

## Reckless endangerment

For the past 19 years of my life, these words have haunted my every day being 19 years old. My life was taken away from me and instead I was handed a scarlet letter "A".

I was charged and later arrested back in 2008. With no prior record to speak of I was sentenced to four years time one year to be served as an inmate doing time leaving my infant son of eight months old who is disabled.

I served my time and paid my debt to society. Upon my release, I achieve my high school diploma and immediately enrolled into college to become a registered nurse. Two years into the program, the board of nursing pulled my application for my licensed practical nursing and told me that because of my criminal background, I could never become a nurse or work with patients my lifelong dream. I was Labeled a liability.

Four years I have been turned down time and time again. I've been shunned from anything in the medical field denying me from any job or position that involved patient care for one mistake 19 years ago. Leaving me forever with the tarnished character flaw.

My hope for this bill is that it will finally set me free. Free from discrimination, free from labels... And finally recognized as a positive member of society for my achievements, and not undermined and Disregard because of A situation that happened when I was Not even out of my teen years. My hope for this bill is that others like myself can have hope for the future, not just their future, but the future of their family and children alike.