

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1442:

Criminal Procedure – Expungement of Records – Modifications

TO: Hon. Luke Clippinger, Chair, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee

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I am a Maryland resident of Prince George’s County and a concerned citizen. I work with the organization Life After Release, which aims to support communities impacted by incarceration through the building of relationships, knowledge, and self-determination. As a Maryland resident, I support efforts to decrease the impact of incarceration on communities through bills, such as House Bill 1442, which would allow for members of my community to work and support their livelihoods as well as those of their families. The ability to hold a job and support oneself and one’s family should be a right and should not be unfairly withheld from members of my Maryland community that have already served their time.

Mairin Batten supports House Bill 1442 as a means of reducing the impact of incarceration and enhancing employment opportunities for lower-income workers and job seekers throughout the state.