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

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

Re: **Rachael Rollins, Nominee for United States Attorney, D. Mass**

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

I write in enthusiastic support of the confirmation of Rachael Rollins to the position of United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

I have known Rachael for many years, as a lawyer in the Boston-area legal community, as an appointee in our administration when I was governor, and as District Attorney in Boston. She has earned a reputation for integrity, earnestness, candor, determination and hard work. She has consistently sought to make the most of the assignments she has taken on, not for her own sake but for the benefit of the people she serves. Notable recent examples include her efforts to emphasize treatment over punishment in minor drug matters and to develop a more vigorous partnership between local and federal prosecutors. Rachael has shown herself to be a smart, effective servant leader.

When I served as head of the Civil Rights Division in the Justice Department many years ago, we worked closely with the USAs to leverage our work. Whether in targeted investigations, like the pattern and practice review of the New Orleans police department, or broader ones, like the National Church Arsons Task Force, USAs were and remain a critical part of the network of federal law enforcement. Their collaboration with “Main Justice,” and ours with them, made it all work. I am confident that Rachael can and will appreciate that important part of the role of a U. S. Attorney, and would also contribute to and benefit from the network of fellow appointees.

The historic nature of this appointment is “icing on the cake.” We are very fortunate in Massachusetts to have the opportunity to have a Black woman lead an office of strong career professionals in enforcing the nation’s laws. I applaud the Biden administration for this nomination and urge you and your Senate colleagues to confirm her promptly.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Seval S. [unclear]", written in a cursive style.