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FJP Statement on St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner's Resignation

[Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement on St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner's announcement today that she will resign from her position, effective June 1st:

“Kim Gardner is a tireless advocate and public servant, and we are deeply grateful for all she has accomplished, despite the relentless attacks from opponents of reform that began as soon as she assumed office. CA Gardner had the courage to address misconduct by a sitting Governor; to call out and prosecute unlawful police misconduct; and to advance a new vision for public safety by establishing diversion programs, creating pathways to successfully overturn wrongful convictions and addressing the needs of survivors of violent crime.

To avoid the undemocratic disenfranchisement of her community, CA Gardner made the tough decision to step aside to ensure the people of the City of St. Louis retained the right to vote for their Circuit Attorney. But she should never have had to make this choice, nor should she have had to face the personal, vicious and vile attacks that have been endured by too many change agents – and Black women elected prosecutors, in particular.

What has happened in St. Louis and in other parts of the country should be deeply troubling to anyone who cares about democracy and upholding the will of the people. As similar efforts to undermine and remove reform-minded prosecutors escalate nationwide, all of us must stand together and fight back against these unwarranted, deeply troubling and undemocratic power grabs.”

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