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Statement from Attorney General Brown on Today's United States Supreme Court's 6-3 Ruling in *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson*

BALTIMORE, MD (June 28, 2024) – In response to today's United States Supreme Court's 6-3 ruling in *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson*, Attorney General Anthony G. Brown issued the following the statement:

"I am deeply disappointed by the Supreme Court's decision today in *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson*. The affordable housing crisis has put more than 650,000 of our neighbors on the street, including children, veterans, individuals who are facing significant challenges due to substance abuse or mental health issues, and low-wage workers doing their best to make ends meet. I am proud to have led a group of states standing up for people who must sleep outside through no fault of their own, and I will continue to defend the rights of the most vulnerable members of society."

This past April, Attorney General Brown led a coalition of six attorneys general (Maryland, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, and Vermont) in filing a Supreme Court amicus brief supporting the respondents in *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson*. The brief argued that the Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment prohibits punishing people for sleeping on public property when they have no other place to lawfully sleep. The brief can be viewed [here](https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/press/2023/062824s.pdf).

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