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FJP Statement on Pennsylvania House GOP's Undemocratic Vote to Impeach Philadelphia DA Larry Krasner

[Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky, a former federal prosecutor, issued the following statement in response to the vote today in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to impeach Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner:

“Today’s vote is a dangerous abuse of power and a deeply alarming attempt by some state lawmakers to disenfranchise voters who overwhelmingly chose Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner to serve their community. With this vote, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives has declared that the people of Philadelphia do not get to decide how their own city is run.

Just last year, [nearly 70 percent](#) of Philadelphians voted to reelect DA Krasner to serve another term in office in both his primary and general elections. The people of Philadelphia understand the violence in their city better than state legislators in Harrisburg and they have been clear: they want smart, data-driven reform policies that work.

Today members of the Pennsylvania legislature – [90 percent](#) of whom are white and many of whom represent areas hundreds of miles away from Philadelphia – told Philadelphians – 60 percent of whom are Black or Latino – that they have no voice in determining what safety and justice look like in their city. This decision, which affects hundreds of thousands of Philadelphians, was made by a handful of politicians who neither work nor live in that community, yet somehow claim to know better what the city needs.

Lacking any evidence that DA Krasner’s policies have led to increased gun violence in Philadelphia, his political opponents in the state legislature have wasted an obscene amount of time and taxpayer money to scapegoat him and subvert the will of Philadelphia’s voters, rather than working with him and his constituents to develop real solutions to crime and violence. This impeachment was not about public safety; it is about political leaders in Harrisburg distracting attention from their own failures to make communities safer.

To remove DA Krasner from office would eviscerate the ideal of democracy born in the city of Philadelphia over 200 years ago. We urge the Pennsylvania Senate to protect the fundamental rights of the voters of Philadelphia and reject this blatantly political attack.”

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