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LD 179

I am writing today in strong opposition to LD179. I have been a law enforcement officer for 30 years and this proposal appears to be one of the worst ideas I have seen in my career. Bail conditions are one of the only tools used in the justice system to protect victims of crimes from being further victimized. In a system that is already favoring suspect rights over victims rights, this proposal would guarantee victims would be forced to endure further victimization and would take away in most cases the only tool law enforcement has to keep victims safe. Bail Conditions are also, in a lot of cases, the only thing preventing suspects from committing further crimes.