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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: SB697

I Sheltonia McDonald write to support the passage of SB 697. I have been working with the Community Law Division of the Metropolitan Public Defender to file to expunge my record. I have been waiting for my record to get expunged almost a year now . Although I take full responsibility for my own record it has been such a long hardship waiting for this expungement. Since I caught my case in 2018 I have been on my best behavior not getting into any trouble or having police contact and just maintaining being a full time mom to 10 year old daughter and my 2 year twin boys . I am trying to continue to better my self for my kids who can only depend on me . I'm trying to advance in life such as working better and higher paying jobs to support my family. My record not being cleared is stopping me from doing what I'm trying to accomplish. In the last year to 2 I'm a survivor of domestic violence abuse , I've been having a hard time trying to start over and find housing and safe place for my kids because my background isn't allowing me to move. I'm just asking that you see my effort and patience and update the law so that people like me do not have to wait a year to after filing to actually get their records expunged.

This is why I support the amendments to the expungement statute as outlined in SB 697.

Thank you,  
Sheltonia McDonald