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## **FJP Statement on Release of White House Alternatives, Rehabilitation, and Reentry Strategic Plan**

[Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement on today's release of the [White House Alternatives, Rehabilitation, and Reentry Strategic Plan](#):

“Providing second chances and setting people up for success after incarceration are investments in public safety. When individuals can access housing, jobs, health care and other essential resources, we all benefit. As Second Chance Month comes to a close, we applaud President Biden, his administration and the Domestic Policy Council for working with leaders in the field to understand the barriers that prevent people from successfully returning to their communities and for taking action to address these issues.

A criminal record should not be a life sentence to limited opportunities, and federal leadership is critical to ensuring that more people get the second chances they, their families and their community deserve. As noted in today's report and its detailed 100-plus recommendations for concrete policy actions, we can promote safer and healthier communities when we: look for ways to reduce unnecessary criminal legal system interventions and recognize that a punitive and carceral response isn't always the best way to address individuals struggling with mental health challenges, substance use issues or the manifestation of poverty; promote and advance opportunities that attend to the needs of those who do come into the justice system and return to their communities, including through efforts aimed at addressing barriers to housing, health care, employment and voting; and proactively create mechanisms to revisit past excessive sentences and offer a pathway for those who can and should safely come home to their family and loved ones.

As noted in today's expansive report, our country continues to incarcerate at a rate that is among the highest in the world and that disproportionately impacts underserved and too often forgotten communities of color. We commend the White House for recognizing these truths, for acknowledging that America can and should be ‘a nation of second chances,’ and for working towards a safer and more just future for all.”

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