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To: Senate Judiciary - Testimony

Re: Expungement of Past Records 2711

I help New Birth in Transformed Lives,  
and I believe in second + chances. There is  
no one who doesn't need a new beginning among us.

As a Pastor, a clergywoman, at  
Matthewson Street United Methodist Church, we  
serve the community of homeless, some addicted  
ready for a fresh start, many with mental health  
challenges, several wanting work + willing to  
serve, and people who need fair housing.

To be marked, stigmatized by a record  
often impedes a fair chance to initiate a  
better reputation.

I speak for the SINCERITY of genuine  
effort ~~of~~ that these precious people, whom I en-  
courage every day by prayer, listening, caring,  
and understanding.  
Let's do ALL we can to help and support  
the good that comes from forgiveness + a clean start.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Wendy