.

Rachael's array of professional experiences make her well suited to handling the demands of an office that has jurisdiction over civil litigation and enforcement demands, and criminal investigative and prosecution responsibilities. She has the experience to make decisions requiring nuanced judgement, understanding the multiple constituencies that the US Attorney's office serves. If selected to become the next US Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, DA Rollins will be an energetic and deliberate US Attorney, and will serve both the United States Department of Justice and the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with distinction. I wholeheartedly support her candidacy, and urge you to send her nomination to the Senate where I hope that you and your colleagues will confirm her appointment.

Respectfully submitted,



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