

Testimony in Support of LD 1911 An Act to Automatically Seal Criminal History Record
Information for Certain Crimes

To: Co-Chairs Senator Anne Carney and Representative Amy Kuhn and members of the
Committee On Judiciary

From: Adrienne Horne

January 7, 2026

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opportunities. Having a criminal record could mean the difference between someone being able
to access education, housing, or a job for many Mainers. If this bill is passed, it will
automatically seal criminal records after 5 years for most misdemeanor convictions and after 10
years for most felony convictions unless there have been further offenses. This legislation would
stop punishing people in Maine who have completed their sentence and are looking to build
stability for themselves, their family, and their community. Many other states have passed clean
slate laws like this one and research shows that recidivism rates are significantly lower in these
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Thank you for your consideration. I hope you will join me in supporting LD 1911 and facilitating
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