



April 22, 2020

The Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
Cook County Board President  
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To the Honorable Toni Preckwinkle,

As a faith leader in our community, dedicated to preserving life and adhering to our Talmudic Rabbinic teaching that the saving of one life is as if we have saved the world, I urge you, as Cook County Board President and all elected officials to dramatically reduce the number of people in Cook County jail in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In particular, Cook County officials must expedite bail hearings, curb new admissions jail, and release all pre-trial detainees who are qualified for bail, as well as others who have not been found to be a safety risk to someone else.

Thank you,

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