

Testimony of Dr. Sabrina N'Diaye

Representing Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

- **In support of:** [HB360/SB483 - Automated Expungement \(Clean Slate Act of 2026\)](#)

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Honorable Chair Sandy Barlett, Vice Chair Debra Davis, and members of the Judiciary Committee, I am Dr. Sabrina N'Diaye. I am here before you today in support of HB360. I am also an integrative therapist and have facilitated hundreds of groups for women who have experienced extreme trauma. I am also the Vice-Chair of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's , BRIDGE Project, a mentoring program for justice-impacted women. In addition to mentoring justice-impacted women towards their definition of a better life, we advocate legislatively to remove barriers that these women face as they work to restore themselves, their family and their communities.

This legislation represents a significant stride toward justice and redemption, underpinned by our shared belief in second chances and rehabilitation.

House Bill 360 moves us closer to empowering returning citizens with the mechanism to petition for expungement of certain eligible offenses. Allow me to expound on the profound impact expungement could have:

1. Returning citizens are empowered through increased employment opportunities because their criminal record is often the biggest hurdle in securing gainful employment.
2. Rehabilitated citizens gain access to housing to create/enhance stability and growth for their families.
3. An expunged record widens the gates for those who seek self-improvement and economic mobility through higher education and training.
4. When certain offenses are wiped clean from a person's record, it dismantles barriers to community engagement, supports family unity, and fosters societal inclusion.

HB360 embodies the values of forgiveness, growth, and equity. Members of the committee, on behalf of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., I urge you to contemplate the long-term benefits that HB360 will usher in—not only for individuals seeking redemption but for society at large, which thrives when each of its members is accorded dignity and opportunity. Please issue a favorable report in support of this bill.