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The Hon. Charles E. Grassley
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RE: Endorsement of District Attorney Rachael Rollins for appointment to the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts

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

On behalf of the board and membership of the Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys, we are pleased to support the nomination of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael S. Rollins, a nominee to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. MAHA encourages you to make history by advancing the nomination of a community-supported champion for justice who would be the Commonwealth's first African American woman to serve in this capacity. The appointment of District Attorney Rollins will break a glass ceiling that must no longer be sustained.

The MAHA is the Commonwealth's Latinx/Hispanic bar organization. It is with great enthusiasm that the Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys conveys its strong endorsement for the appointment of District Attorney Rachael Rollins to serve the District of Massachusetts as U.S. Attorney given her experience both as a District Attorney and Assistant U.S. Attorney. MAHA is confident that your review of her exemplary record will reveal that District Attorney Rollins has the qualifications, experience, and prosecutorial philosophy to be an outstanding addition to the United States Attorney's office at a historic time in our nation's history when bold prosecutorial excellence and judgment are needed more than ever.



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DA Rollins is well known to our esteemed bar association and to our bar association and to other affinity bar organizations through its large membership for her continued support of affinity bar organizations, as well as individual members, for her continuing support of our efforts to overcome the marginalization that results from bias in the legal profession. The MAHA has worked alongside DA Rollins in support of her commitment to transforming our local criminal legal system to one more in line with justice and proportionate accountability for those who commit crime. DA Rollins' work to protect and serve residents of the Commonwealth living in Suffolk County have proven to be game-changing. The MAHA has monitored DA Rollins closely and is supportive of her efforts that would move our criminal justice system away from the criminalization of poverty, mental illness and substance use disorders by offering low-level offenders access to treatment services and diversion programs. DA Rollins' approach to justice and accountability has allowed the Suffolk District Attorney's Office to focus resources on serious offenders who cause the greatest harm to the community.

Where most victims of crimes play a passive, and often outsider role in the prosecution of their assailants, DA Rollins has remained committed to serving victims and survivors of crime by implementing policies that allow victims to play a more active role in the accountability measures sought by the office. Her office also assists survivors and their families by helping them gain access to recovery services and victim compensation funds in a culturally informed and compassionate way.

Over the last year and a half, our country has been forced again to examine our institutions and it has become clear that those who lead them can have a profound effect on their future trajectory. DA Rollins is undoubtedly well qualified to lead the U.S. Attorney's Office and we are confident that she will lead with integrity, prioritize justice for victims and offer new solutions for crime prevention.

DA Rollins will serve the Commonwealth proudly in the role of U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. She is passionate about justice, ending the criminalization of poverty and reimagining a better criminal justice system for all. DA Rollins is a driven public servant who will leave a lasting impact on the office she has been nominated to.



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We respectfully urge the Judiciary Committee to swiftly and favorably advance DA Rollins' nomination, and for the Senate to ultimately confirm her as U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

Thank you for considering MAHA's perspective on this critical appointment, and we would gladly provide any additional information that would be helpful in support of this great lawyer and leader before the Bar.

Sincerely,



Breanishea Amaya, *President*

C.c. Senator Edward Markey
Senator Elizabeth Warren