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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
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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:

My name is Bill Weld. I respectfully submit this letter in support of the nomination of Rachael Rollins to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts—a position I held during the Reagan Administration from 1981 to 1986.

The 1980's were a time of change in the U.S. Attorney's office in Boston. We identified public corruption as our number one law enforcement problem, and secured convictions in 110 of the 111 public corruption prosecutions we brought. We emphasized victim's rights, particularly the legal rights of women battered and abused by their husbands or boyfriends.

We also focused investigative resources and publicity on the social problems in Boston's minority neighborhoods in Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan, which at that time were a comparatively low priority for the Boston Police Department.

I know District Attorney Rachael Rollins well, and believe she is perfectly positioned to serve as a benevolent change agent in federal law enforcement in Boston, including crime prevention as well as criminal prosecutions. As an elected District Attorney in Massachusetts' largest county, she is well known for her clearly enunciated policies to attack poverty, mental illness and substance abuse disorders—the root causes of most crime—through treatment and alternative dispositions.

Preventing crime is a lot less expensive than using law enforcement resources to prosecute relatively minor and nonviolent offenses. It also has a more lasting effect, and positively influences the quality of life of the residents of the community.

I have spent many hours with Rachael Rollins discussing these issues, and from the beginning I have been impressed by her passion for justice and, frankly, the clarity of her thinking. She will be a great U.S. Attorney.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Weld". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bill Weld