FJP Statement on the American Bar Association’s Resolution on Prosecutorial Discretion

Fair and Just Prosecution Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement applauding the American Bar Association’s House of Delegates for passing a resolution affirming the essential role of prosecutorial discretion in the criminal justice process and calling on all government officials to respect the independence and discretion inherent in the prosecutorial function:

“As opponents of criminal justice reform continue to attack the independence and discretionary power of reform-minded prosecutors across the country, we are encouraged to see the American Bar Association affirm the deeply rooted, well-settled role of prosecutorial discretion in the American legal system. Recent attempts to seize power from democratically elected reform-minded prosecutors—and even to remove reformers from their elected offices—are not about placing meaningful checks on prosecutorial discretion or improving public safety; they’re about seizing electoral power away from communities that embrace the promise of criminal justice reforms. We applaud the ABA’s House of Delegates for recognizing the crucial need to safeguard the independence of local prosecutors.”

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