

SB 6: Bad For Families

Glenn's Story



- Glenn Hayes is a 20-year-old young man who spent 115 days in Smith county jail **without ever being indicted**
- He was driving through TX on his way back home to family when he was racially profiled and arrested for having a vape pen
- He has no criminal history & should have been eligible for a PR bond but his bail was set at \$1,500
- Crying, he said, "*\$1,500 is a lot of money when you don't have it* "
- Every 10 days Glenn would ask the jailers about his case. "*No one would tell me anything. I never saw or heard from my court appointed attorney. Never.*"
- Eventually a jailer took compassion and contacted Texas Jail Project who facilitated his release via our community bail fund
- The day after he was released, he joined our volunteer team in delivering 600 cases of water to the community during the winter storm - the same community that put him in a cage for 115 days and forgot about him
- The next day, he got on the first bus home, back to his godmother and his job



Glenn enjoying his first pizza in almost 4 months



Glenn volunteering during the Winter Storm



Glenn in front of the Emancipation sculpture on Capitol grounds

Senate Bill 6 assumes...

- Community bail funds operate on their own and could endanger the public by bailing out "dangerous criminals"

Senate Bill 6 would...

- Include major new limitations on charitable bail funds and allow Sheriffs in some counties to suspend operations entirely in some cases

In reality....

- Smith county jail employees referred Glenn to our fund, demonstrating the deep community & stakeholder relationships that make bail funds successful

In reality....

- The community bail fund that supported Glenn's release - bailing him out so he could resume work and finish school - would not have been able to help him under the proposed SB 6 rules

Existing bail practices are punitive enough. Rural counties like Smith should not have to confine more people via unfunded mandates.

Glenn's bond was only \$1,500. But it cost the county more than \$9,500 to jail him for 115 days.

VOTE NO ON SB 6