

September 9, 2021

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

Re: Confirmation of Rachael S. Rollins for US Attorney (D. Mass)

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

We, the Suffolk County Law Enforcement Executives, write to you today in support of the nomination of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael S. Rollins to serve as the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

By way of background, we have worked alongside DA Rollins during her entire tenure as the Suffolk County District Attorney. We represent and lead the following law enforcement entities: The Boston Police Department, The Chelsea Police Department, The Massachusetts State Police, The MBTA Transit Police Department, The Revere Police Department, and The Winthrop Police Department. The State Police and the Boston Police are the two largest police departments in our Commonwealth.

Since January 2, 2019, DA Rollins has served as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of Suffolk County. Her office is responsible for handling approximately 25,000 new criminal cases each year and she leads a team of over 300 employees serving some of our most vulnerable residents ranging from people with trauma, substance use disorders, and mental health issues to survivors of homicide, gun violence, human trafficking, child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Each of us have worked closely with DA Rollins on pressing and significant issues within our respective jurisdictions. She is responsive, attentive, and diligent. Her focus is on victims and how the community is impacted by violence and harm.

We do not always get along. In fact, we have disagreed strongly on issues. What we can say is that she respects us and the work we do to keep our communities safe. She can admit when she is wrong. She can also be incredibly persuasive when she is right. The constant

throughout every encounter we have is a mutual respect and a willingness to learn from each other.

This was best displayed last year, after the murder of George Floyd. As we all watched millions take to the streets and protest, some of which turned into unrest and violence, DA Rollins called us together to engage in a series of open, honest, and uncut dialogues about race, policing, and the Black community. These conversations were tense at times, but necessary. We all listened to and learned from each other. As a result of those first few discussions, we issued a joint statement together that can be found [here](#). We have now instituted bi-monthly meetings with each other. DA Rollins has also engaged the Union leadership for each of the bargaining units representing the members of our various police departments. She meets with the Union leadership quarterly. Meetings of this type have never happened before.

Finally, we know how vitally important it is that local and state law enforcement have a healthy partnership with federal law enforcement officials. In Massachusetts, we already have strong working relationships. We have no doubt that DA Rollins will continue fostering and growing these important relationships to ensure the continued safety and wellbeing of our Commonwealth's residents.

At a time when we are working to generate greater trust between all law enforcement and the communities we serve, DA Rollins has proven that she is committed to meeting this moment in history. We support her nomination for the position of U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts and look forward to working with her in this new role.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Gregory Long (Acting)
Boston Police Department

Commissioner William Gross (Retired)
Boston Police Department

Colonel Christopher Mason
Massachusetts State Police

Chief Brian Kyes
Chelsea Police Department

Chief David Callahan
Revere Police Department

Chief James Guido (Retired)
Revere Police Department

Chief Kenneth Green
MBTA Transit Police Department

Chief Terence Delehanty
Winthrop Police Department