

March 3, 2025

Dear Governor Murphy and Members of the New Jersey Legislature:

We, the undersigned, write with grave concern regarding the politically motivated attacks on New Jersey Attorney General Matthew Platkin. **We urge you to reject all efforts to intimidate and undermine the Attorney General for doing this job, and to stand firmly in defense of prosecutorial independence and the rule of law in our state.**

Recent attempts to undermine the Office of the Attorney General represent a dangerous assault on the principle that no one — regardless of political power or connections — should be above the law. They are a page straight out of the Trump playbook, where if you don't like what a prosecutor is investigating, you try to remove them from office.

The timing of these attacks speaks volumes. Over the last two months, Attorney General Platkin has courageously stood up to Elon Musk and the Trump Administration's attacks on federal workers, congressionally appropriated funding, the First Amendment, and the Constitutionally protected right to birthright citizenship.

In New Jersey, Attorney General Platkin has challenged corrupt practices and entrenched interests in both political parties, championed critical reforms in law enforcement while refusing to bow to political pressure, and refused to defend an unconstitutional and corrupt ballot design. Now, for doing exactly what we should expect from our state's chief law enforcement officer, he faces politically motivated attempts to undermine his independence and authority.

Whether it's firing career Justice Department officials or trying to impeach the New Jersey Attorney General, threats to prosecutorial independence undermine the very foundation of our justice system and directly threaten our ability to combat corruption and hold the powerful accountable.

We strongly urge you to publicly reject all efforts to intimidate and undermine the Attorney General, affirm your commitment to prosecutorial independence, and support efforts to strengthen — not weaken — anti-corruption measures in our state.

The integrity of our democratic institutions hangs in the balance, and we call on you to ensure our justice system functions without political interference or intimidation.

Sincerely,

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