

Dear Senators Borrello, Brouk, Cooney, Helming, and Ortt and Assembly Members Bronson, Byrnes, Clark, Hawley, Jensen, Lunsford, Manktelow, and Meeks:

We are writing to encourage your support of Governor Hochul's proposal to remove the "least restrictive means" standard as it relates to a judge's discretion when determining bail for individuals charged with a crime.

Poverty, mental health, and substance abuse should not and must not be criminalized. The original intent of bail reform was to support that cause, and we are in full support of that effort. Rochester is experiencing unprecedented crime and violence. Murders, shooting victims, criminal possession of a weapon charges, larceny, and car thefts are plaguing our streets.

We must act. A community cannot and will not thrive unless and until our people feel safe. We are responsible for our community and our sphere of influence. Even one violent crime that can be prevented by detention is the right thing to do. We must embrace the opportunity to improve public safety while maintaining the spirit of bail reform: that no person should remain jailed because they cannot afford bail. These two goals are not mutually exclusive and must be achieved concurrently through collaboration.

As we have witnessed throughout Greater Rochester and beyond, the current standard has resulted in a public safety crisis, wherein individuals who pose a risk to public safety are being released back into our communities. What ensues is the revolving door of the criminal justice system where individuals reoffend and end up back in jail. By removing the standard as proposed by Governor Hochul, judges will be given appropriate discretion when considering all relevant factors for the determination of bail or detention, including an individual's risk to public safety and their propensity to reoffend. These decisions must be made by judges based objective metrics, as we see done in other jurisdictions that employ this methodology.

We urge you to support Governor Hochul's proposal and take this critical step towards a more just and equitable criminal justice system and toward a safer, more prosperous New York State.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Consortium for Safe Communities
(Digital signatures attached)

CC: Governor Kathy Hochul
NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins
NYS Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie

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