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Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 12:16 PM
To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Oppose H7079A

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It's terribly important that people who have been imprisoned, served their time and been released not have obstacles to resuming productive lives. This winter I drove homeless people to warming centers and hear many speak of the difficulty of finding work because of a record of past imprisonment.

Many of these people have changed their ways of life for the better. They should not have to go homeless because of past prison records. It is a detriment to all of society to add to the number of homeless in this way. Homelessness is a terrible and growing problem.

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Dear Chair and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

The note below is as was presented. I work with some of the people at DARE, and they are in general trustworthy, so I am sending this in concordance with their request. Please consider the points they make, and if needed, perhaps put off a vote for further study to examine the important points made.

Thanks,

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject: Oppose H7079A

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Simply put, H7079A does not accomplish what these bills do because the carve-outs in this bill create unfair exclusions that undermine its intent. Legislation should promote both accountability and real pathways to rehabilitation. As written, H7079A fails to strike that balance.

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