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Subject: Excessive Bail

PROPOSAL 10

That Section 40 of Chapter II of the Vermont Constitution be amended to read:

[\$40 EXCESSIVE BAIL RESTRICTED; PRISONERS BAILABLE; DETENTION WITHOUT BAIL; IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT PROHIBITED]

SECTION 40. Excessive bail shall not be exacted for bailable offenses. All persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, except that: a person may be held without bail when sentenced; or an accused may be held without bail in a felony case when there is a finding, after evidentiary hearing, that evidence of guilt is great, that the accused poses a great threat of physical violence to another person, and that no conditions of release will reasonably prevent the accused from committing a physical act of violence against any person. No person shall be imprisoned for debt.