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From: Brandon Robinson <brobinson@opendoorsri.org>
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To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Support Letter for H-7820

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-7820, sponsored by Representative Lima.

This bill provides an opportunity for individuals with convictions from over 40 years ago to clear their records. At that point, individuals have demonstrated decades of living beyond their past.

Continuing to carry a record after such a long period serves little public safety purpose and instead prolongs unnecessary barriers.

I support this bill because, through my work in reentry and justice reform, I have seen how people can spend entire lifetimes contributing to their families, communities, and society—yet still be defined by something that happened 40 or more years ago. When someone has demonstrated decades of stability, accountability, and growth, continuing to deny them full access to opportunity is not about safety—it is about outdated policy.

This bill recognizes a simple but important truth: people are more than the worst thing they have done, especially after a lifetime of change. Removing these long-standing barriers allows individuals to age with dignity and ensures our system reflects both fairness and common sense.

I respectfully urge your support for House Bill H-7820.

Sincerely,
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