

## United States Senate

July 15, 2022

The Honorable Michael Horowitz, Inspector General  
United States Department of Justice  
Office of the Inspector General  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Inspector General Horowitz:

I write regarding a potential Hatch Act violation by Rachael Rollins, United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

It has been publicly reported that Ms. Rollins attended a high-dollar political fundraiser at a private home in Andover, Massachusetts yesterday.<sup>1</sup> The fundraiser, which featured First Lady Jill Biden and began during typical business hours, was one that Ms. Rollins attended in her official capacity as United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. She reportedly even used a vehicle with government license plates to travel to and from the event.

The Hatch Act expressly prohibits covered federal employees, such as Ms. Rollins, from using their official positions for partisan political purposes, including attending partisan political events in their official capacities. The Hatch Act is intended to prevent the use of official resources for partisan political purposes, but it is also intended to maintain a politically neutral workplace. This is especially true in the context of a United States Attorney, who is supposed to act as a nonpartisan law enforcement official rather than as a partisan politician. Given the apparent blatant violation in this case, I urge you to conduct an investigation into Ms. Rollins's conduct.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Tom Cotton  
United States Senator

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<sup>1</sup> Gayla Cawley, Rick Sobey & Joe Dwinell, "Rachael Rollins attends Democratic National Committee fundraiser with Jill Biden: 'Questionable judgment,'" *Boston Herald*, July 14, 2022, <https://www.bostonherald.com/2022/07/14/rachael-rollins-attends-democratic-national-committee-fundraiser-with-jill-biden-questionable-judgment/>.