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FJP Statement on Indictment of Former President Donald Trump

[Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement in response to the indictment of former President Donald Trump by a New York grand jury:

“Today, a group of grand jurors determined that there was enough evidence to conclude that the former president more likely than not committed a crime. No one is above the law, and all are innocent until proven guilty. Both of these fundamental pillars of our criminal legal system apply to the former president, and it will now be up to a court of law to determine the outcome of this case.

As this plays out, the reprehensible attacks on District Attorney Alvin Bragg – including indefensible threats to his personal safety – are likely to escalate. But DA Bragg is following through on his responsibility to pursue justice and accountability, and we should all be deeply troubled by any elected official who fuels these attacks and seeks to erode the independence and integrity of our justice system and rule of law.

Many of the voices who have criticized DA Bragg are ironically the same politicians who have claimed that reform-minded prosecutors are not adequately holding people responsible for their misdeeds. Instead, prosecutors like DA Bragg have been seeking to sensibly address decades of tough-on-crime policies that have failed to create the safety every community deserves – indeed, that is exactly what their communities have elected them to do. If the politicians attacking DA Bragg were truly committed to public safety, they would enact long overdue gun control reforms, adequately fund schools and violence prevention strategies, and invest in communities. Instead, we have seen partisan finger-pointing that has only exacerbated divisiveness and a lack of trust in government.

An elected prosecutor’s obligation and guiding light is the pursuit of justice, not partisan politics. We are proud to stand with inspiring reform-minded prosecutors who know the difference and who continue to fight for the fairness, safety and dignity that all communities deserve.”

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