
Pass S2711, the Clean Slate Act

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To the Judiciary Committee:

It is crucial that S2711, the Clean Slate Act, be passed. This legislation will allow automatic expungements so that eligible criminal records can be cleared without people having to navigated complicated and costly court procedures.

For four months this winter I have been driving homeless people to warming centers, through Operation NOD (No One Dies), so know first hand of the devastation of lack of such a law causes. Often my passengers are able-bodied men and women eager to return to productive lives after serving time for past crimes. Many who have paid the consequences of foolish past decisions, who are more mature and can even share with others the possibility of starting a new life, are thwarted by having a criminal record for which they paid society by their incarceration. These men and women shouldn't have to continue being thwarted in starting new lives; yet they cannot get jobs and must continue living on the streets. This is not only a personal disaster for them, but for society in general. If they were able to get jobs and support themselves, it would be a win-win situation for everyone.

Thank you for your support of this very important bill.

Sincerely,

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