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We the 52 undersigned members of the Harvard Law School faculty support our colleague Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr.'s dedication to the professional tradition of providing representation to people accused of crimes and other misconduct, including to those who are reviled. For the past ten years while serving as Faculty Dean of Winthrop House, Professor Sullivan has represented alleged victims of sexual assault as well as people accused of sexual assault, murder, and terrorism. We call upon our University's Administration to recognize that such legal advocacy in service of constitutional principles is not only fully consistent with Sullivan's roles of law professor and dean of an undergraduate house, but one of the many possible models that resident deans can provide in teaching, mentoring, and advising students. The University owes a robust response to allegations of sexual harassment and other sexual misconduct. We respect students' right to protest Professor Sullivan's choice of client. But we view any pressure by Harvard's administration for him to resign as Faculty Dean of Winthrop, because of his representation or speaking on behalf of clients, as inconsistent with the University's commitment to the freedom to defend ideas, however unpopular.

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