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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 nearly 10,000 bail bonds written a year, a longtime member of The Professional Bail Agents of The United States, and a founding member and current President of the Bail Association of Connecticut. In my career as a Bail Enforcement Agent and as president of the Fugitive Recovery Agency, Inc., I have 1256 defendants arrested.

Bail Bonds is the only form of pretrial release to self monitor and self enforce non-compliance. No other form of pretrial release is held accountable when the principal fails.

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 6689**.

The bill in front of you today addresses many issues being faced in the bail industry today.

**Section 2 part (b)** addresses an issue occurring with the courts where the court is aware that the person being bailed out is not the identity being presented to the surety or bail agent.

**Section 3 part (a)(1)(C)** allows courts to extend a time to catch a fugitive.

**Section 3 part (a)(4)** stops judges from reinstating bonds on defendants returned to the court more than 5 days after missing court without the permission of the surety or bail agent.

**Section 5** stops the court from holding a surety or bail agent responsible for a defendant who is being held by or removed from the country by federal agents.

Taxpaying indemnitors are the victims here as they are the ones being sued, not bail bondsmen.

**Section 1 part (b)** has a removal of the teeth and enforcement of payment plans. This is bad. This will put the outlaws back in business writing bail with phony payment plans essentially going back to the Wild West atmosphere of charging what they want to steal business from each other. This part would be better served by adding a provision that would allow for an extension of the 15 months if the indemnitor or defendant is making regular payments to be approved on a case by case basis by the DOI.

We have always worked together to get good legislation passed, let's do it again.