

New Mexico Governor, Susana Martinez - Misleading Arnold Risk Assessment Tool

New Mexico Governor, Susana Martinez, took to media to warn Utah citizens and lawmakers of adopting the Arnold Foundations Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool by court rule and other bail bond reforms – which has perpetuated a “catch and release revolving door criminal justice system” in New Mexico.

Governor Martinez (NM) Warns Utah

(transcript)

Good morning. I'm Susana Martinez, Governor of New Mexico. Before taking office, I was a prosecutor for 25 years.

Keeping dangerous criminals off the streets and behind bars where they belong has always been one of my top priorities.

As leaders in Utah work to consider reforms to bail bonds and pretrial detention rules, I know your top priority is to keep your citizens safe from dangerous and repeat criminals.

Here in New Mexico, we've been working hard to crack down on a catch and release revolving door criminal justice system – a problem that irresponsible interpretations and rules implemented by courts and the Arnold pretrial risk assessment tool have only aggravated. New Mexico implemented this pretrial risk assessment tool to devastating results.

I encourage those in Utah to be very skeptical of voices calling for misleading devices that would result in letting dangerous criminals back out on the street to terrorize communities.

Thank you for your time and God bless you as you move forward in working to make your state a safer place.



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