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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 strong support of House Bill H-7508, sponsored by Representatives Casimiro, Fogarty, McGaw, Tanzi, Boylan, Cortvriend, Kislak, J. Lombardi, Alzate, and Stewart.

This bill is transformative. By automating expungement, it ensures that relief reaches everyone who qualifies—not just those with the resources, time, or legal knowledge to navigate a complex and often inaccessible process.

Automatic expungement promotes efficiency, equity, and fairness. It reduces administrative burden while ensuring that individuals who have already met the criteria for relief are not left behind due to systemic barriers.

This matters to me because, through my work leading Clean Slate RI and engaging directly with impacted communities, I have seen how too many people remain locked out of opportunity—not because they are ineligible, but because the system is too complicated to navigate. People who have done everything right are still denied access to jobs, housing, and education simply because relief is not automatic. That is not a failure of individuals—it is a failure of the system.

From a policy and systems perspective, this bill reflects what effective governance should look like: removing unnecessary friction, improving access, and ensuring that laws function as intended. When we automate what we have already determined is fair, we create a more just and functional system.

Automatic expungement is not just an administrative fix—it is a structural shift toward equity, accountability, and opportunity.

I respectfully urge your support for House Bill H-7508.

Sincerely,

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