

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF OHIO AND THE PRETRIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE PRESENT:

# POLL RESULTS ON BAIL REFORM IN OHIO

This study was conducted by Lake Research Partners between May 2 and May 17, 2018, and included phone interviews with 537 registered voters in Ohio. The percentages reflect the view of Ohio voters of all major demographic groups, political affiliations, and geographical regions throughout the state.

**87%** SUPPORT PROVIDING SERVICES FOR OHIOANS WHO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS



**72%** SUPPORT PROVIDING RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION TO COURT FOR INDIVIDUALS AWAITING TRIAL

**SEVENTY %** SUPPORT LIMITING THE NUMBER OF DAYS MOST OHIOANS CAN REMAIN IN JAIL BEFORE TRIAL

BELIEVE THAT THE WEALTHY ENJOY BETTER OUTCOMES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

**SEVENTY-FIVE %** FAVOR REDUCING THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES BY ISSUING CITATIONS TO APPEAR IN COURT

## WHY IS BAIL REFORM IMPORTANT?

- DEPOPULATE OUR ALREADY OVERCROWDED JAILS AND WORK TOWARD ENDING OHIO'S UNJUST SYSTEM OF MASS INCARCERATION
- CONFRONT THE TWO-TIER SYSTEM OF JUSTICE; WHERE WEALTHY PEOPLE CAN BUY THEIR FREEDOM AND POORER PEOPLE CANNOT
- ENSURE THAT PEOPLE'S LIVES DO NOT SPIRAL OUT OF CONTROL WHILE THEY ARE AWAITING TRIAL. THESE CONSEQUENCES COST PEOPLE THEIR JOBS, HOMES, AND EVEN FAMILIES

**FIFTY-FIVE %** SUPPORT RELEASING INDIVIDUALS WITH NO MONEY DOWN (UNSECURED BONDS)

**54%** SUPPORT MAJOR REFORMS TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

**FIFTY-THREE %** BELIEVE THAT WHITE PEOPLE ENJOY BETTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE OUTCOMES THAN PEOPLE OF COLOR