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Office of the Senate President
Office of the Speaker of the House
New Hampshire Statehouse
107 N. Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

To the Honorable Legislature,

We write as mayors from across New Hampshire with a bi-partisan request for you to strengthen our current bail laws. We are grateful for your previous work regarding bail reform and fully appreciate the difficult nature of the legislative process. However, as recent violent incidents illustrate, this issue is crying out for further action this session.

Like many municipalities, we have vacancies in our police departments that make an already trying job, more difficult. This problem compounds itself when criminals cycle through a process of arrest and release, only to be arrested again.

We urge the Legislature to find compromise on this critical issue to specifically address violent and repeat offenders. Like you, we believe public safety in New Hampshire to be non-negotiable. Our citizens, businesses and tourists deserve our best efforts when it comes to keeping our streets safe.

With that in mind, we, the undersigned, urge the Legislature to reform our bail laws in order to increase public safety throughout the State of New Hampshire:

Sincerely,

Mayor Jay Ruais
City of Manchester

Mayor Dale Girard
City of Claremont

Mayor Jay Kahn
City of Keene

Mayor Desiree McLaughlin
City of Franklin

Mayor Paul Callaghan
City of Rochester

Mayor Robert Carrier
City of Dover

Mayor Robert Cone
City of Berlin

Mayor Byron Champlin
City of Concord