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Good Afternoon distinguished Senators and Representatives,

My name is Andrew Bloom. I am a licensed surety bail bondsman, bail enforcement agent, and one of the owners of 3-D Bail Bonds, Inc. which employs about 27 people.

I am also one of the owners of DADs Bail Bonds, LLC representing over 10,000 bail bonds written a year, a member of The Professional Bail Agents of The United States, and a founding member and current President of the Bail Agents of Connecticut Association.

As many of you may know, I have been here to testify for many years in support of bail reform. I would now like the opportunity to demonstrate my **support of Raised Senate Bill 28**.

The Bail Association of Connecticut has developed a "Whistle Blowers" program to help self police our fellow Bail Agents.

We have a code of ethics requiring our members to be Honest Ethical Licensed Professionals, or H.E.L.P.

Connecticut Bail Agents are extremely vital doing their part in the court process insuring appearance of the accused in proceedings, upholding The Eighth Amendment having to do with reasonable bail. Connecticut makes arrests for over 125,000 cases per year. Take a conservative 25% of those arrests resulting in bail, which is about 41,000 defendants. The average case takes 6 months. Multiply 41,000 defendants times the average cost to house an inmate for 12 months in Connecticut of about \$44,000 and you get \$1.8 billion. Cut that in 1/2 for the 6 months for an average case and you get the bail agents of Connecticut saving taxpayer \$900,000,000 annually. Bail agents and bail enforcement agents at no cost to taxpayers or risk to public safety personnel apprehend and return defendants who miss their court dates.

- This bill passed The House last year unopposed
- Proposed Senate bill 28 will help regulate bail agents who break the rules by helping to fund the efforts of the Department of Insurance and offering stronger penalties for violations
- Senate bill 28 will help keep close to 1000 CT taxpayers working

Let's get it done.

Thank you,

Andrew Bloom

Topic:

CORRECTIONS; CRIMINALS; JUVENILE DELINQUENCY; PERSISTENT OFFENDERS; PRISONS AND PRISONERS;

Location:

CRIME AND CRIMINALS - PERSISTENT OFFENDERS; PRISONS AND PRISONERS;



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COST OF INCARCERATION AND COST OF A CAREER CRIMINAL

By: Christopher Reinhart, Senior Attorney

You asked about the cost of incarcerating an inmate in Connecticut and the cost of having a career criminal on the street.

SUMMARY

According to information provided by the Office of Fiscal Analysis, the annual cost to incarcerate an inmate in Connecticut in FY 06 was \$44,165. This figure includes fringe benefits, statewide cost allocation program distribution (which the Department of Correction (DOC) must pay other state agencies to provide services), building depreciation, equipment depreciation, bond interest, and miscellaneous revenue. A chart below displays the annual costs for an inmate in specific facilities.

We did not find information on the cost of a career criminal specifically in Connecticut. But we did find a study by Professor Mark Cohen at Vanderbilt University that breaks down the lifetime costs imposed by a career criminal. In a 1998 article, he looked at a target population of chronic juvenile offenders who are assumed to continue a life of crime as an adult. The assumptions used in this study include that a typical adult crime career is six years and the criminal spends nearly eight years in prison. Using 1997 dollars, he concluded that the total external costs of a life of crime range from \$ 1. 5 to \$ 1. 8 million (Cohen, "The Monetary Value of Saving a High-Risk Youth," *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, Vol. 14, No. 1, 1998).

Using 1997 dollars, Cohen estimated:

1. \$ 165,000 in victim costs per year of a criminal's career (about 35% attributable to tangible costs such as lost wages and medical bills and 65% attributable to the value of lost quality of life to victims);
2. the average career criminal annually adds \$ 40,000 to the cost of the criminal justice system (including investigation, defense, incarceration, parole, and probation); and
3. the prisoner is not a productive member of society while incarcerated and, based on an average of eight years in prison, the total foregone earnings for a career criminal is \$ 60,000 or \$ 52,000 in present value terms.

Cohen concluded that juvenile delinquency between age 14 and 17 imposes \$ 83,000 to \$ 335,000 while an adult career criminal adds \$ 1. 4 million. He concluded that the total external costs of a life of crime range from \$ 1. 5 to \$ 1. 8 million. Of this amount, about 25% is tangible victim costs, 50% lost quality of life, 20% criminal justice costs, and 5% offender productivity losses (Cohen, "The Monetary Value of Saving a High-Risk Youth," *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, Vol. 14, No. 1, 1998).

A number of other studies try to measure the overall cost of crime to society or the cost of specific types of crimes. If you would like information about these studies, please let us know.

COST OF INCARCERATION IN SPECIFIC FACILITIES

The Office of Fiscal Analysis provided us with the annual cost to incarcerate an inmate in specific facilities in Connecticut in FY 06. This figure includes fringe benefits, statewide cost allocation program distribution (which the Department of Correction (DOC) must pay other state agencies to provide services), building depreciation, equipment depreciation, bond interest, and miscellaneous revenue. The chart below displays this information.

*Annual Cost to Incarcerate an Inmate in Specific
Connecticut Facilities in FY 06*

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Annual Cost Per Inmate</i>
Bergin Correctional Institution	\$ 31,008
Bridgeport Correctional Center	46,923
Brooklyn Correctional Institution	34,564
Cheshire Correctional Institution	41,476
Corrigan/Radgowski Correctional Institution	39,745
Carl Robinson Correctional Institution	34,455
Enfield Correctional Institution	41,576

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<i>Annual Cost to Incarcerate an Inmate in Specific Connecticut Facilities in FY 06</i>	
<i>Facility</i>	<i>Annual Cost Per Inmate</i>
Garner Correctional Institution	86,694
J. B. Gates Correctional Institution	38,288
Hartford Correctional Center	48,794
MacDougall/Walker Correctional Institution	44,663
Manson Youth Institution	65,855
New Haven Correctional Center	45,654
Northern Correctional Institution	100,385
Osborn Correctional Institution	34,121
Webster Correctional Institution	35,123
Willard/Cybulski Correctional Institution	29,493
York Correctional Institution	54,090
Cumulative Inmate Rate	\$ 44,165

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GEOGRAPHICAL AREA LOCATIONS - CRIMINAL DIVISION

JULY 1, 2009 - JUNE 30, 2010

LOCATION	CASES PENDING ON 7/1/09				FISCAL YEAR 09-10				CASES PENDING ON 6/30/10			
	ACTIVE	INACTIVE	PENDING REARRESTS	TOTAL	ADDED DURING PERIOD	TRANS. TO JUDICIAL DISTRICT	DISPOSED DURING PERIOD	ACTIVE	INACTIVE	PENDING REARRESTS	TOTAL	
STAMFORD	723	2,301	1,514	4,538	3,771	127	3,573	799	2,207	1,603	4,609	
BRIDGEPORT	1,371	3,333	1,428	6,132	9,292	373	8,514	1,432	3,594	1,511	6,537	
DANBURY	412	1,512	786	2,710	2,858	0	2,876	400	1,450	842	2,692	
WATERBURY	1,735	2,752	1,405	5,892	10,142	376	11,618	1,571	978	1,491	4,040	
DERBY	599	1,300	326	2,225	2,866	55	3,109	454	1,173	300	1,927	
NEW HAVEN	1,670	3,361	1,928	6,959	14,312	398	12,982	2,588	3,346	1,957	7,891	
MERIDEN	1,034	2,015	349	3,398	7,012	115	7,198	856	1,849	392	3,097	
MIDDLETOWN	1,013	1,270	550	2,833	4,018	63	4,198	778	1,257	555	2,590	
NEW LONDON	788	2,094	1,362	4,244	5,534	139	5,445	718	2,043	1,433	4,194	
DANIELSON	1,159	1,656	480	3,295	3,692	118	3,409	1,207	1,743	510	3,460	
MANCHESTER	1,352	1,903	440	3,695	6,306	88	5,509	1,948	1,994	462	4,404	
ENFIELD	630	1,796	671	3,097	3,797	39	3,521	808	1,873	653	3,334	
HARTFORD	3,819	6,616	1,708	12,143	22,322	250	21,138	4,398	6,648	2,031	13,077	
NEW BRITAIN	1,382	2,064	532	3,978	7,598	145	7,082	1,474	2,363	512	4,349	
BRISTOL	745	1,580	806	3,131	3,695	55	4,144	482	1,332	813	2,627	
BANTAM	471	1,689	105	2,265	3,751	310	3,597	454	1,524	131	2,109	
ROCKVILLE	613	1,223	235	2,071	3,291	129	2,998	663	1,318	254	2,235	
NORWALK	468	1,733	1,245	3,446	3,530	73	3,202	511	1,944	1,246	3,701	
NORWICH	772	1,488	351	2,611	4,473	66	4,158	959	1,524	377	2,860	
MILFORD	750	1,300	319	2,369	4,044	66	3,902	745	1,401	299	2,445	
STATE	21,506	42,986	16,540	81,032	126,304	2,985	122,173	23,245	41,561	17,372	82,178	