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Yesterday, President Trump signed a baseless executive order that threatens to cut federal funding from jurisdictions that have ended or limited cash bail.

No one should be held in jail simply because they cannot afford to pay for their freedom.



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Public safety, not wealth, should determine who is released and who remains in jail pending trial.

This decision by the administration is yet another distraction from the very measures Trump has taken that jeopardize the safety of our communities.



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Cash bail privileges the wealthy and penalizes those who cannot pay the price of their freedom. It is a giveaway to the private, for-profit bail bond industry that turns a profit of billions each year.



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States across the U.S. have shown that bail reform works:



Illinois: Violent crime is down and court appearance rates have improved



New York: Statewide jail population fell by more than 30%



Washington, DC: 93% of people were not rearrested when released pretrial



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The evidence is clear: Cash bail does not make us safe, and this reversal will upend incredible progress.

Trump's attack on these sensible, evidence-backed policies is an attack on safety, accountability, and justice for all.

We cannot allow the president to put this escalating power grab above the well-being of our communities.