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FJP Statement on the Confirmation of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court

[Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement in response to the Senate's confirmation today of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court:

“Today’s confirmation of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson is a historic moment for the Supreme Court – and for our entire country. Justice Jackson is not just the first Black woman on the Supreme Court but also the first-ever former public defender and the first Justice with criminal defense experience in over three decades. She will bring an important and well-needed perspective to our nation’s highest court, and we have no doubt that her voice will bring greater justice, fairness and equity to our criminal legal system.

As a former federal prosecutor and the Executive Director of an organization that supports a bipartisan network of elected prosecutors, I know that our judicial system cannot truly achieve justice when the vast majority of judges have only experienced one side of the criminal legal system. During Justice Jackson’s confirmation hearings, we unfortunately saw a number of Senators attempt to disparage public defenders and the critical role they play in protecting the constitutional rights of people accused of crimes. But it is *exactly* this experience that will make Justice Jackson an essential voice on the Supreme Court, enabling her to bring an understanding of the many obstacles faced by indigent defendants – an invaluable perspective that has been absent since our nation’s founding.

Our country is stronger and more just when our judiciary reflects the diversity of our country, and today, the Supreme Court got a step closer to that ideal. As we watch appalling and dangerous efforts to undermine fundamental civil rights unfold nationwide, we need judges like Justice Jackson who understand that seeking justice requires acknowledging the racial disparities inherent in the criminal legal system, protecting the rights of victims *and* defendants, and recognizing that fair and equitable sentences make us all more safe.

We applaud President Biden for nominating and the Senate for confirming Justice Jackson and we look forward to seeing her contributions to the Court for decades to come.”

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