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Dear Senators,

My name is Tracy Ahmadian from Smithfield Senate District 22.

I support S2161 Bail on 32 because I have seen over the last two year how folks that come before the court are processed with little regard for their humanity and without thoughtful consideration on how holding someone without bail might impact their lives. I have been going to Superior court, Room 5D to watch the probation violation proceedings each week for two years. I get the sense the judge, public defender, attorney general lawyers, court officers, and other court employees have become immune to just how serious the impact is on a person who is alleged to have violated their probation. The air in the room before the defendants appear can be jovial. Once the defendants appear everyone falls into autopilot. I get the sense most of the court officials believe each one to be guilty before they are even given a trial. At times, the judge can be condescending. I would like to see people who are alleged to have violated their probation remain in their community while they await their trial. This allows these folks to continue to work, care for family, and get the support they need. Holding them without bail is charging them as guilty before they have had their trial.

I urge you to vote in favor of S2161.

Moving forward together,

Tracy Ahmadian

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