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Esteemed Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I strongly oppose House Bill 8081. This legislation undermines the very purpose of expungement by allowing law enforcement to access and use expunged records when issuing a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver. The bill explicitly states that expunged records may be disclosed to “any law enforcement agency which is considering the issuance of a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver” (H 8081, §12-1.3-4(c)). This completely contradicts the promise of expungement — that a person is “released from all penalties and disabilities resulting from the crime” (H 8081, §12-1.3-4(a)).

Expungement exists to give people a genuine second chance. This bill strips that away. It creates a two-tiered system where expunged records are “hidden” for some purposes but weaponized against individuals seeking to exercise a constitutional right. That is fundamentally unjust. If the state declares a record expunged, then it should not be resurrected selectively to deny a civil liberty.

H 8081 punishes people who have already paid their debt to society and earned expungement through lawful conduct. It undermines rehabilitation, fairness, and trust in the justice system. For these reasons, I urge you to reject this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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