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11/10/2020 11:46	Lynn Averett	I realize you seldom listen or pay attention to views other than yours but once again, I have to say this anti law enforcement agenda/vendetta is extremely troubling and beyond explanation. There are so many critical issues that need addressing. To mention a few: crime (violent and non-violent) continues to rise, homeless is out of control, drug abuse is increasing, abuse seems to be increasing, COVID-19 cases are rising (even with the months long mask mandate), the school system is not working (how many children are not or cannot attend virtually) and the school board is dysfunctional. The children are being left behind and it could take generations to recover if at all. I hear nothing from elected representatives condemning the violence...only law enforcement is always in the wrong and everyone must wear masks. I understand you have a lot on your plates but the law abiding residents need your support. Sincerely, Lynn Averett

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11/10/2020 12:34	Nancy Lee	<p>Dear Council Member Fowler; I am writing to express my strong opposition to "soft on crime" policies - specifically as it relates to the unaccountable pretrial release of criminal defendants. Criminal Justice Reform (including bail reform) is sweeping the country...most notably in states like New Jersey and New Mexico. Based on the premise of reduced costs to states and fairness to the "indigent", legislators and local officials are falling for it...and endangering their constituents and law enforcement in the process. Criminal Justice Reform has been marketed around the country as a cure-all for our increasing crime problem, but in reality these reforms end up weakening accountability in the criminal justice system by fundamentally making it easier for repeat criminals to get out of jail. Disguised under programs that promote fairness to the "indigent" with wide spread use of "personal bonds" and "sheriff's bonds," these unaccountable pretrial release programs are destroying criminal accountability and making our communities less safe. To compound the problem, new black box computer algorithms are supposedly going to be able to predict who is going to commit another crime and who is going to flee. These computer algorithms have already been found to not only be ineffective but also have the potential to unfairly racially profile defendants. <b>*Continued 1/2*</b></p>

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	Nancy Lee	<p><b>*Continued 2/2*</b> Ask New Jersey how well that is working out for them?their new bail computers, which began Jan 1, 2017, are handing get out of jail free cards to low-risk heroin dealers, child sex offenders, gun criminals, and hardened gang members. Even prior felons are being released on nothing more than a promise to appear. It is time to stop listening to the special interests, social advocacy groups, and judiciary who have been brainwashed into believing that coddling and protecting those that choose to harm and victimize citizens will make us safer all while expecting taxpayers to pay for it. We urge you to support giving judges the discretion to use proven accountable release options, stopping the use of faulty algorithm programs to determine pretrial release, ending the abuse and over-reliance of pretrial release programs, and ending the "soft on crime" agenda once and for all. Sincerely, Nancy Lee 427 S Post St, Salt Lake City, UT 84104</p> <p>&lt;<a href="http://link.grassrootsmessages.com/q/YLN374jv_Jrh8UGZYh3rCw~/AACYXwA~/RgRhgBZCPicDc3BjQgoAKUKRnV9alrQNUhVhbXkuZm93bGVyQHNSy2dvidi5jb21YBAAAAA~&gt;">http://link.grassrootsmessages.com/q/YLN374jv_Jrh8UGZYh3rCw~/AACYXwA~/RgRhgBZCPicDc3BjQgoAKUKRnV9alrQNUhVhbXkuZm93bGVyQHNSy2dvidi5jb21YBAAAAA~&gt;</a></p>

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11/10/2020 12:34	Nancy Lee	<p>Dear Council Member Fowler, The Utah Judicial Council recently implemented new "soft on crime" bail guidelines that create a mandatory statewide bail schedule and continues the use of widely-discredited risk assessment tools in determining release decisions. These changes will make Utah less safe and must be stopped! The policy-making body of the court system voted in August to revamp the bail schedule statewide by dictating that ALL felony bonds will now be capped at \$5,000 for ANY offense. No matter how serious the charge, the bail is based solely on income level with a MAXIMUM bond of \$5,000. This new policy is dangerous and eliminates judicial discretion. In making this policy change, the Utah Judicial Council falsely promised that their new rules would deny bail to the most dangerous of offenders, but that's not happening. In fact, already those charged with very serious offenses, such as sexual assault of a minor and luring of a minor, have been released on their own recognizance with no accountability at all. In addition, the new guidelines mandate the use of pretrial risk assessment tools to determine who gets released and who doesn't, which have been proven to be biased against protected classes by many academic scholars. I stand with U.S. Attorney John Huber against these soft on crime policies and I would urge that you take up this important issue and demand that the Judicial Council rescind these new guidelines and stop legislating from the bench. I believe that these kinds of important decisions are better left to be decided in the legislature and not from the court bench.</p> <p>Sincerely, Nancy Lee Salt Lake City, UT</p> <p>&lt;<a href="http://link.grassrootsmessages.com/q/cwbqzAMF4yrJCfjM_xkygA~/AACYXwA~/RgRhgBZCPicDc3BjQgoAKUKRnV9alv4NUhVhbXkuZm93bGVyQHNSY2dvdI5jb21YBAAAAA~&gt;">http://link.grassrootsmessages.com/q/cwbqzAMF4yrJCfjM_xkygA~/AACYXwA~/RgRhgBZCPicDc3BjQgoAKUKRnV9alv4NUhVhbXkuZm93bGVyQHNSY2dvdI5jb21YBAAAAA~&gt;</a></p>