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I am writing in opposition to House Bill 5178. Allowing expungement of multiple felonies rhodes the public's trust in our criminal justice system. Expungement should be reserved for one time offenders or those who have been trouble free for the amount of time and duration in the current statute. Also 99% of cases in Rhode Island are plea bargained. The dividing line is the difference between a violent and a non violent conviction. Many, many violent crimes charged are plea bargained down to a non violent offence and would be covered under this bill.

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