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Dear Mr Thurmond:

I am concerned about unreasonable bail. Mr De Tocqueville noted in 1830 that reliance on cash bail was an oddly aristocratic aspect of our otherwise democratic judicial system. The DOJ report on the courts in Ferguson Mo. made it clear that 185 years later, this problem remains. Beleaguered Attorney General Sessions has stopped initiating such probes and derailed a previous bail reform bill. He can not, however, remove this report from the public conscience. Some state prosecutors have begun to take steps on their own and California came close to reforming this month. I am pleased to see that you voted for bail reform and hope that the national situation will help it pass next year.

Please assure me that co-sponsor a version of AB 42 in the next session.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that is related to our rule of law.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson