Chairman Eklund, Vice Chair Mannig , Ranking Member Thomas and esteemed members for the Senate Judiciary Committee thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today.

My name is Jerry Black, I own All Ohio Bail Bonds. I have been a bail agent for 7 years here in Ohio.

I would respectfully ask you to please pay attention to live events in New York and the push to repeal recent bail reform. Contrast crime Chicago which has no surety bail and has maintained a Pretrial system of Justice.

In regards to the proposed changes to Rule 46.

We don't love it. We Believe it's important to" dot every I and cross every T". The word Bail was replaced by pretrial detention which we are not a fan of. The Essentially, Pretrial detention sets precedent that the state is weak on crime and pro criminal. We'd like a clear written separation of the Bail and Pretrial detention stated in Rule 46. The word Bail needs to be reinstated back into the language so it doesn't get lost in translation. It's import not only to pay attention to the news and but hear from people like Surety bail agents who live in this space and can offer a proper prospective. Under the guidelines sent to local court to use Pretrial services and personal recognizance as preferred methods of release.

Failure to appear rates has sky rocketed and will continue to do so. The rate of recidivism will most likely increase with this pampered approach to justice. Common practice should stipulate Personal recognizance only to apply misdemeanor victimless crimes.