



September 6, 2021

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 am writing to you to express my support, along with the TURN IT AROUND Youth Enrichment And Diversion Program, for the nomination of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins for the position of United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

DA Rollins has been a huge advocate for the work that we do at TURN IT AROUND, and her office has been instrumental in the ascension of our program to one of the model youth serving organizations in Boston. Not only did the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office (SCDAO) provide much needed funding to our program, but DA Rollins' director of Restorative Justice Practices assisted with the implementation of restorative justice circles becoming the core method by which we meet with our young people. Because of this, we've seen court involvement and altercations drastically decrease with our members; And communication and conflict resolution skills improve to the point where the TURN IT AROUND youth are now teaching other youth programs about the practice of restorative justice.

It's no secret that black and brown, and impoverished, communities are the ones that have suffered the most at the hands of America's criminal justice system. DA Rollins' #1 goal, coming into office, was to refine that system and make it more equitable. She has been labeled a "progressive prosecutor" for these ideas, and practices, about changing a system that has treated a large swath of society very unfairly. I'd like to use the term, "visionary prosecutor", when discussing the District Attorney. Her dynamic and unflinching leadership was what was needed in Boston, MA; And is now what is needed at the federal level. She's proven so



many of her detractors wrong, and has also proven that she has the stamina and fortitude to stand up to the most ardent critics, who would like to see this nation stay in the past, as an America for only a chosen few, that's built off the backs of many.

As someone who's witnessed, first hand, the impact that District Attorney Rollins has had on so many communities in Boston, in such a short time, I can only imagine what she will be able to accomplish as a US Attorney. I sincerely appreciate you taking time to read this letter of support, and strongly urge you to confirm her as the next United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Mswati Hanks', is written below the 'Sincerely Yours,' text. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Mswati Hanks

Youth Program Coordinator

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