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Via Electronic Mail (SenateJudiciary@rilegislature.gov)

Chairman Matthew LaMountain
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Rhode Island State House
Room 313
Providence, R.I. 02903

RE: Senate Bill #2618: An Act Relating to Criminal Procedure – Identification and Apprehension of Criminals.

Dear Chairman LaMountain:

I write on behalf of the Rhode Island Judiciary regarding Senate Bill # 2618, scheduled to be heard this evening before the Senate Committee on Judiciary. If enacted, this bill would require the administrative sealing, upon a defendant's request following the conclusion of a matter in District Court, of individual counts of criminal complaints dismissed pursuant to Rule 48(a) that were filed on or after October 1, 2026.

The Judiciary has some reservations about this bill in its existing form. However, the Judiciary is currently engaged in productive dialogue with the bill's original drafter to address the Judiciary's concerns. The Judiciary is hopeful that a mutually-agreeable resolution may be forthcoming, but additional time is required to reach this potential result.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify the Judiciary's current position on this bill.

Sincerely,

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