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FJP Statement on Hillsborough County State Attorney’s Lawsuit Challenging FL Gov. Ron DeSantis’ ‘Authoritarian Takeover’

[Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement in response to a [lawsuit](#) filed today by Hillsborough County State Attorney Andrew Warren challenging his suspension by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis:

“We applaud Andrew Warren for taking legal action to vindicate the interests of the voters in his community, who twice supported the commonsense reforms he campaigned on and has implemented over the past six years.

Governor DeSantis’ suspension of State Attorney Warren was nothing more than an authoritarian takeover of the office motivated by the governor’s own political agenda. He has failed to provide any specific examples of SA Warren ‘neglecting his duty’ because none exist. SA Warren was fired for being transparent with his community about the values and priorities that guide him as he exercises well-established prosecutorial discretion and for making decisions that other prosecutors in Florida implement every day. If these are grounds for removal, we’d be hard pressed to find any elected prosecutor whose job is safe from the governor’s tyrannical whims.

This craven power-grab undermines the freedom of the people of Florida, which Governor DeSantis frequently claims to be committed to defending. We hope the court recognizes this abuse of power for what it is and acts immediately to vindicate the rights of the Hillsborough County community and reinstate Andrew Warren to his role as their duly elected State Attorney.”

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