



State of Rhode Island
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos

March 10, 2026

Senator Matthew LaMountain
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
82 Smith St, Room 313
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Letter of Support for S2299: An Act Relating To Criminal Procedure -- Expungement Of Criminal Records

Dear Senator LaMountain:

I write to you in support for each S2299: An Act Relating To Criminal Procedure -- Expungement Of Criminal Records.

This bill allows for the expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 10 years after sentence completed. As a champion for the Fair Chance in Housing Background Checks Act (S2591) also in your committee, I have seen firsthand how decades-old criminal records can continue to hinder a person's ability to access stable, affordable housing. But beyond housing, these criminal records can impact a person's ability to get a job, obtain a loan, and beyond.

By expunging the records of certain individuals with *non-violent* felonies 10 years after the sentence has been completed, we are giving a fair chance to those who have long since paid their debt to society. For these reasons and many more, I urge you to favorably vote this bill out of committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sabina Matos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sabina Matos

Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor