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## **FJP Statement on Confirmation of Rachael Rollins as U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts**

[Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement in response to today's confirmation of Rachael Rollins as U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts:

“We are thrilled that the United States Senate has confirmed Rachael Rollins as U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, the first Black woman to serve in this role. During her time as Suffolk County District Attorney, she has been a trailblazing leader who has worked tirelessly to make her community safer, counter racial discrimination, end the criminalization of poverty and promote fairness in Boston's justice system. Her leadership at the federal level will create a more fair and just criminal legal system that promotes safer and healthier communities not just in her state but also nationwide.

U.S. Attorney Rollins has demonstrated that criminal justice reform and public safety go hand in hand. In 2018, she drew national attention for her groundbreaking [policy](#) of presumptively declining to prosecute certain low-level offenses often linked to poverty and desperation, which helped keep thousands of people who pose no public safety threat out of the justice system and freed up prosecutorial resources to focus on more serious cases. A [recent report](#) from independent researchers looked at 67,000 cases prosecuted in Suffolk County over 17 years and found that people who were not charged due to this policy were dramatically less likely to be re-arrested going forward, noting, ‘The data shows us in no uncertain terms that DA Rollins’ policies have made Boston safer.’

These bold, innovative policies have served as models for prosecutors across the country. That's why [over 65 elected prosecutors nationwide backed Rollins' nomination](#), emphasizing that ‘she has consistently demonstrated the courage to reject disproven, harmful approaches, and the vision to forge policies that work.’

We applaud President Joe Biden for nominating and the Senate for confirming such an exemplary and innovative leader. We look forward to seeing how U.S. Attorney Rollins continues to model a new normal for prosecution and work towards a justice system that truly lives up to its name.”

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