RESOLUTION AGAINST BAIL REFORM

WHEREAS, the 8th amendment to the U.S. Constitution ensures that "excessive bail shall not be required" by any citizen, and

WHEREAS, Texas law dictates that bail shall be "sufficiently high" enough to ensure compliance with its intent for the individual to appear and the "future safety of the victim" and "community" should be taken into consideration, and

WHEREAS, there is a national movement called "Bail Reform" being pushed by leftist special interest organizations like the ACLU and Civil Rights Corps, that are lobbying state legislatures and suing counties so that individuals arrested must be released without any accountability and protections that the traditional bail system provides, and

WHEREAS, this movement seeks to replace the bail decision process of a human magistrate with that of an algorithmic predictive computer model to assess the risk level of a human individual and release them without any measure of accountability, and

WHEREAS, these "Bail Reform" policies have been implemented in other states and jurisdictions and proven to be disastrous to the court systems for people not appearing, disastrous to victims of crime and communities, who have been victimized again, disastrous to the taxpayers who will bear the burden of costs associated with the failed system, and disastrous to the Privatized Bail Industry that these failed polices replaced, and

WHEREAS, private industry, including the private bail industry, has continually had to battle the infringement of government and sometimes battle the complete takeover of private industry by government,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Republican Party of Texas rejects these failed policies of "Bail Reform" for the sake of Texas Victims and Texas Taxpayers, and

We encourage local governmental entities to resist and fight lawsuits from these leftist organizations and special interest groups, and

We reaffirm our principles of "Limiting Government" and "Preserving Private Enterprise" by encouraging the legislature to deny passage of any bill that could diminish or extinguish a private industry in Texas and deny passage of any bill that replaces a service provided by a private industry with that of a governmental entity.

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