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Hello,

My name is Sophie Wolbert and I am a concerned Madison resident writing to you about the agenda for today's meeting, which I am unable to attend. Here are my comments:

Pretrial detention is a cruel, inhumane practice that needs to end. These recommendations show what we already know, that pretrial detention harms people, more specifically it harms a disproportionate number of people with mental health issues. We should be treating people with compassion, not with punishment. How do we ever expect someone to recover from or learn to manage their mental illness when they are in a cage? The people who are detained pretrial deserve care, not cages. Please take a strong stand against pretrial detention, not just for people with mental health issues but for ALL people. It's a despicable practice that results in job loss, loss of access to medications, loss of child custody, and much more. The system already takes so much from the people who have the least - please do the right thing here.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Sophie Wolbert