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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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