

RIGHT TO DENY BAIL

- WHEREAS, Those who commit crimes against children, especially sexual offenses, present a grave danger to the children of our state; and
- WHEREAS, Under current Utah law and Utah constitution, such offenders cannot be held without bail unless they are arrested for capitol offense, are free on bail awaiting trial when arrested, or are on probation or parole when arrested for a new offense; and
- WHEREAS, In other cases, offenders who are arrested for crimes against children and are released on bail present a continuing danger to children, but currently cannot be held without bail; and
- WHEREAS, Federal court judges currently have the right to hold without bail any offenders whom they feel present a danger to the community; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the Utah Congress of Parents and Teachers support efforts to amend the state constitution to allow the courts discretion to hold the offenders without bail even on a first arrest if they present a danger to the community and especially where they present a danger to children; be it further
- Resolved, That if such efforts to amend the Utah constitution are successful, the Utah Congress of Parents and Teachers support an amendment to the bail statutes of Utah to implement the above purpose.