



## The RI **FREEDOM** Collective

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL HB7508 AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL  
PROCEDURE-EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS-THE RHODE ISLAND CLEAN  
SLATE ACT

March 30, 2026

Dear Chairperson McEntee and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of the Rhode Island Freedom Collective we respectfully submit this testimony in strong support for HB7508 currently under consideration before the House Judiciary Committee.

Authorizing the automatic expungement of eligible conviction records by operation of law ensures that people who have already earned a second chance are not held back by bureaucratic barriers or inconsistent access to legal assistance.

When state agencies initiate and complete expungements through secure electronic processes within the judicial system, relief becomes timely, accurate, and equitable. This modernized approach reduces administrative burdens, prevents outdated records from lingering in public databases, and allows individuals to move forward with employment, housing, and educational opportunities.

Automating expungement transforms what is often a confusing, resource dependent process into a fair, efficient system that truly reflects the state's commitment to rehabilitation and reintegration.

For these reasons we respectfully urge you to vote in favor of HB7508.

Thank you for your time, your public service, and your thoughtful consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

*Kyle Campbell*

*Steven Parkhurst*

*Mario Monteiro*