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As your constituent, a software engineer operating independently in the business of legislative bill tracking in Annapolis, and as a member of the Board of Directors at Maryland Shall Issue, while my views do not necessarily represent MSI, I am personally in favor of these bills and implore the House to find them favorable.

These bills are some of the most agreeable bills I've seen this year. Passing them would be in favor to constituents of all political parties, in guaranteeing them that a given expungement would be as promised, expunging their records fully, not just for private parties. The entire point of an expungement is to give an individual a second chance at life. That's all this bill does, is deliver on that promise, while simultaneously reducing the State's liability under *NYSRPA v. Bruen*, 142 S.Ct. 2111 (2022).

From my own personal understanding of Maryland politics, I reiterate that this bill is easily agreeable across party lines. It brings much needed equality to a system that is much too quick to subject additional burdens to those already in their greatest need. Having had family members who walked through such difficult times and had experience with our prison system, knowing that they could have had such equality in our great state brings me hope in writing this testimony.

For these reasons, I urge a favorable report.

Thank you,

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