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## **FJP Statement on DOJ Selection of Colette S. Peters as Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons**

[Fair and Just Prosecution](#) Executive Director Miriam Krinsky issued the following statement today in response to Attorney General Merrick Garland's [selection](#) of Colette S. Peters to serve as Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP):

“The BOP finds itself at a crossroads, dealing with crowded facilities resulting from decades of over-incarceration, a global pandemic impacting the health of all who are housed or work in the facilities, a movement to address systemic racism in our criminal legal system and [calls](#) to end the death penalty and dismantle the machinery of death at Terre Haute. As a former federal prosecutor and the executive director of an organization that supports a bipartisan network of elected prosecutors, I know our nation's prison system needs an experienced and innovative leader to address these ongoing challenges and crises.

At this critical time, we hope Ms. Peters will usher in long-overdue change at the BOP while fighting for justice for every individual involved in the criminal legal system.”

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