



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1030

Criminal Procedure – Expungement of Records – Good Cause

TO: Hon. William C. Smith, Chair, and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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FROM: Bobbi Lewis-Collick

My name is Bobbi Lewis-Collick, and I have been a resident of District 45 for over seven years. I currently work as a staff member at The Center for Urban Families (CFUF). I support Senate Bill 1030 to expunge charges connected via the “Unit Rule,” which has stood as a permanent roadblock to criminal record expungement.

The Unit Rule directly impacts me as I have charges over 10 years old that I can not get expunged because one charge in my unit of charges is not eligible for expungement. This has significantly hindered my ability to secure employment, apartments, job advancement, degrees, and much more.

Senate Bill 1030 allows for a Good Cause Expungement, allowing me to make a case for expungement though my charge is connected to a unit. Passing this bill would help me and others in my situation who have backgrounds that changed their lives but are punished for those things repeatedly. For these reasons, we respectfully urge a favorable report.