

## Roberta DiMezza

---

**From:** Brandon Robinson <brobinson@opendoorsri.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2026 7:01 PM  
**To:** House Judiciary Committee  
**Subject:** Support Letter for H-8083

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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-8083, sponsored by Representatives Cruz, Handy, Ajello, Stewart, Batista, Sanchez, Morales, Casimiro, and Potter.

This bill provides a clearer pathway for expungement of multiple non-violent felony convictions 10 years from the date of conviction. It promotes fairness, consistency, and meaningful second chances.

I support this bill because, through my work in reentry and justice reform, I have seen how inconsistency and lack of clarity in expungement policies create confusion and leave many eligible individuals without relief. When pathways are unclear or overly complicated, people who have done the work to rebuild their lives are still left navigating barriers that limit access to employment, housing, and education.

A clear, consistent timeline—like the one established in this bill—helps ensure that individuals understand what is expected of them and what they are working toward. Ten years from conviction represents a significant period of accountability and demonstrated change. When someone has remained on a positive path for that length of time, they should have a meaningful opportunity to move forward without being permanently defined by their past.

This bill strengthens both fairness and system effectiveness by aligning policy with rehabilitation and providing a pathway that is understandable, accessible, and just.

I respectfully urge your support for House Bill H-8083.

Sincerely,

Brandon Robinson MPA/CPM, (He/Him)  
Director of Justice Strategy  
Clean Slate RI/Stop Torture RI/Open Doors  
[Brobinson@opendoorsri.org](mailto:Brobinson@opendoorsri.org)  
401-327-2995



William James College

PysD Doctoral Second Year Student  
Organizational Leadership and Psychology Program  
Non-Profit & NGO Management Concentration

