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Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary,

I write my strong support for the above piece of legislation that will provide structure, a legal process and most importantly, an avenue to manage minor offenses for juveniles that commit a minor infraction that shouldn't derail their future dreams and goals. Juvenile hearing boards have proven effective, efficient and extremely accountable to the offender and the community. This law would keep young offenders out of the criminal justice system and provide more opportunities for reform, justice and value.

As a retired law enforcement officer and a former Police Administrator for the RI State Police and Providence Police, I have seen the value and effectiveness that juvenile hearing boards have throughout our system of justice, particularly the young people who have made a minor, youthful mistake that should not adversely impact their dreams to attain anything they desire.

Thank you for your consideration in this important bill.

Respectfully,

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