

To the Judiciary Committee Members:

I would like to register my full support for the Clean Slate Bill 1019, currently under discussion but your committee. My reasoning is based largely on the economics of the bill. As a white, suburban retiree, I am tired of supporting people unable to find work. Certainly having a criminal record, no matter how small the infraction, nor how exemplary one's life has been since, makes it very difficult if not impossible to find a decent (or any) job. Why are we not doing everything we can to propel people out of the welfare trap?

I cannot believe CT doesn't already have a reasonable path to expunging one's record. We're not talking about axe murderers here, simply non-violent misdemeanors and low level felonies. It is economically reasonable and socially humane. Let's get this bill passed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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