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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure: HB4097

Dear Committee Members,

Please support HB 4097. I know that a clear path to expungement will help Oregonians who are negatively affected by their past.

I have personally witnessed young people with low level drug offenses have their records cleared for a bright future filled with college graduation and job success. I have also seen how a person's criminal record can prevent them from obtaining employment, housing, and access to banking.

It is inhumane to re-punish individuals over and over from a past mistake when all other requirements have been met.

This bill can change lives - please help those who are seeking to help themselves with gainful employment. Let them fully contribute to our communities.

Thank You