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Dear Faith Leader,

The American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia works tirelessly in courts, legislatures, and communities to defend and preserve the Constitution's promise of Liberty and Justice for *all*. For more than 60 years, we have worked to uphold the Voting Rights Act and other civil rights in Georgia. Today, we are standing up to end the New Jim Crow – mass incarceration.

Today in Georgia, one in 33 African American men is incarcerated. African Americans are 1/3 of the state's population but 2/3 of those in prison.

Even worse, nearly 64% of those locked up in Georgia jails are presumed innocent – they have not been convicted of a crime. *Many remain in holding simply because they cannot afford to pay cash bail.*

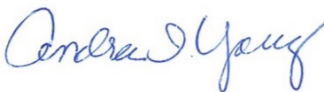
This week, the city of Atlanta unanimously acted to reduce the effect of cash bail. The State of Georgia must follow Atlanta's lead.

The good news is that there is a Bail Reform Movement underway. The ACLU of Georgia is raising awareness of that movement by organizing **Faith & Justice Sunday**, a day where congregations throughout metropolitan Atlanta will act upon the criminal injustice of cash bail in our communities.

I am writing to request that your church join this movement by observing **Faith & Justice Sunday** on February 25, 2018. I have enclosed a packet of materials summarizing this request, and a representative from our office will follow up with a telephone call within a few days.

We are hoping that you will join this important movement by participating in **Faith & Justice Sunday** on February 25, 2018.

Yours in faith and justice,



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