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## FJP Statement on the Senate's Confirmation of Lisa Monaco and Vanita Gupta for Key Justice Department Posts

<u>Fair and Just Prosecution</u> Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement in response to this week's Senate confirmation of Lisa Monaco as Deputy Attorney General and Vanita Gupta as Associate Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice:

"With this week's Senate confirmation of Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco and Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta, we have a leadership team at the Department of Justice that can begin the vital work of building safer and fairer communities across America.

Deputy Attorney General Monaco and Associate Attorney General Gupta are seasoned criminal justice experts with the experience and vision to transform the DOJ into an institution that promotes fairness, equity and justice for all Americans. We applaud President Biden for nominating these innovative leaders and the Senate for confirming them.

As the epicenter of our nation's criminal legal system, the DOJ has immense power to guide criminal justice policy. The American people continue to demand a new vision of justice and we now have the potential to not just undo the damage of the previous administration, but also to usher in transformative thinking and reimagine our justice system from the ground up. To get there, we need bold, forward-thinking leaders like Ms. Monaco and Ms. Gupta at the helm.

We look forward to working alongside these changemakers as they guide the DOJ into a new era of equity, justice and fairness."

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