

Dear Chair Clippinger and the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Kahlilah Saleem and I am a resident of District 7. I am writing in support of HB 499, the Expungement Reform Act of 2025. This bill allows the expungement of otherwise expungeable convictions that have an associated parole, probation or mandatory supervision violation. It also adds several common sense misdemeanors to the expungement statute.

My experience with the legal system is Companies say that they only go back 7 years to check for arrest but they actually go back as far as 20 years. I, for one, did not survive my twenties without getting in trouble for minor offenses.

I believe criminal record expungements are important because it's hard to prove bias or discrimination with an at-will State. Expunging records will elevate an explanation about a closed case that was already ruled on in a Court of law.

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I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Kahlilah Saleem