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Illinois Chief Judge Deals Devastating Blow to the No Money Bail Movement

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Dear Persons Interested in Criminal Justice Issues:

Bail reformers have now turned their fight to ban all money bail against states which do not allow for-profit bail but still impose monetary conditions of bail. One of those states is Illinois, where bail reform activists have invaded the state, selling an end to all monetary conditions of bail in various regional forums in Illinois by advocating for significant changes to statutes, court rules, and of course the Illinois State Constitution.

Chief Judge Craig DeArmond reviewed the case for the elimination of all monetary bail and concluded that this current movement is nothing more than “recycled propaganda.” In the fifteen page analysis entitled, “Bail Reform—Is there another side to the argument?,” which he distributed to his colleagues, the Judge analyzes the arguments of no money bail system activists and conclusively points out the fallacies, including the assertion that monetary bail is unconstitutional.

The Judge said at the end of the day he is not trying to offend anyone, but is instead focusing on the “traveling band of progressives who are purporting to tell us there is no alternative but to accept their theories and begin the process of changing our state constitution, Supreme Court rules and statutes to effectuate a change which is inevitable when, in reality, it is neither inevitable, nor perhaps even necessary.”

Judge DeArmond’s full analysis is attached. [This document should be distributed to all persons concerned with these issues](#) since other side of this story is not being told.

Sincerely,

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