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Hon. Robert J. Devlin, Jr.
Chair, Connecticut Sentencing Commission
185 Main Street, Room 212
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: a study on non- monetary bail

Dear Judge Devlin,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Connecticut Sentencing Commission undertake a study and develop recommendations for a proposal on pretrial justice that would (1) reduce the pretrial detained population and (2) eliminate money bail as a detention mechanism so that release/detention decisions are not impacted by the amount of money defendants may or may not have while (3) ensuring that public safety is not negatively impacted. It appears evident that the current pretrial detention system does not provide for equal justice for all of those who are accused of crimes and that it also perpetuates inequalities based on wealth.

Thank you for your willingness to examine this extraordinarily important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin Looney".

Martin M. Looney
State Senator, Eleventh District

CC: Senator Winfield