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## FJP Statement on SCOTUS Ruling in Moore v. Harper

<u>Fair and Just Prosecution</u> Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement in response to today's <u>ruling</u> from the United States Supreme Court in *Moore v. Harper*:

"Today, the Supreme Court upheld a critical tool for safeguarding our democracy, judicial oversight and the integrity of federal elections by rejecting the independent state legislature theory. The decision in *Moore v. Harper* will ensure that state courts retain their authority to hear challenges to state laws governing federal elections, maintaining an essential defense against anti-democratic practices like gerrymandering and voter suppression.

While it's heartening that the Court didn't legitimize the deeply troubling and flawed independent state legislature theory, significant obstacles still stand in the way of truly free and fair elections in many communities. But, by protecting the checks and balances of judicial federal election oversight, the Supreme Court has avoided striking a dangerous blow to our democratic institutions. We still have more work to do to protect the fundamental right to vote, but today's decision is a victory for American voters and democracy itself."

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