**TO:** Interested Parties

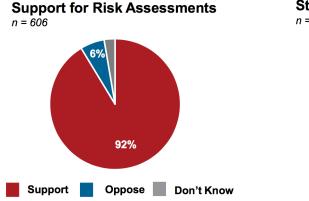
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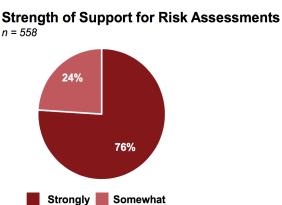
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**RE:** Topline Results from Utah Pretrial Survey

**BACKGROUND**: The Justice Action Network and the Libertas Institute commissioned a poll conducted by Dan Jones & Associates, a division of Cicero Group, between December 22, 2017 to January 3, 2018, surveying 606 registered voters in Utah. The poll was intended to gauge voter support for pretrial reforms, including the use of a risk assessment in pretrial detention decisions.

**TOPLINE RESULTS:** The Utah survey found overwhelmingly that voters support providing judges with risk assessments and more information on defendants and the potential threat they pose to society.

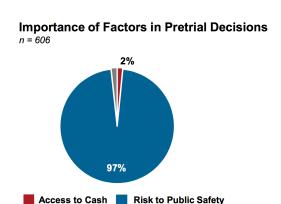




Notably, the survey found that:

- Almost all Utahns (92%) support legislation that would allow for risk assessments in pretrial procedures, including 92% of Republicans and 91% of Democrats;
- An overwhelming majority of residents believe that the defendant's risk to public safety should be prioritized over the defendant's financial situation; and
- 86% of Utahns believe that judges should have options for supervising people before trial beyond cash bail.

Utahns know that pretrial decisions should protect public safety and ensure that defendants will appear for trial and all necessary pretrial hearings.



## Other results include:

- 74% of voters do not believe that low-risk people who pose no threat to society, accused of non-violent offenses should be jailed if they can't afford cash bail; and
- 75% do not believe that people accused of serious or violent crimes should be allowed to post cash bail and leave jail.