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FJP Statement on President Biden’s Nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson for the Supreme Court

[Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement today in response to President Biden’s announcement of the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court:

“Throughout his first year in office, President Biden has nominated the most diverse slate of judicial nominees elevated by any president. Now, he has continued that commitment to diversity – of background as well as experience – by nominating Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Jackson is an exceptional nominee who, if confirmed, will be not simply the first Black woman on the Supreme Court, but also the first-ever former public defender on the Court and the first Justice with criminal defense experience since Thurgood Marshall retired from the bench over three decades ago.

As a former federal prosecutor and the Executive Director of an organization that supports a bipartisan network of elected prosecutors, I know that our nation’s courts need a balanced set of backgrounds and viewpoints. We cannot achieve just outcomes in a system whose most powerful stakeholders have overwhelmingly experienced our criminal justice system from only one side. We urgently need federal judges who understand the monumental obstacles that block many defendants from seeing justice and appreciate the ways that those obstacles make us all less safe. And we need a Supreme Court that reflects all parts of our diverse nation and can better grapple with the racial disparities inherent in our criminal legal system. Judge Jackson will bring much-needed perspectives that have been missing from our highest Court since our country’s founding; our system of laws – and our communities – will be better because of it.

We applaud President Biden for nominating a judge with such a strong commitment to justice and urge the Senate to swiftly confirm Judge Jackson.”

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