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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
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

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 am writing to offer my enthusiastic support for Rachael Rollins, President Biden's nominee to
serve as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

Having spent a decade and a half as a federal prosecutor — including, during that tenure, serving
as: a supervisor and Division Chief in one of largest U.S. Attorney's Offices in the nation, the
head of the Solicitor General's Appellate Advisory Group, and a member of the Attorney
General's Sentencing Advisory Committee — I understand the values, skills, and attributes
necessary to serve in the all-important role of U.S. Attorney. Our federal criminal legal system is
in need of strong leaders who understand what it means to serve the community and pursue
justice. And we need more leaders like Rachael Rollins who are not simply accomplished,

talented and exceedingly capable, but who also center equity, compassion, and a strong ethical compass in all that they do.

Ms. Rollins' prior experience in federal and local prosecution will serve her well as U.S. Attorney. From 2007 to 2011, Ms. Rollins served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. During that time, she successfully prosecuted a variety of serious cases, including those involving employment discrimination, sexual violence, child abuse, gun trafficking, and narcotics. The federal system's loss was the local community's gain when Ms. Rollins was elected as the District Attorney for Suffolk County, Massachusetts in 2018. During her tenure in that position, she has been a visionary leader who has made significant improvements to her office, the criminal legal system in the Boston area, and her entire community. And she has been a leader on a national level in charting a new direction for our criminal legal system.

In my capacity as the Executive Director of [Fair and Just Prosecution](#) (FJP), I have had the privilege and opportunity to work closely with Ms. Rollins and see her work, accomplishments, and style of leadership. FJP supports a network of state and local elected prosecutors from around the country by sharing best practices, research, and innovations. From her first day in office, Ms. Rollins has been a trailblazer in the movement to bring new, smart data-driven thinking to prosecution. She is second to none in what she has achieved in a short period of time, and in the abiding commitment to justice that she brings to all that she does.

We have frequently called on Ms. Rollins to share the groundbreaking innovations from her office with the field, and her policies serve as a national model in countless areas. For example, Ms. Rollins has sought to address the overcriminalization of individuals struggling with substance use, mental health challenges and poverty. She has looked for smarter strategies to address these concerns, while keeping the safety and well-being of her community front and center. Ms. Rollins has also modeled what promoting integrity in the system can and should be about, spearheading the creation of an Integrity Review Bureau, which reviews innocence claims, as well as unconstitutional or unjust convictions. The IRB has overturned more than 240 years of wrongful convictions. Ms. Rollins has also partnered with leading researchers to examine the impact of her policies, demonstrating her commitment to evidence-based justice. These innovations and policies demonstrate the bold vision that is the hallmark of Ms. Rollins' leadership. And they underscore her willingness to constantly learn from others, engage her community, and strive for excellence in an ever-demanding environment.

Ms. Rollins' confirmation will also bring a needed and long overdue diversity to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Ms. Rollins was the first woman elected as Suffolk County District Attorney and the first woman of color elected district attorney in Massachusetts. Continuing her groundbreaking career, Ms. Rollins would be the first Black woman to serve as the top federal prosecutor in Massachusetts. She speaks movingly, and with deep empathy, about being the daughter and granddaughter of law enforcement officers, as well as her experience as the family member of individuals who have been incarcerated. She knows and understands the struggles of those whose voices are often not heard, just as she knows and understands the needs and priorities of law enforcement with whom she has partnered effectively.

In sum, I cannot imagine a better choice to lead the US Attorney's Office in the District of Massachusetts, and that is why her nomination has received resounding support from bipartisan leaders, prosecutors, advocates, judges, national organizations, and former DOJ officials. The Department of Justice would be that much better — both in Massachusetts and nationally — with a leader such as Ms. Rollins serving in this capacity.

We are at a critical juncture in this country as prosecutors seek to grapple with racial justice, enhancing police accountability and fortifying trust in our justice system. Ms. Rollins brings the experience, capability, compassion, and courage necessary to meet the moment and build a criminal legal system grounded in evidence and empathy.

I encourage you to swiftly send her nomination to the Senate and vote to confirm her. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Miriam Krinsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Miriam" and last name "Krinsky" clearly distinguishable.

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