



## CITY OF MANCHESTER

February 18, 2025

Board of Mayor and Alderman  
One City Hall Plaza  
Manchester, NH 03101

Honorable Senators and Representatives:

The safety and security of our citizens is non-negotiable. We know that as our fellow elected officials, you agree with this principle. With that in mind, we are requesting your support in revising the state's Bail Reform law.

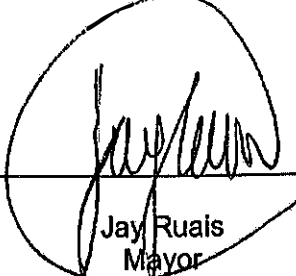
As the recent horrific stabbing on Elm Street in Manchester demonstrates, our current law is not working. It is imperative that we keep violent and repeat offenders off our streets and behind bars.

We understand the good intentions behind the previous changes to our bail laws. However, those good intentions have been replaced by criminal acts. Strong numbers back up this argument. In 2024, there were 2,971 adults arrested in Manchester. These individuals accounted for 4,551 arrests because 27% of them were arrested more than once. Of the 2,971 arrested, 715 or 24% were out on bail at the time of their arrest. When individuals are not held accountable for their actions, it encourages more bad behavior.

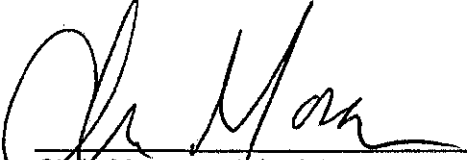
Public safety is in everyone's interest. It affects our citizens, businesses and visitors, as well as our men and women in law enforcement. When they do the hard work and arrest someone and that person is then let out on the streets to reoffend, what message does that send to our officers patrolling our streets? What message does this send to the victims? We owe them the tools they need to keep all of us safe.

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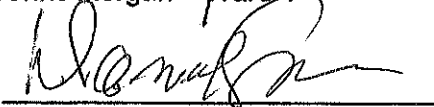
So, it is with urgency and respect that we, the undersigned, urge the Legislature to send Governor Ayotte legislation dedicated to bail reform.



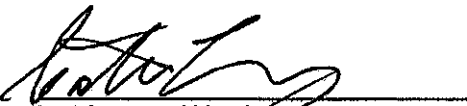
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Mayor



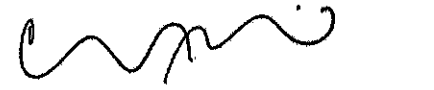
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Pat Long – Ward 3



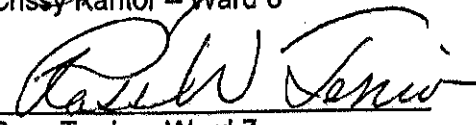
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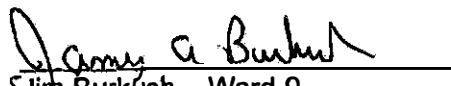
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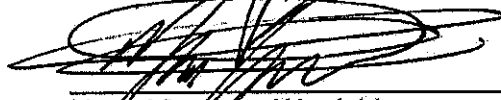
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Bill Barry – Ward 10



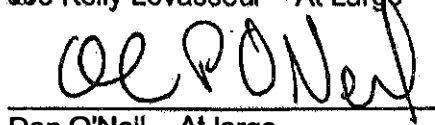
Norm Vincent – Ward 11



Kelly Thomas – 12



Joe Kelly Levasseur – At Large



Dan O'Neil – At large