

Public Safety Matters – A Fact Sheet on Bail Reform

California Money Bail Reform Act – SB 10 (Hertzberg)

What will this legislation do?

The California Money Bail Reform Act of 2017 (SB 10 – Hertzberg) will disrupt California’s bail system so that people lose their constitutional right to work with a professional bail agent to get out of jail. SB 10 is a bill that experiments with public safety and adds an unfair burden to law enforcement officers and the California court system. Public safety is threatened by SB 10 because it lowers the punishment of many crimes. SB 10 will also hurt small bail bond businesses, and eliminate thousands of local jobs throughout California. If we allow SB 10 to pass, the bill would release more criminals into the communities and neighborhoods that are already vulnerable to high levels of crime.

Why we should oppose this legislation?

SB10 is a punishment to the taxpayers and families who are being asked to risk the safety of their neighborhoods and public spaces. All throughout the state public safety experts and civic organizations are voicing their concern that SB 10 increases the liberty of criminals and does nothing to protect the victims of crime. SB10 and other experiments like it should be opposed by anyone in the public who values the safety of their neighborhoods.

Problems with SB 10:

The current bail system allows people who have been arrested to work with a private bail agent and schedule a hearing to reduce the price of their bail. The process of setting bail schedules can be reformed without placing the safety of vulnerable neighborhoods at risk of being flooded with hardened criminals.

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SB 10 is opposed by the following organizations which have made their dedication to public safety in California a top priority: Americans for Safe Neighborhoods, Association of Deputy District Attorneys, California Association of Code Enforcement Officers, California Bail Agents Association, California Narcotic Officers’ Association, and the Golden State Bail Agents Association.

