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**TESTIMONY ON HB#0360 - POSITION: FAVORABLE  
Criminal Procedure - Automated Expungement (Clean Slate Act of 2026)**

**TO:** Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and members of the Judiciary Committee

**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#/0360, **Criminal Procedure - Automated Expungement (Clean Slate Act of 2026)**

This bill will create criteria for evaluating the possibility of expungement of criminal convictions that meet those criteria.

The Tangi Carter and Associates P.A. law firm has noted *The Comprehensive Benefits of Expunging Your Criminal Record*<sup>1</sup>

1. **Enhanced Employment Prospects**
2. **Facilitated Access to Housing**
3. **Restoration of Rights and Dignity**
4. **Psychological Liberation and Peace of Mind**
5. **Educational Opportunities**
6. **Enhanced Financial Stability**
7. **Community Reintegration and Social Cohesion**

Maryland can create a more just society and return to society people who have served their sentences and seek to return to the community without the handicap a criminal conviction carries. It will remove those burdens to reintegration into society.

This bill can accomplish this goal by requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Judiciary to expunge all cases meeting certain criteria on or before July 1, 2028; and requiring the Department and the Judiciary to expunge certain newly eligible cases monthly..

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB0360.**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://tangicarterlaw.com/the-benefits-of-expunging-your-criminal-record-why-its-worth-pursuing/#:~:text=By%20removing%20barriers%20to%20employment,more%20just%20and%20equitable%20society>