

# Vote No on Issue 1 (2022)

This Ballot Measure would enshrine cash bail into the Ohio Constitution



## Issue 1 amends our constitution to fix a nonexistent problem. At best it is unnecessary and, at worst, harmful.

- Issue 1 mandates that judges must consider public safety when setting cash bail.
- Cash bail is not an appropriate or legal tool for keeping people locked up under the guise of public safety. Courts have a tool for denying bail, but it is not an excessive cash bail amount.
- Cash bail creates a system of wealth-based detention, where the wealthy can buy their freedom and those without financial resources cannot.
- Cash bail is meant to make sure people come back to court. The Supreme Court of Ohio and United States Supreme Court agree on this fundamental purpose.

## Issue 1 will not result in public safety because cash bail does not keep us safe.

- Issue 1 will amend our state constitution to reflect the status quo, where wealthy, dangerous individuals can purchase their freedom simply because they have the money to do so.

## Issue 1 ignores a better pretrial system available to us. Issue 1 is not the solution voters want or need.

- HB 315 is the result of bipartisan and broadly-supported coalition work that makes real improvements to Ohio's pretrial system.
- HB 315 centers public safety and goes a long way to ending wealth-based detention. Issue 1, on the other hand, is the result of partisan politics that uses fearmongering to garner votes.

## Amending Ohio's constitution to include Issue 1 has financial and human costs.

- Cash bail results in jailing people who remain there simply because they don't have the money to purchase their freedom. This costs Ohioans money that could be better spent on supporting communities and pretrial services.
- Wealth-based detention's impact falls most heavily on our Black and low-income neighbors. Every day that a person remains in jail pretrial, consequences like job loss pile up and can unravel a person's life.

## Ohioans deserve justice over jails.

- The way to accomplish this is by voting **NO on Issue 1**. Public safety is more than an election talking point — real lives are on the line!