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Testimony in **Support** of

**HB 122 – Criminal Procedure – Expungement of Records - Expansion**

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to show my strong support for House Bill 0122 and to urge a favorable report. This bill would expand the access to expungement for individuals who have abided by all of the requirements of their Probation Before Judgments as well as for individuals who have met all of the obligations in cases that were placed on the STET docket. Justice does not only occur in cases where there is a successful conviction. Justice takes many forms and this is one that is long overdue as it allows individuals who have complied with all court-ordered conditions to have the opportunity to secure a clean criminal record and a new start. Such an opportunity creates a better chance of leading to gainful employment, housing and overall economic stability which lead to Maryland becoming safer and more prosperous.

Anyone with a PBJ or a STET on their record, even though it is not a criminal conviction, still has to suffer the negative impact of such a record being publicly accessible to employers, school admissions, loan officers etc. who may base their judgments on the existence of the criminal case even though no conviction was ever handed down. This is not in the interest of justice and should be corrected.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on HB278.