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Judicial Proceedings Committee

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## THE SENATE OF MARYLAND ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Senate Bill 602 – Criminal Procedure – Automated Expungement, Waiting Periods, and Adverse Actions
(Clean Slate Act of 2024)

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Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee

I am writing to endorse Senate Bill 602 – Criminal Procedure – Automated Expungement, Waiting Periods, and Adverse Actions (Clean Slate Act of 2024). This bill will immediately begin the process of expungement for certain/eligible criminal charges as soon as the offender begins their sentence. This does not apply to violent criminal offenses. This will not remove State's Attorneys from the process. Rather, State's Attorneys will continue to review these automatic expungement cases and can raise objections that will stop the process and thus will not allow it to be expunged.

I thank you all very much for your time and ask for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Senator Mike McKay

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