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Dear Chairwoman McEntee and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Brandon Robinson, and I am a resident of Providence, Rhode Island. I write in support of House Bill H-7204, sponsored by Representatives J. Lombardi, Hull, Cruz, Potter, J. Brien, Stewart, Kislak, Diaz, McEntee, and Alzate.

This bill recognizes that after a decade of law-abiding behavior, individuals deserve a meaningful opportunity to move beyond their past. Allowing expungement of multiple non-violent felony convictions after 10 years provides a fair and reasonable timeline for rehabilitation.

This reform strengthens public safety by encouraging stability—people who can access employment, housing, and education are far less likely to reoffend. When individuals are given a real second chance, they are better positioned to contribute to their families, their communities, and our local economy.

I support this bill because, through my work in advocacy and reentry, I have seen how people can remain locked out of opportunity long after they have done the work to change their lives. Ten years of law-abiding behavior is not a short period of time—it reflects sustained accountability, growth, and commitment to doing things differently. This bill acknowledges that transformation and creates a pathway forward that is both fair and responsible.

From a policy and community perspective, this is about aligning our systems with what we know works: when people are supported in rebuilding their lives, communities are stronger and safer.

I respectfully urge your support for House Bill H-7204.

Sincerely,
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