WHEREAS, the right to bail is a fundamental constitutional right protected by the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and State constitutions;

WHEREAS, striking the right balance between ensuring the accountability of a defendant to appear in court, protect public safety, guarantee the rights of victims of crime including having their day in court, and the right of due process in the criminal justice system is of paramount importance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

The Florida Sheriffs Association opposes any efforts to eliminate the bail system, including the option for judges to set proper and sufficient bail amounts within their unhampered discretion.


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