



## New Commonwealth Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund

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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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

We, the founders of the New Commonwealth Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund (NCF), write in support of the nomination of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael S. Rollins, to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. District Attorney Rollins is an established community leader, defender of justice and respected law enforcement official who is well-suited to lead this office known to many of us and serve the Department of Justice.

The New Commonwealth Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund was founded by 19 Black and Brown executives committed to raising \$100M to advance equality and justice for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We are business and non-profit leaders representing an array of industries including investment banking, technology, healthcare, biopharmaceutical and global manufacturing, as examples. In the wake of a series of tragic murders and national racial unrest, we coalesced to forge a singular institutional partnership that would leverage our historically individual work into a core effort toward interrupting the cycles of inequity that are so often reinforced and institutionalized by racial and socioeconomic bias. We pledged to carry out this work with community partners and leaders from across every sector and every community.

D.A. Rollins is well known across the Commonwealth for her commitment to ensuring our criminal justice system is, in fact, grounded in justice and promotes proportionate accountability for those who commit crime. She was elected by the residents of Suffolk County to implement changes within the District Attorney's Office that would end the criminalization of poverty, mental illness and substance use disorders by offering low-level offenders access to treatment services and diversion programs. Her approach to justice and accountability has freed the Suffolk District Attorney's Office to focus prosecution resources on serious offenders who cause the greatest harm to the community.

Importantly, D.A. Rollins has remained committed to serving victims and survivors of crime by implementing policies that allow them to play a more active role in the accountability measures sought by the office. Under her leadership the office also assists survivors and their families by



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helping them gain access to recovery services and victim compensation funds in a culturally informed and compassionate way.

D.A. Rollins is undoubtedly well qualified to lead the U.S. Attorney's Office and we are confident that she will lead with integrity, while prioritizing justice - for victims and society as a whole - while offering new solutions for crime prevention. Notably, if confirmed by the United States Senate, she would be the first Black woman to serve as U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, just as she was the first woman ever elected to be Suffolk County D.A. and first Black woman to be elected D.A. in Massachusetts.

D.A. 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. D.A. Rollins is a driven public servant who will leave a lasting impact on the office she has been nominated to.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Makeeba McCreary  
President

And, on behalf of the Founding Members of New Commonwealth Racial Justice and Social Equity Fund,

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