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**From:** Kev Bal <kevbal1978@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2016 4:18 PM  
**To:** JudTestimony  
**Subject:** OPPOSE H.B No. 5622

To my elected representatives,

I am writing to inform you of my opposition to H.B No. 5622 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF ERASED RECORDS IN DETERMINING WHETHER A PERSON IS A SUITABLE PERSON TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

I oppose this bill on the following grounds.

Citizens who qualified under these programs (Youthful offender, Accelerated Rehabilitation, Juvenile offenses, etc..) had their records rightfully "erased" or sealed under law. To open them up for any reason other than what the law has allowed for years (only to be opened to see whether or not the offender has applied for the programs in the past) would serve as injustice to these citizens who most likely were sold this "deal" as a plea bargain or one time offense.

These citizens may have had a lapse in judgement for a moment that is not indicative of their suitability or character.

I would ask that if this passes, is the congress prepared to expand this application to members of law enforcement who no doubt, and I have specific knowledge, have used the same programs in the past to keep their jobs and apply for public service.

Would we also open this up to elected positions? We should be able to judge the suitability of our representatives.

I would like to know my doctors suitability if he is going to be performing surgery on me, perhaps he was arrested for driving drunk? If he is an alcoholic I would like to know.

Could we open this requirement to firefighter and public inspectors? Perhaps 20 years ago these people have been charged with larceny. I would sure like to know if thieves are going to be in my house, regardless if they are putting out a fire or performing a tax assessment.

I am no attorney, but I am sure I would be consulting one to find out whether this would be considered ex post facto, or otherwise illegal.

On top of the aforementioned, recognize that should the permit applicant appeal his decision to the board of firearms permit examiners, that those hearing are public, and the minutes of which are posted online. You have now made that persons "erased or sealed" file completely public knowledge, eradicating any purpose it existed for in the first place.

This is not a hard decision and I urge you to oppose HB 5622.

Regards,  
Kevin Balog