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FJP Statement on Texas Appeals Court Ruling in *PFLAG v. Abbott*

[Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement in response to the [recent decisions](#) from the Texas Court of Appeals, Third District upholding injunctions that bar the state's Department of Family and Protective Services from enforcing a rule that would allow the agency to investigate and take action against parents who seek gender-affirming care for their children or medical professionals who assist with those often life-saving treatment decisions:

“We applaud the appellate court for defending the families of some of Texas’ most vulnerable youth against this callous political attack. As more than 100 criminal justice leaders explained in [2022](#) and [2023](#) when urging the court to block Gov. Greg Abbott’s heartless actions, this proposed rule would severely erode community trust in the justice system and undermine public safety in the process.

Recent disturbing attempts in Texas and across the nation to attack and potentially criminalize personal choices made by – and the very existence of – transgender youth and the families who love them are not about promoting safety nor protecting kids, but are instead about stoking harmful cultural wars for political gain. If Gov. Abbott and other politicians who supported this proposed directive truly cared about making our communities safer and healthier, they would use our limited law enforcement resources to tackle the most serious crimes that impact everyday Texans instead of targeting marginalized and vulnerable communities.

This effort, and others like it, only serve to undermine the integrity of – and trust in – the entire justice system, which makes us all less safe. We are encouraged by the court’s decisions, but we must remain vigilant and continue to fight back against any attempts to weaponize the legal system against the trans community, their families, and medical providers who offer lifesaving treatment.”

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