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Washington, June 10 (RHC)-- Attorney General Merrick Garland is supporting the Justice Department's decision to defend former President Donald Trump against a defamation lawsuit brought by a woman who

accused Trump of raping her in the 1990s.

E. Jean Carroll filed the suit in 2019 after Trump said he would not have assaulted her because “she’s not my type.” Justice Department lawyers told a federal court this week Trump cannot be held personally liable for the comments since he made them while he was president.

Attorney General Garland defended the decision to a Senate committee on Wednesday. Garland said: “The essence of the rule of law is what I said when I accepted the nomination for attorney general. It is that like cases be treated alike, that there not be one rule for Democrats and another for Republicans, that there not be one rule for friends and another for foes.”

E. Jean Carroll blasted the Biden administration for defending Trump, writing in a statement: “As women across the country are standing up and holding men accountable for assault—the DOJ is trying to stop me from having that same right. I am angry! I am offended!”

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