

Dear **Members of the Judiciary Committee**

This testimony is being submitted by Showing Up for Racial Justice Baltimore in collaboration with Out for Justice. I am a resident of **District 45**, and **I am testifying in support of SB464 - Commission to Examine the Expungement Laws in Maryland**

Over the past decade, the General Assembly has done a great deal of important work reforming the expungement laws in Maryland. Despite these changes, however, the expungement process remains opaque to many people, and burdensome to the courts and to agencies working to comply with expungement law. Many people who have become eligible to expunge past convictions, acquittals, and dismissals are simply unaware of the possibility.

SB464 would establish a commission to conduct this review. By bringing all the stakeholders in the expungement process together to discuss what is and is not working, and what might be possible, we can spur further reform of the expungement laws that will operate to the benefit of everyone.

It is for these reasons that I am encouraging you to vote **in support of SB464 - Commission to Examine the Expungement Laws in Maryland.**

Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,
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