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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chairman The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member US Senate Committee on the Judiciary Dirksen Senate Office Building, Office #224 Washington, DC 20510 Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I'm writing this letter in regards to DA Rachael Rollins.

DA Rollins has been instrumental in advocating and being firm on making changes in the addiction and recovery world. One of her main focuses since elected has been on solving the problem and being bold in saying that, "we cannot arrest our way out of a health and resource crisis."

DA Rollins was the first to say that there needs to be a layered approach; by connecting those homeless and in recovery to the services they need.

DA Rollins is involved and has worked diligently with her staff to address not just the issues on Mass and Cass but in all of Suffolk County.

She has made it a priority to keep the epidemic front and center, especially during the covid 19 pandemic because she has her own family and close friends who struggle with substance use disorder and she knows first hand how important treatment, recovery and fellowships are to the recovery community.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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