

# **JAIL SUPPORT FORM**

Headed to a protest? Make sure you're prepared!

Fill out this form and give it to a trusted friend or family member who won't be at the event. In the event of arrests or other problems, they'll be better equipped to support you — whether that means contacting a local bail fund, posting bail themselves, or supporting you until your release.

The questions in this form can feel scary, but having this information available will help you and your community keep each other safe. Having this information on hand can even be useful for other situations where you need support — like travel delays or personal emergencies.

One way to make filling out this form less stressful is to do it as a group activity: get together with friends and talk through what support you each may need and how to make sure you get it. You can also talk about who will hold your forms and handle contacting the necessary people in the event of an arrest.

*Please copy and share this form with anyone who needs it.*

## **Personal Information**

Preferred name:

Pronouns:

Legal name:

Are you planning to give your name during processing?

YES / NO

Birthdate:

Gender on ID:

Address you'll provide during processing:

## **Emergency Contacts**

Local Arrest Hotline:

Emergency contact name:

Phone number:

Additional contact information:

At what point do you want this person contacted?

At arrest / If you are held for 12+ hours / If you are held for 24+ hours

Can this person make health or financial decisions for you? (Only your spouse or parent has this power unless you've signed a power of attorney granting it to someone else.)

YES / NO

Do you have an attorney who you want contacted?

YES / NO

Attorney name:

Contact information:

What groups do you organize with that need to be informed?

## Safety

Do you face higher risks in jail because of your identity (gender, race, disability, etc.)?

YES / NO

Do you take medication daily?

YES / NO

When should your supporters bring your meds to the jail?

At arrest / If you are held for 12+ hours / If you are held for 24+ hours / Never

Do you have medical conditions you will require care for in jail?

YES / NO

Do you want the jail to know about your medical conditions?

YES / NO

If yes, what is your plan for informing the jail?

## Legal Processes

If you are eligible for bail, do you wish to be bailed out?

YES / NO

If bail funds are limited, are you able to wait to be bailed?

YES / NO

If not, when do you need to be out by?

How much money do you have available for bail?

How should your supporters access that money? Include contact information for people who are holding funds or can access your financial accounts.

Who can your supporters contact to raise additional bail money?

Name:

Contact information:

What involvement do you have in the legal system that could impact your release (such as open court cases, previous felonies, probation requirements, or immigration concerns)?

## Personal Property

Do you have a vehicle with you?

YES / NO

Will it be safe there for at least 24 hours?

YES / NO

Where are spare keys for your vehicle?

If your vehicle needs to be moved, where should it be moved to?

Who has a spare key to your home?

Is there other personal property you are concerned about?

## **Responsibilities**

What care-giving responsibilities do you need to be covered (children, pets, plants, etc.) while you're inside?

What do you want your family to know about your arrest?

At what point should your employer or school be informed of your absence?

What do you want your employer or school to know?

Employer / school contact name:

Contact information?

Are there any time-sensitive responsibilities you'll need covered if you're held more than 24 hours (such as appointments that should be cancelled or bills that should be paid)?

## **Release**

Who should be notified when you're scheduled to be released?

Who will pick you up from the jail?

Is there anything your ride should bring if possible (such as a favorite meal, cigarettes, change of clothes)?

*Is there anything else you want your support network to know?*