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Chairman Tercyak, Chairman Gomes, Honorable Ranking Members and Members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee:

I urge your support for **S.B. 40 AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYER INQUIRIES ABOUT AN EMPLOYEE'S OR PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S CREDIT HISTORY**

I want to thank the committee for raising this proposal, which is an important but minor fix to legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2011 with bipartisan support. Unfortunately a provision in the bill intended to project a university facing theft of library and museum materials was poorly drafted and has apparently rendered the entire statute largely unenforceable. By removing reference to "2500 or more", the Committee restores the original intent of the General Assembly in protecting job applicants from discrimination on the basis of their credit history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Matthew Lesser", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Lesser