Now is the time to replace California’s money bail system with one based on safety and fairness.

End money bail. Vote YES on Proposition 25 for a safer, fairer and less costly system.

MONEY BAIL IS UNFAIR:

Under the current money bail system, if you can afford to pay bail, you go free until your trial. If you can’t afford bail, you must stay in jail. So, the rich can go free, even when accused of serious violent crimes, while the poor stay in jail even when innocent or accused of low-level nonviolent offenses. Money bail doesn’t make us safer, and it results in gross injustice.

Just one example, senior citizen Kenneth Humphrey was accused of stealing $5 and a bottle of cologne. He was forced to wait in jail nearly a
year before his court date, not because he was dangerous, but because he couldn’t pay bail. A California appellate court ruled Mr. Humphrey was “imprisoned solely due to poverty.” Unfortunately, there are thousands of these stories.

MONEY BAIL IS UNSAFE:

Proposition 25 means decisions will be based on risk to our safety, not a person’s ability to pay. Judges will determine whether a person poses a risk of committing new crimes or fleeing when deciding who is held pretrial – decisions won’t be made based on the size of the person’s wallet.

Proposition 25 makes our communities safer by ensuring jail space is reserved for those who are actually dangerous and shouldn’t be released, instead of the poor.
MONEY BAIL IS COSTLY:

Proposition 25 will save taxpayers tens of millions of dollars a year. Under the current system, approximately 46,000 Californians await trial or sentencing in local jails because they can’t afford money bail, costing taxpayers $5 million every day.

Let’s end money bail. Vote YES on Proposition 25 for a SAFER, FAIRER, LESS COSTLY system.

INNOCENT PEOPLE SUFFER:

The money bail system can force innocent people to plead guilty to crimes they didn’t commit.

When the innocent can’t afford a nonrefundable fee of $5,000 or more to a bail bond company, but also can’t afford to stay in jail, risking their
jobs or homes while they await their trial, some will plead guilty, resulting in a permanent criminal record. In jail, most will receive little or no mental healthcare, and for many, incarceration will make their existing conditions worse.

A YES vote helps ensure innocent people will no longer be forced to languish in jail or plead guilty to crimes they didn’t commit.

Vote YES on Proposition 25.

THE PREDATORY MONEY BAIL INDUSTRY DOESN’T CARE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITIES:

But don’t expect the money bail industry to go quietly. It’s a $2 billion for-profit industry, led by predatory bail bond insurance corporations that get rich off the poor. Proposition 25 ends an unjust system that
profiteers off working people, which is why the money bail industry is spending millions to fight this measure.

Safety should be our guiding principle, not the size of anyone’s wallet.

Vote YES on Proposition 25.

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