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FJP Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Ruling in *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson*

[Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement in response to today's ruling from the United States Supreme Court in *Grants Pass v. Johnson*:

“No one should be punished for sleeping outside simply because they cannot find or afford a place to live. Yet today's decision by the Supreme Court allows just that.

The ruling from the Court will allow local governments to continue to fine and arrest people for being unhoused even when adequate shelter is not available. This misguided approach to homelessness will further devastate local communities, drain valuable public resources, and exacerbate underlying challenges to public safety and community health.

As former Police Chief Brendan Cox, former District Attorney Chesa Boudin and I previously wrote in [Salon](#), we cannot arrest, incarcerate, and punish our way out of the housing crisis. The Court's decision today moves us further away from the goal of resolving this pressing social problem in a sensible, responsible and humane manner.”

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