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FJP Statement on the Justice Department's Appointment of Rachel Rossi as Director of the Office for Access to Justice

[Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement today in response to the Justice Department's [appointment](#) of Rachel Rossi as the Director of the Office for Access to Justice (ATJ) – a vitally important office that will help ensure that the justice system delivers outcomes that are fair and accessible to all, irrespective of wealth, race or status:

“We are thrilled that Attorney General Merrick Garland has chosen Rachel Rossi to be the Director of the Office for Access to Justice. Ms. Rossi is the ideal person to revive the ATJ office after it was closed under the last administration and to lead federal efforts to ensure that the criminal legal system truly provides justice for all.

Ms. Rossi has spent her career working to identify and address the barriers to justice that too many members of our communities face. She worked as a public defender for nearly a decade, spurred justice reform efforts as a staffer on Capitol Hill and served as the Legal Director of the REFORM Alliance. Most recently, she has served as Deputy Associate Attorney General in the Office of the Associate Attorney General at the Department of Justice. This vast and varied experience will be essential as she works to reestablish the ATJ office and lead stakeholders in the criminal legal system closer to the objectives of access and equity for all who come into contact with it.

Equal justice under the law, regardless of wealth or status, is a core principle of our American democracy. Ms. Rossi's appointment and the reopening of the Access to Justice office are important steps toward living up to that ideal. I applaud Attorney General Garland for appointing Ms. Rossi and look forward to seeing her leadership drive reforms nationwide over the coming years.”

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