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Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
The Honorable William C. Smith
2 East Miller Senate Building
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RE: SB 702 – Criminal Procedure – Expungement - Entitlement

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

In many situations, a person is eligible to have all police records and court records of an offense expunged, but in there are exceptions. Senate Bill 702 creates two additional exceptions.

First, under Senate Bill 702, a person would NOT be entitled to an expungement if the court ordered the person to register as a sex offender under Title 11, Subtitle 7 of the Criminal Law Article in connection with the disposition of the charge on which the petition to expunge is based.

Second, a person would NOT be entitled to an expungement if the person has not satisfied an obligation to pay court costs, fines or restitution that the court imposed in connection with the disposition of the charge on which the petition to expunge is based.

So if the petitioner for an expungement had been ordered to register as a sex offender or if the petitioner has not yet paid the court costs, fines or restitution ordered by the court, the petitioner will NOT be entitled to expungement.

I hope the Committee will issue a favorable report on this bill.