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## Powerful Debate for Justice Hosted by the Fortune Society

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My honor to deliver closing remarks at the Fortune Society hosted debate club, including teams working with social justice professionals to examine Bail Reform.

Our courts should not incarcerate black and brown youth because of the color of their skin. We must change the bail system so it never punishes those simple because they are poor.

Thank you to all the amazing debaters, judges, speakers, supporters and guests who made this "Debate For Justice" such a powerful event. Special thanks to Rikers Debate Project for its dedication to teaching incarcerated people at Rikers Island the skill of competitive debate.