

Protect Rhode Islanders From Soft On Crime Legislation

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To Senate Judiciary Committee <SenateJudiciary@rilegislature.onmicrosoft.com>

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing as a Rhode Island resident to share my concerns regarding several criminal justice proposals scheduled for hearings before the committee. In particular, I respectfully ask that you closely consider the potential negative impacts on public safety associated with the following bills:

- **S.2162 – Sentencing based on parental status**
- **S.2290 – Cashless Bail**
- **S.2731 – Sentencing reconsideration after 10 years of imprisonment**

While rehabilitation and second chances are important components of a fair justice system, Rhode Island must also maintain strong standards of accountability and ensure that new policies do not unintentionally undermine the safety of our communities.

Thank you for your time and for considering public input as you evaluate these proposals.

Sincerely,
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