

New Statewide Association Launches to Oppose Elimination of Bail in Minnesota

Minnesota Bail Association forms to defend public safety, victims, and taxpayers against a costly government overhaul of the pretrial system



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- A new statewide nonprofit, the **Minnesota Bail Association (MBA)**, has launched to oppose the effort to eliminate cash bail in Minnesota, a change the Association warns would be devastating for public safety, crime victims, and taxpayers.

Much of that change, the Association says, has drawn almost no public attention. Minnesota is steadily moving away from secured bail through court policy and changes to state law, including a statute (**Minn. Stat. § 244.18**) that, by 2029, eliminates the supervision fees that help fund pretrial monitoring and shifts those costs onto counties and taxpayers. Few Minnesotans have heard about it. The Association breaks down what's happening and what's at stake at www.minnesotabailassociation.com.

"Eliminating cash bail would make Minnesota less safe and hand taxpayers the bill for a system that holds no one accountable," said **Derek Nelson, President of the Minnesota Bail Association**. "We formed this association to fight for the people of Minnesota — and to make sure they see what's being decided for them."

The MBA is calling on every licensed bail agent and agency owner in the state to join. To learn more about the MBA, or how you can support, visit: www.minnesotabailassociation.com.

About the Minnesota Bail Association

The Minnesota Bail Association is a statewide nonprofit representing Minnesota's professional bail industry, focused on public safety, secured bail, victims' rights, taxpayer protection, professional education, and responsible pretrial policy.

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