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Chairperson Senator LaMountain and Members of the Senate Judiciary
Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee
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In support of S2711, S2299, S2313

Dear Chairperson LaMountain and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

For essentially the same reasons stated in my testimony on S2161 (BAIL ON 32), I support the following bills:

S2711 — Clean Slate Act Automates expungements for eligible records so people who qualify can have their records cleared without navigating a complicated court process.

S2299 — Expanding Expungement Eligibility Allows expungement of multiple non-violent felony convictions after 10 years.

S2313 — Reducing Waiting Periods for Expungement Shortens the waiting period for people to become eligible to clear their records.

All four are important reforms that provide a second chance — for people, their families, and their communities.

Respectfully submitted,



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