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STATEMENT OF FELIX D. ARROYO  
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I want to thank all of you for standing with me today. I want to thank the media for exposing the truth. I want to thank my family, my friends, my supporters, and the voters of Suffolk County for their continued support.

Today happens to be my mother's birthday. This morning I woke up thinking of her of course. I gave thanks to her and I said, "Thank you, Mom, for my life. I hope I make you proud."

Today, the Boston Globe exposed some truths about Linda Medonis. One of those truths is that she actively protects a racist who work in the Trial Court at the expense of those like myself with who are the object of her hatred.

While I am grateful that she has withdrawn her application to be a judge, I stand here knowing that our work is not done. For the very same reasons that she is not fit to be a judge and to sit on the bench here in Massachusetts, she is also not fit to continue to serve as a Deputy Court Administrator for the Trial Court.

The position she currently holds – and we have read in today's Globe examples of what she has done with the authority that that position grants her – I am calling for her immediate resignation and for an independent investigation into the Trial Court Administration and their unjust actions.

I have said it before and I will say it again. We must all be accountable for our actions, and I expect that Linda will be accountable for hers. I have also said that my unjust suspension was not just an attack on me, but an attack on all who believe in social, economic, and racial justice and that everyone should be treated with respect and dignity.

I will continue to fight the institutional racism that I have encountered at the Trial Court, but I cannot do it alone. I need you and all of the residents of Massachusetts to stand up and fight this fight with me. I invite you to go to [StandwithFelix.com](http://StandwithFelix.com) and join me.

I have never backed down from the fight for social, economic, and racial justice and I won't start now.

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