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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 20 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 Agents of Connecticut Association.

In my career as a Bail Enforcement Agent and as president of the Fugitive Recovery Agency, Inc., I have 1280 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 to demonstrate my **vigorous opposition of Raised Senate Bill 389**.

Section 9 of the bill makes some minor changes to automatic termination of a bail bond. Subsection (8) of Section 9 states the bond will not be terminated until any stays of sentencing become lifted.

Simply put, the defendant is found or pleads guilty and receives sentencing, but the sentence is stayed for an undetermined time period for the newly convicted to "get his affairs in order" The conditions of bail have now changed.

When the indemnitors or "co-signers" on a bail bond contract the bail bonds company to provide **pretrial release** in the form of a surety bail bond, they expect their liability to end at the time guilt is established. The "presumption of innocence" is gone after sentencing and releasing the guilty individual out into public is not only a new financial risk to the indemnitors but is also a public safety issue. Allowing convicts to walk out of the courtroom with the promise that they will return to begin their sentence is **unsafe**. Victims will be at risk.

Indemnitors finances will be at risk. The public will be at risk. We must not allow convicts to simply walk out of court after guilt has been established. There are appeals bonds available. New conditions of bail must be set. If a judge wants to give someone time to get their affairs in order, the judge should set new conditions of bail as the original bond was written under far different conditions.

This bill is not safe for the public the way it is. We must drop the change regarding "stays".

Thank you,

Andrew Bloom