

Dear Chair Smith and the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

My name is Vondell Morrison and I am a resident of District 40. I am writing in support of SB 432, the Expungement Reform Act of 2025. This bill allows the expungement of otherwise expungable convictions that have an associated parole, probation or mandatory supervision violation. It also adds several commonsense misdemeanors to the expungement statute.

23 years ago, when I 18, I was incarcerated for the first time. This was a wake-up call for me to acknowledge the need for personal change. Taking accountability for the decisions I made that led to incarceration taught me the importance of what will contribute to a brighter and more positive impact in the future. I have experienced probation and parole, which can be very hard not to violate for minor things. My first violation was for a small misdemeanor. The misdemeanor had nothing to do with the conviction and should not be a barrier for being expunged.

I believe criminal record expungements are important because it gives us greater access to training and jobs that will provide a more substantial and financially secure way of living. I also know that having criminal records expunged will decrease poverty at a great level.

I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Vondell Morrison