**Sample Social Media Language to Accompany PD Infographic**

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* **Mass incarceration comes with dramatic costs, including those arising from unnecessary pretrial detention, lengthy sentences, collateral consequences that limit job opportunities and earning potential, and the destabilization of families and communities, just to name a few. #ProtectPublicDefense**
* **Legislators face many budget priorities while dealing with the fiscal impact of #COVID19. Properly resourced public defense providers protect state and local budgets, promote public safety, and increase confidence in our justice system. #ProtectPublicDefense**
* **Underfunding public defense – whether it is a public defender office or an appointed counsel program – has devastating consequences. #ProtectPublicDefense**
* **Adequately funded public defense systems = Better outcomes for individuals and their families. #ProtectPublicDefense**
* **Access to adequately funded public defense providers:**

⬇️ **decreases pretrial detention**

**&**

⬇️ **decreases bail amounts**

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* **Access to adequately funded public defense providers reduces pretrial detention, lowers the likelihood of incarceration, and results in better overall case outcomes for individuals accused of a crime. #ProtectPublicDefense**
* **The 6th Amendment guarantees the right to counsel in all criminal proceedings. #ProtectPublicDefense**