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The Honorable Toni Preckwinkle Cook County Board President 118 N. Clark Street – Rm. 537 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear President Preckwinkle,

I am writing to ask Cook County officials to lower dramatically the number of people in 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.

Thanks for your leadership and your response to this important matter of health and wholeness.

I am yours truly:

Craig Marantz

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