REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST

PROPOSITION 25

Money bail is a discriminatory and discredited system.

Help us end it. Vote YES on Prop 25.

Today, the rich can pay their bail and get out of jail, no matter how violent the crime charged. Money bail is unjust and unfair.

Why should poor people charged with nonviolent misdemeanors sit in jail while the rich get out, simply because they can't afford to pay bail? They shouldn't. Money bail is only a "right" for those who can afford it. People don't even get their bail money back if they're innocent or charges get dropped.

The massive bail industry, including Bankers Insurance Company and Lexington National Insurance Corporation, are
spending their billions to protect their profits and preserve a broken, discriminatory system. They oppose Prop 25 out of greed. You can see how they're funding their NO campaign at http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Measures.

Prop 25 replaces money bail with a system where judges make determinations based on safety. Computer algorithms don't make the decisions, judges do.

According to the Judicial Council of California, Proposition 25 "will gather information and provide reports to aid judges in the decision about whether a defendant is a risk to the public or likely to return to court if released before trial."

Prop 25 also adds transparency and public review to eliminate bias and racial disparities.
Prop 25 has NOTHING to do with “zero bail,” a temporary public health response to COVID-19.

For real social justice reform—finally—help change the system by voting YES on Prop 25.

Let’s end money bail once and for all!

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