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The Honorable Luke Clippinger
Chair, Judiciary Committee
House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support of HB0550 – Criminal Procedure - Partial Expungement

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Committee members,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB0550, which concerns Criminal Procedure – Partial Expungement. This bill is a crucial step forward in ensuring fair and equitable access to expungement for individuals with certain eligible charges.

House Bill 0550 authorizes individuals to file a petition for partial expungement for offenses that arise from the same incident, transaction, or set of facts, even if some charges are not eligible for expungement. This provision is particularly important as it recognizes that individuals should not be unfairly penalized due to the presence of charges that are eligible for expungement.

Furthermore, the bill establishes clear guidelines for the expungement process, including timelines for filing petitions and conditions for eligibility. These provisions provide clarity and transparency, which are essential for ensuring that individuals understand their rights and can navigate the expungement process effectively.

Overall, HB0550 represents a significant step forward in promoting fairness and equity in the criminal justice system. By enabling partial expungement and establishing clear guidelines for eligibility, this bill empowers individuals to move forward with their lives and reintegrate into society successfully.

I urge you to support HB0550 and ensure its passage into law. Thank you for considering my views on this important matter.

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