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FJP Statement on Appointment of Liz Ryan as Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

[Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement in response to today's confirmation of Liz Ryan as Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP):

“We applaud the appointment of Liz Ryan, a dedicated and passionate advocate for children and families, as the Administrator of the Department of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Her decades of experience and visionary leadership will mark a significant step forward in creating a youth justice system grounded in compassion and best practices, rather than the auto-pilot of punitive responses and criminalization that for too long has marked our nation’s approach to young people who come into contact with law enforcement.

Throughout her career, Liz has worked tirelessly to end youth incarceration, address longstanding racial disparities, and seek out solutions to youth violence that center the needs of kids, families, and communities. Through her impactful work leading the Campaign for Youth Justice and the Youth First initiative, Liz demonstrated her steadfast commitment to youth justice, her deep expertise on how to advance critical and long overdue policy reforms, and her understanding of the importance of working with those most impacted by the criminal legal system.

We are grateful that justice-involved kids and their families – as well as our entire nation – will have such a fierce and thoughtful leader at the helm of this important department and have no doubt that her leadership will enable OJJDP to break new ground in the fight for youth justice.”

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