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Dear Commissioners:

It's apparent there's an organized campaign to influence your decisions. These advocates are not elected by the people, nor appointed by elected officials.

Please keep in mind that public safety necessarily involves removing or confining individuals evidently having acted to harm others. And the duty of care for those confined requires that accommodations be clean, safe, and allow the domestic activities of life to be performed. Pre-trial detainees, especially, need a non-punitive circumstance, but should not be released automatically as they've obviously apparently acted unlawfully. Promptness and certainty of consequences is the major deterrent to crime.

Our prisons are overcrowded, costly to staff, and often unsafe. It is time to build new and renovate the existing prisons.

The 'no bail' and 'reduce incarceration' movements are attractive as apparently compassionate at the moment. We notice that these same advocates are not standing watch at parking lots as cars are broken into, nor are they visiting crime victims in the hospital, nor helping them get their ID's back after car break-ins (which are rampant). Their points should be taken in the context of actual public safety.

The Facebook page 'Stolen Stuff Hawaii' has 150,000 members. The ACLU...quite a bit fewer numbers, but more often, and louder, in your ear.

Respectfully,

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