



## OUT FOR JUSTICE

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 320:**  
No Finding Expungements

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TO: House Judiciary Committee  
FROM: **Treveric Speaks, on Behalf of Out for Justice Inc.**

Dear Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and Members of the Committee,

Out for Justice, Inc. (OFJ) is an organization comprised of individuals directly and indirectly impacted by the criminal legal system. OFJ advocates for reforming policies and practices that adversely affect successful reintegration into society. **OFJ supports Senate Bill 320 to ensure that individuals whose cases were terminated without a finding are not permanently burdened by records that did not result in a conviction.**

Under current Maryland law, expungement is available for acquittals, dismissals, and a limited set of convictions. However, individuals whose cases were resolved with a “No Finding” or “terminated without finding” disposition remain ineligible for expungement because this designation is not explicitly recognized in statute. **Prior to the Justice Reinvestment Act of 2016, courts in certain jurisdictions used No Finding dispositions to mitigate the long term harm of criminal records in cases that did not result in a clear conviction. As a result, many Maryland residents now have records that would otherwise be eligible for expungement but remain visible due solely to how the case was labeled.**

A criminal record, even without a conviction, has serious and lasting consequences. **Records that remain accessible through background checks limit access to employment, housing, education, professional licensing, and financial stability.** These consequences disproportionately impact low income communities and communities of color, further entrenching inequality and undermining the rehabilitative goals of the justice system.

This bill seeks to alleviate this issue by allowing cases terminated without a finding to be treated consistently with other non-conviction dispositions for expungement. **It does not guarantee expungement, but instead allows individuals to petition the court and have their case reviewed. This approach preserves judicial discretion while promoting fairness and consistency across Maryland jurisdictions.**

Out for Justice believes this is a rational and narrowly tailored solution that aligns expungement law with the realities of court practice and reduces unnecessary barriers to reintegration.

**For these reasons, we respectfully urge a favorable report on SB 320. Thank you.**