



Trump Administration Policies Combatting Cashless Bail

Administration Policy:

Taking Steps to End Cashless Bail to Protect Americans

President Trump issued an EO titled [Taking Steps to End Cashless Bail to Protect Americans](#). This EO requires the Attorney General to submit a report to the President which lists states and local jurisdictions that have eliminated cash bail as a potential condition for pretrial release for crimes that pose a clear threat to public safety.

A fact sheet from the White House can be found [here](#).

Measures to End Cashless Bail and Enforce the Law in D.C.

President Trump issued an executive order (EO) titled [Measures to End Cashless Bail and Enforce the Law in the District of Columbia](#). As stated in its purpose and policy, this Order refers to the crime emergency in D.C. declared under [EO 14333](#) and D.C.'s pretrial release policies which include prohibiting cash bail.

This EO requires members of the [D.C. Safe and Beautiful Task Force](#) to work to ensure that criminal defendants arrested in D.C. are held in federal custody to ensure that threats to public safety are not released into the public prior to trial.

This EO further requires the Attorney General to review the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) practices and policies to identify anything that allows for pretrial release of criminal defendants who pose a risk to public safety and request that the Mayor of D.C. update such policies to ensure public order and safety in accordance with [section 740 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act](#). The Attorney General is required to make continued determinations regarding if D.C. maintains a policy of prohibiting cash bail and to identify “actions to press the District of Columbia to change its policies with respect to cash bail.”

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Background:

- In February 2023, Yolo County California published a [study](#) based on an 18-month review period which concluded that “Zero Bail” policies led 163% more arrests and a 70% higher recidivism rate than individuals released on cash bail.
- According to the [Manhattan Institute](#), crime in New York City declined by 76% from 1993-2020. A [study](#) conducted in 2022, found that 2019 bail reform in New York city contributed to 36.6% increase in crime in just two years.