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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority 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 Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I hope that this letter finds you well and in good spirits.

I am writing to you to express my ardent support for the nomination of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael S. Rollins to become the next United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

In full disclosure: when she first ran to replace our outgoing District Attorney, amongst a crowded field of candidates, I supported one of her competitors. I offer this information to illustrate that, while I didn't initially support her as a candidate for that office at the time (though I ultimately did so in the general election), I have long since had the opportunity to witness firsthand, through the interconnectedness of our offices as members of the law enforcement and criminal justice continuum, the thoughtful, innovative and effective leadership that she has brought to the office and to the people of Suffolk County. She has earned my respect and, perhaps even more importantly, my trust.

Whether meeting on numerous occasions with my Executive Team at the Department to discuss issues like substance use disorder, homelessness, mental health, and other critical issues, or visiting with the men and women in our care and custody for heartfelt conversations about working together to help prevent their recidivism and keeping their children from following them into the system, D.A. Rollins has shown her deep commitment to all of the citizens of Suffolk County.

She has also shown herself to be a fierce defender for survivors of homicide, domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking, child abuse and other crimes, not only in her dogged pursuit of justice for them and accountability by their assailants, but also by establishing practices that provide victims with the support and resources necessary to begin the long and arduous process of healing.

Her ability to excel as the chief law enforcement officer for Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Massachusetts, where she manages over 25,000 new criminal cases per-year across nine districts and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court and the Boston Juvenile Court is a powerful confirmation of her abilities, and her considerable experience – particularly her service as former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts – is proof-positive of her qualifications to fulfill this new role.

In addition to her great-many skills as a prosecutor, her perspective and lived experience as both a woman and as a person of color bring a unique and critical understanding of the complexities of our current place in the history of criminal justice and law enforcement that cannot be overstated.

Put simply, I believe that D.A. Rollins is the right person for the job at the right time.

I very much look forward to working with her as the Massachusetts U.S. Attorney, and I hope that you are equally as enthusiastic in your consideration of her for the position.

Best Wishes,

Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins



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