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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about unreasonable bail amounts. The bill you have just introduced seems very timely. Mr De Tocqueville noted in 1830 that reliance on cash bail was an oddly aristocratic aspect of our otherwise democratic judicial system, blaming it on uncritical adoption of common law. 175 years on the DOJ report on the courts in Ferguson Mo. made it clear that this problem remains, blaming it on a convenient way of raising funds on the backs of blacks. 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 consciousness. Some state prosecutors have begun to take steps on their own and a few states are beginning to act. Your bill brings needed attention and collects essential data for reform. I am impressed that your bill is bipartisan and making news even against the roar of health care destruction and treason with Russia

Thank you for the high profile you have afforded this bill.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson