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The role of the duly elected chief prosecutor is to serve their communities as ministers of justice. The voters of Orange and Osceola County, Florida elected Monique Worrell to fulfill that role, which she has done dutifully until her sudden removal by Governor DeSantis. In her role as chief prosecutor, she has pursued justice, safety, and the well-being of her communities; goals that were undermined when the democratic process was interrupted by this use of executive authority. We stand with all prosecutors who use the lawful discretion of their offices to hold individuals accountable for their actions, protect the victims of crime and work to improve the safety of their communities.

As the Supreme Court stated in *Berger v. United States*, 295 U.S. 78 (1935), the prosecutor... “is the representative not of an ordinary party to a controversy, but of a sovereignty whose obligation to govern impartially is as compelling as its obligation to govern at all; and whose interest, therefore, in a criminal prosecution is not that it shall win a case, but that justice shall be done. As such, he is in a peculiar and very definite sense the servant of the law, the twofold aim of which is that guilt shall not escape or innocence suffer. He may prosecute with earnestness and vigor — indeed, he should do so. But, while he may strike hard blows, he is not at liberty to strike foul ones. It is as much his duty to refrain from improper methods calculated to produce a wrongful conviction as it is to use every legitimate means to bring about a just one.”