

# **SB 874 - Unit Rule - Workgroup to Study Partial Ex**

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Position: FAV

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Sincerely,  
Jacqueline Beach  
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Sam L. Chan

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**Ben Fertig**

**2722 Quarry Heights Way, Baltimore, MD 21209**

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Sincerely,

Barbara Hauck (she/her/hers)

3420 Harford Road

Baltimore, MD 21218

Showing Up for Racial Justice Baltimore



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Sincerely,

**Arthur Holt**

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**Annapolis, MD 21401-3212**

Showing Up for Racial Justice Baltimore

# **SB0874 Written Testimony A Juberg.pdf**

Uploaded by: Juberg, Arielle

Position: FAV

Arielle Juberg  
Baltimore, Maryland  
District 8

Testimony in Support of Bill SB0874, Workgroup to Study Partial Expungement  
To: Chair Smith and members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
From: Arielle Juberg

My name is Arielle Juberg. I am a resident of Baltimore County in District 8. I belong to Showing Up for Racial Justice in Baltimore. I am a church member and volunteer in Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

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Uploaded by: Kleinman, Jan

Position: FAV

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**Jan Kleinman**

**2700 Remington Ave Apt 504**

**Baltimore, MD 21211**

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Sincerely,

Tamara Todd

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Sincerely,

**Holly Powell**

**2308 Cambridge Street**

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Showing Up for Racial Justice Baltimore

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**Nathan Rehr**

**450 E. Federal Street Baltimore, MD 21202**

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Brian Seel 223 S Wolfe St 21231

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Rebecca Shillenn  
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It is for these reasons that I am encouraging you to vote **in support of Senate Bill 874**. Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,  
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It is for these reasons that I am encouraging you to vote **in support of Senate Bill 874**. Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,  
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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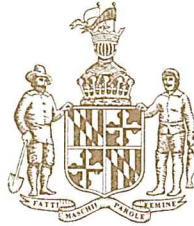
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**TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 874**  
**WORKGROUP TO STUDY PARTIAL EXPUNGEMENT**  
**JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 3, 2021**

Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Waldstreicher and Fellow Committee Members:

Senate Bill 874 is fairly simple and straightforward. It establishes a workgroup to study and to develop both legislative and practical recommendations related to the expungement of criminal charges that are not currently eligible to be expunged. The workgroup would be required to submit a related report to the General Assembly on or before January 5, 2022.

The workgroup would consist of two members of the State Senate, two members of the House of Delegates, the Public Defender (or their designee), one Gubernatorial-appointed representative of the Job Opportunities Task Force, an appointed representative of the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the President of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association (or their designee). The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention would be tasked with staffing the workgroup.

There are numerous complexities to the issue of partial expungement and creating a workgroup to sort through these complexities would provide a path forward for many individuals who have previously made avoidable, non-violent mistakes. As someone who spent the majority of his professional career in law enforcement, finding a means of making individuals whole is something that is very important to me. In many cases, individuals spend their lifetimes being defined over non-violent crimes. This legislation would be a great step forward in providing a means to ensure that these individuals are not defined by the worst decisions that they have ever made and given a chance to make productive changes in their lives.

**For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 874.**

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AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 874

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 21, strike "Governor" and substitute "Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals".

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**BILL: SENATE BILL 874**

**POSITION: LETTER OF INFORMATION**

**EXPLANATION:** This bill establishes a Workgroup to Study Partial Expungement that will study and develop a plan and make recommendations for enabling the expungement of criminal charges that are currently not eligible for expungement under § 10-107 of the Criminal Procedure Article. **The bill as introduced does not include a member of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, but the Department's Criminal Justice Information System plays an integral part in the expungement process.**

### **COMMENTS:**

- The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) houses the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) which is the repository for law enforcement to access criminal history record information, fingerprints, etc., and provides background checks to statutorily authorized entities.
- CJIS, as the Central Repository for police and court records, within 60 days after entry of a court order, is statutorily responsible for removing the record(s) identified in the court order from public inspection.
- A partial expungement process would require extensive manual research to locate and determine what charges are eligible and to ensure any stipulations have been met in order for the expungement to take place according to law. It would also require extensive programming of current systems to filter out which records are limited and which records can be fully shared.
- As such, it is imperative that a Workgroup established to discuss partial expungement should include the State agency responsible for maintaining, disseminating, and expunging criminal history record information.

**CONCLUSION:** For these reasons, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services respectfully asks this Committee to consider this information as it deliberates on Senate Bill 874.