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Dear Ms. Beland:

This responds to your June 21, 2023, letter concerning your putative request for a recusal of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts from the pending state criminal matter, *Commonwealth v. Karen Read*. As you indicate, the Department of Justice Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) informed you that they had referred your May 18, 2023, letter to my office for whatever action I deem appropriate.

Consistent with the terms of the referral from OPR, I contacted Acting United States Attorney Joshua Levy. Based on my understanding from that discussion with USA Levy, his office has a very different opinion of the circumstances in this case than as presented in Mr. Morrissey's letter. His office has not reached any official determination whether prosecution is warranted, but they believe it is essential to continue their investigation given the information of which they are aware. At this time, we see no basis for a recusal in this investigation.

Thank you for your contact information and willingness to provide additional information as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Macklin".

Jay Macklin
General Counsel