# Bail is on the Ballot!

## What is Public Question 1?

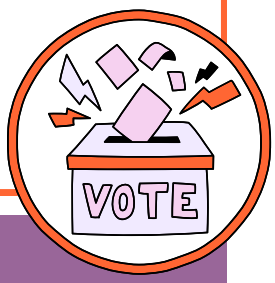
Public Question 1 is a proposed amendment to Indiana's state constitution that would expand judges' power to jail people before they have been found guilty and convicted. It is not limited to people charged with violent crimes and could mean that people charged with low-level offenses would be deprived of their freedom.

## Reasons to vote NO

It would increase the jailing of people even though they have NOT been convicted of a crime, which could lead to:

- More parents and caregivers separated from their children and families and unable to provide for them
- Loss of jobs, housing, and health care, which are essential to the stability and well-being of our families and communities
- Increased costs for taxpayers

All of these things would make our communities less safe, not more.




## What would Public Question 1 change?

The Indiana Constitution currently guarantees the right to bail for most people, with the only exceptions being murder and treason.

If passed, judges would be able to deny bail in a broader range of cases if the state argues that a person poses a public safety risk. This proposed amendment would increase pretrial detention, which means more people could be held in jail while still presumed innocent.

Expanding pretrial detention would impact ALL Hoosiers, including Asian Americans, by destabilizing families and communities. Judges already have the tools they need to protect public safety, using things like supervision, treatment, and no-contact orders.

We believe real safety comes from investing in families, schools, jobs, and communities, not from locking up more people.