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FJP Statement on Today’s DOJ Memo Continuing CARES Act Home Confinement

[Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement in response to the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Legal Counsel [memorandum](#), issued today, clarifying that the thousands of individuals on CARES Act home confinement will not be required to return to prison at the end of the pandemic:

“We applaud Attorney General Merrick Garland and the Office of Legal Counsel for making this evidence-based, compassionate and sensible decision.

The thousands of individuals who were sent home under the CARES Act have reintegrated into their families and communities. Returning them to prison would have served no valid public safety purpose: instead, it would have destroyed the new lives they’ve worked so hard to build, torn apart families, harmed employers and ultimately made us all less safe.

This holiday season, thousands of families will now be able to celebrate without the threat of separation and reincarceration hanging over their heads. We join the many organizations, community leaders and families who are celebrating this decision and we urge the Department of Justice and President Biden to continue to prioritize second chances for the many individuals who remain behind bars, pose no threat to public safety and could safely return to their families and communities.”

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