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Dear States Attorney Glasgow:

As an organization with membership in your county, we are calling upon you to drop your lawsuit against the Pretrial Fairness Act and allow this visionary civil rights legislation to go into effect in Will County and across Illinois on January 1st. Leaders throughout the judicial system and at all levels of government have been diligently working to prepare to implement these changes that will safely reduce pretrial incarceration and end the unjust practice of money bond. We are disappointed to see you spreading fear and participating in frivolous lawsuits to try and undermine this historic reform instead of working to keep our communities safe by ensuring it's successful implementation.

It would be shameful to witness neighboring counties appropriately adopting this new law while Will County's State's Attorney does everything in his power to delay the inevitable and needlessly forcing our people to pay a ransom to get out of jail, or remain incarcerated without evening being convicted of a crime simply because they're poor. The Pretrial Fairness Act passed the Illinois legislature as part of the SAFE-T Act and was signed into law by the Governor because it was broadly supported by Illinoisians. During veto session, members of the State's Attorneys Association worked alongside advocates to help modify the law to ensure we reduce the harm of pretrial jailing while keeping our communities safe. You have had multiple opportunities to provide feedback throughout this process, as part of that group and individually. Now, the time for input has passed. It is time for faithful implementation. It's time to do the right thing and drop the lawsuit.

Signed,

The People's Lobby