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**ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING PASSING OF FORMER EMPLOYEE OF
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today issued the following statement regarding the passing of Elise Malary, a well-known LGBTQ advocate and former employee of the Attorney General's office.

"Today is a devastating day for the Office of the Attorney General. After hoping for several days that our friend and colleague Elise Malary would be safely reunited with her family, friends and loved ones, we have received confirmation of the unthinkable.

"Elise was a valued member of our Civil Rights Bureau who, as a tireless advocate for the LGBTQ community, was passionate about her work. Her kindness and infectious smile will be missed by those who worked with her. The Attorney General's office has lost a member of our family, and as an office, we are heartbroken.

"I extend my deepest condolences to Elise's family and friends. May Elise's memory inspire all of us to live authentically and have humanity toward all."