

Robert Zimmerman has bankrolled politicians who support ending cash bail, which makes our cities less safe. And Zimmerman is endorsed by organizations that pushed to defund our police. Now, crime is skyrocketing and our communities are less safe.

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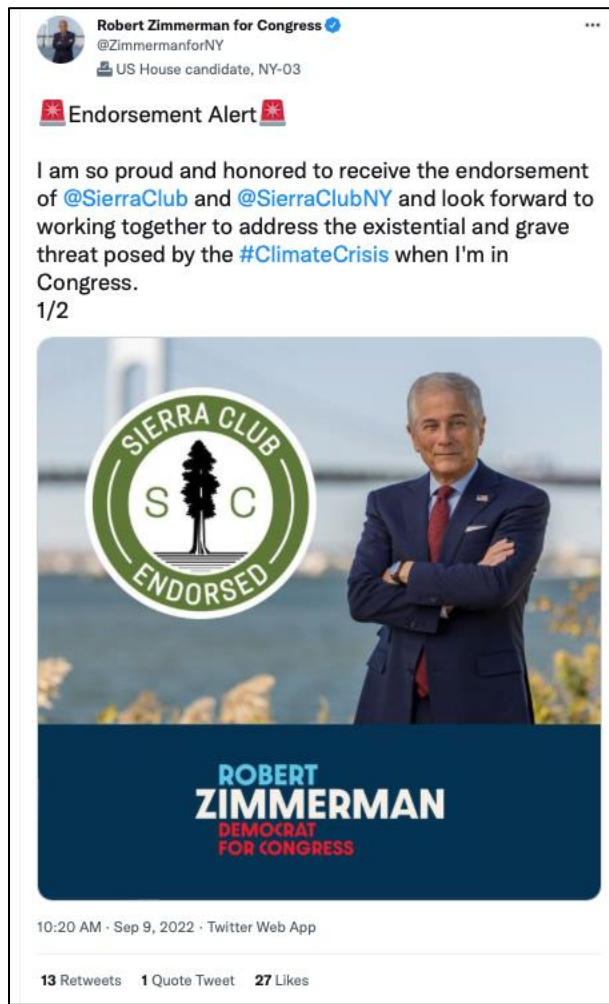
### Robert Zimmerman has given thousands of dollars to politicians who support ending cash bail:

- **Robert Zimmerman donated \$2,800 to Joe Biden’s presidential campaign.** (Robert Zimmerman, [Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 9/7/22)
  - **President Joe Biden supports ending cash bail.** “End cash bail: Cash bail is the modern-day debtors’ prison. The cash bail system incarcerates people who are presumed innocent. And, it disproportionately harms low-income individuals. Biden will lead a national effort to end cash bail and reform our pretrial system by putting in place, instead, a system that is fair and does not inject further discrimination or bias into the process.” (“The Biden Plan for Strengthening America’s Commitment to Justice,” [Joe Biden for President](#), Accessed 9/3/22)
- **Robert Zimmerman has given \$1,500 to Kirsten Gillibrand’s U.S. Senate campaign.** (Federal Election Commission, Individual Contributions from Robert Zimmerman, [Receipts](#), Accessed: 9/22/22)
  - **Senator Kirsten Gillibrand supports ending cash bail.** “The cash bail system in our country is discriminatory and a disaster,’ said U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. ‘If you’ve been accused of a crime – just accused – you might have to wait in jail for months, or even longer, before you get to have your trial and tell your side of the story. There are thousands of New Yorkers sitting in jail right now simply because they cannot pay their bail. We should not be locking people up just because they don’t have the financial means to afford their bail. I’m calling on Congress to solve this problem once and for all and pass legislation that would finally get rid of our cash bail system at the federal level, and push all 50 states to do the same.” (PRESS, “With Congress Set To Finally Take Action On Criminal Justice Reform On Monday, Gillibrand Says There’s Much More Work To Be Done, Stands With Rev. Sharpton And Other Community Leaders To Call On Congress To Take Up Legislation Early Next Year To End Cash Bail System,” [Senator Kirsten Gillibrand](#), 12/16/18)
- **Robert Zimmerman donated \$1,750 to Max Rose’s 2020 Congressional campaign.** (Federal Election Commission, Individual Contributions from Robert Zimmerman, [Receipts](#), Accessed: 9/22/22)
  - **Max Rose supported ending cash bail for a number of offenses, including violent felonies.** “Rose previously supported measures including the elimination of bail for a number of offenses, including violent felonies, as well as the decriminalization of minor offenses. Various law enforcement organizations in his district, which is situated in Staten Island, aren’t buying Rose’s new position.” (Joseph Simonson, “Max Rose Says He Wants Tougher Bail Laws. Cops Haven’t Forgotten His Pro-Criminal Past,” [The Washington Free Beacon](#), 9/20/22)

### Robert Zimmerman is endorsed by the Human Rights Campaign and the Sierra Club, both of which support defunding the police:

- In September 2022, Robert Zimmerman was “proud and honored” to receive the endorsement of the Sierra Club. “I am so proud and honored to receive the endorsement

of @SierraClub and @SierraClubNY and look forward to working together to address the existential and grave threat posed by the #ClimateCrisis when I'm in Congress.” (Robert Zimmerman for Congress, [Twitter](#), 9/9/22)



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- **The Sierra Club supports defunding the police.** “Our communities need resources, not more police. The @SenateGOP's JUSTICE Act does the opposite. Text DEFUND to 69866 & Tell your senators to reject S. 3985 & actually take steps to #DefundThePolice, invest in Black communities” (Sierra Club, [Twitter](#), 6/24/20)



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- **Zimmerman is endorsed by the Human Rights Campaign.** “Today the Human Rights Campaign PAC (HRC PAC) announced its endorsement of Robert Zimmerman for Congress. HRC PAC is committed to engaging our volunteers, members and supporters to mobilize the more than 6.1 million Equality Voters in New York in support of Robert Zimmerman and other pro-equality candidates up and down the ballot.” (The Human Rights Campaign, “Human Rights Campaign Endorses Robert Zimmerman for Congress,” [Press Release](#), 9/14/22)
  - **The Human Rights Campaign supports a “divestment of police resources.”** “Today, the Human Rights Campaign released a letter joined by over 350 prominent LGBTQ and civil rights organizations, calling for structural change, for divestment of police resources and reinvestment in communities and for long-term transformational change in policing.” (The Human Rights Campaign, “Over 350 LGBTQ Organizations Call for Transformational Change in Policing,” [Press Release](#), 6/17/20)

**Bail reform laws release criminals back onto the street, making our cities and communities less safe:**

- **Because of New York’s bail reform law “the number of pretrial defendants who are being released, often without conditions and without allowing judges to consider the risk that a defendant poses to the public” has resulted in “repeat and serious offenders—some with violent criminal histories—being returned to the street.”** “After enacting a sweeping bail reform, New York lawmakers have drawn the ire of constituents who are troubled by the many stories of repeat and serious offenders—some with violent criminal histories—being returned to the street following their arrests. In the state’s biggest city, the public’s growing concerns are buttressed by brow-raising, if preliminary, crime data, amplifying calls for amending or repealing the bail reform. The operative provisions of New York’s bail reform severely limit judicial discretion in pretrial release decisions, increasing the number of pretrial defendants who are being released, often without conditions and without allowing judges to consider the risk that a defendant poses to the public. New York is now the only state that does not allow judges to consider public safety in any pretrial release decisions.” (Rafael A. Mangual, “Issue Brief: Reforming New York’s Bail Reform: A Public Safety-Minded Proposal,” [Manhattan Institute](#), 3/5/20)
- **HEADLINE: “New data shows nearly 4 percent of people out on bail to changes were rearrested for violent felonies”** (Joshua Solomon and Brendan J Lyons, “New data shows nearly 4 percent of people out due to bail changes were rearrested for violent felonies,” [Albany Times Union](#), 1/2/22)



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- **HEADLINE: “The worst NYC crimes committed in 2021 are thanks to shaky bail reform law”** (Jorge Fitz-Gibbon, “The worst NYC crimes committed in 2021 are thanks to shaky bail reform law,” [New York Post](#), 12/28/21)



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- **Because of New York's bail reform law, in 2021 "a slew of violent criminals landed back on the streets — only to reoffend."** "The year 2021 brought a hefty serving of junk justice to the Big Apple. Between lenient judges and liberal state bail reform laws, a slew of violent criminals landed back on the streets — only to reoffend. The soft-on-crime statute, passed by state lawmakers in 2019 and tweaked in 2020, stripped judges of discretion by barring them from setting bail on nearly all misdemeanors and non-violent felonies." (Jorge Fitz-Gibbon, "The worst NYC crimes committed in 2021 are thanks to shaky bail reform law," [New York Post](#), 12/28/21)

**In 2021, there were nearly 100,000 cases in which people were released under New York's bail reform law, nearly one-third of whom released were rearrested for other crimes while their initial cases were pending:**

- In 2021, **"nearly 100,000" were released under New York's bail reform law.** "In the first full year after New York banned detaining people on a vast number of criminal charges, there were nearly 100,000 cases in which adults were released after being charged with offenses for which judges previously could have set bail or ordered them held in custody." (Joshua Solomon and Brendan J Lyons, "New data shows nearly 4 percent of people out due to bail changes were rearrested for violent felonies," [Albany Times Union](#), 1/2/22)
- In 2021, **"nearly one-third" of those released under New York's bail reform law, were rearrested for other crimes "while their initial cases were pending."** "Overall, of the 98,145 cases in which individuals were released on charges for which they can no longer be held in custody, nearly one-third led to a new arrest while their initial cases were pending, according to the data. A majority of the new offenses were misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies." (Joshua Solomon and Brendan J Lyons, "New data shows nearly 4 percent of people out due to bail changes were rearrested for violent felonies," [Albany Times Union](#), 1/2/22)
- In 2021, **"about 4 percent" of those released under New York's bail reform law while their initial cases were pending "went on to be arrested again for alleged violent felony charges" and "about 1 percent" involved individuals "arrested again on violent felony charges involving a firearm while their initial cases were pending."** "Among the cases, those released went on to be arrested again for alleged violent felony charges about 4 percent of the time, according to a Times Union analysis of newly published state data. In about 1 percent of the cases, the individuals released were arrested again on violent felony charges involving a firearm while their initial cases were pending. Those percentages are generally low values, but given the sheer volume of individuals released statewide, they translate into thousands of instances of people being released from custody only to allegedly commit violent felonies soon after." (Joshua Solomon and Brendan J Lyons, "New data shows nearly 4 percent of people out due to bail changes were rearrested for violent felonies," [Albany Times Union](#), 1/2/22)

**New York City "saw an increase in almost every category of major crime in 2021 — returning to levels not seen in five years, NYPD data shows":**

- New York City “saw an increase in almost every category of major crime in 2021 — returning to levels not seen in five years, NYPD data shows.” “The Big Apple saw an increase in almost every category of major crime in 2021 — returning to levels not seen in five years, NYPD data shows. The tally for major crime — murder, rape, robbery, felony assault, burglary, grand larceny and grand larceny auto — topped 100,000 incidents for the first time since 2016. Felony assaults surpassed 22,000 incidents for the first time since 2001, according to police data that also showed a 9.8 percent jump from 2020.” (Craig McCarthy, “NYC wiped out five years of policing progress in 2021,” [New York Post](#), 1/3/22)

**As of August 2022, New York City has seen a nearly 40% increase in major crimes in the year of 2022 compared to the same period in 2021:**

- As of July 2022, in the year of 2022, New York City crime has increased 36.8% overall, grand larcenies are up 48%, car thefts are up 43% and robberies are up 39.4%. “The Big Apple’s seven major crime categories saw an overall increase of 36.8% so far this year, mainly fueled by grand larcenies, car thefts and robberies. That figure is compared to the 31.1% that the same crime index was up at the end of June. Overall, so far this year compared to the same time frame last year, grand larcenies are up a whopping 48%, from 19,624 to 29,129, car thefts soared 43%, from 5,345 to 7,444, and robberies jumped 39.4%, from 7,099 to 9,893 incidents, according to the data through Sunday. Murders were down 4.2% so far this year over last, and shooting victims and shooting incidents were both down, 6% and 7.8% respectively. But murders saw a 35% increase this past July compared to roughly the same period last year, going from 31 to 42. Shooting victims and gun incidents also saw a nearly 10% bump apiece. Shooting victims increased from 180 to 196, and shooting incidents jumped from 142 to 156.” (Kyle Schnitzer, Larry Celona and Tina Moore, “NYC murders, shootings spiked in July as part of 40% jump in major crimes in 2022,” [New York Post](#), 8/1/22)
  - In 2022 major crimes are up nearly 40% in New York City compared to the same period in 2021. “The troubling figures have helped fuel a nearly 40% jump in major crimes overall so far this year compared to the same period in 2021, continuing a dismal trend.” (Kyle Schnitzer, Larry Celona and Tina Moore, “NYC murders, shootings spiked in July as part of 40% jump in major crimes in 2022,” [New York Post](#), 8/1/22)