

MARYLAND ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE REFORM

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Tell Senators to vote NO on SB 983

On 2/16/17 Maryland's highest court revised Maryland courts' rules to reduce our nationally notorious overuse of money bail which, today, keeps thousands of low-income--and, especially, African-American Marylanders in pretrial detention. (See [Baltimore Sun editorial](#) and the [Washington Post article](#)).

One month later, Maryland's Senate, whose leaders receive some of the largest campaign contributions of any U.S. legislators, will vote Monday morning on SB 983-- a bill that seeks to cancel the Maryland Court's new Rule to allow release conditions for low-income Marylanders. SB 983 seeks to safeguard bail bondsmen's stranglehold on Maryland's low-income pretrial population and to ensure there is "no preference" for non-financial release.

Please type your address into mdelect.net to identify your Senator, click on his/her name for contact information, then [email](#) him or her ASAP between now and Monday, urging him or her to vote against SB983!

We hope to flood their offices. They won't have time to read many of the messages before they go to vote, so let your subject line identify what you are asking.

Many thanks!

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