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Good Afternoon distinguished Senators and Representatives and members of this committee,

I would like to demonstrate my **support of Raised Senate Bill 1105**.

My name is Andrew Bloom. I have been a licensed surety bail bondsman for almost 20 years, 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 which over the years has represented nearly 10,000 bail bonds written a year, a longtime member of The Professional Bail Agents of The United States, and was a founding member and 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 personally arrested and detained nearly 1500 defendants while overseeing my company's nearly 10,000 arrests.

Bail Bonds is the only form of pretrial release that monitors and enforces non-compliance. No other form of pretrial release is held accountable or to the same standard, when the principal fails, as we are in the bail bond industry. When our defendants fail our "program" we arrest and return them to court at our risk and expense. If we don't find them, we pay the bond. Others just kick them out of their programs. We look for our skips. They pass the buck onto the overtaxed police departments who have no magic warrant squads out there looking. Perhaps they will get them when they improperly turn right on red.

Section 2 amending 54-65c of the general statutes provides for bail bonds companies to pay for extradition of defendants who are held in other states. I believe this would work well if the State does not attempt to enrich itself with the extradition costs. We must remember that these charges will ultimately be paid by the consumers or indemnitors who sign for their loved ones. This cannot turn out to be a mechanism for the state to make money on their backs. The costs must be legitimate and fair.

I believe a task force or committee to determine the feasibility of how extradition will occur and how much it will cost the public is in order and I definitely would like to volunteer my time and talent to serve in such a capacity, as an expert in Connecticut Surety Bail Bonds laws and practices. I believe my years of experience and knowledge of the subject mater would make me an invaluable asset to any committee that discusses bail bonds and bail enforcement issues.

Thank you,

Andrew Bloom