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## **SUPPORT THE MARYLAND CLEAN SLATE ACT OF 2026 (SB 483)!**

Your State Senator has the chance this week to support that could benefit Maryland taxpayers and improve public safety, by giving reformed Marylanders a better chance to support their families.

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The Maryland Clean Slate Act of 2026 (SB 483), co-sponsored by Senators McKay, Smith, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, Love & Muse would automatically shield eligible misdemeanor convictions after seven years and non-convictions and arrest records after three years, while preserving safeguards for serious or domestic-related offenses and disqualifiers for new convictions and pending charges.

What can you do to help? Please use the link below to contact your State Senator, who sits on the JPR committee, asking them to vote in support of SB 483!

[email to legislator]

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The Maryland Clean Slate Act of 2026 (SB 483), co-sponsored by Senators McKay, Smith, Sydnor, Waldstreicher, Love & Muse, would automatically shield eligible misdemeanor convictions after seven years and non-convictions and arrest records after three years—ending Maryland’s costly, confusing, petition-based system that only 2% of eligible residents successfully navigate. This common-sense reform will help more than 407,000 Marylanders fully participate in society, strengthen families, reduce court costs, and grow our economy.

**Please vote to support SB 483 to give reformed Marylanders a fair chance to support themselves!**

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