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## **The Due Process Institute’s Statement on Fair Chance Act Passage**

**WASHINGTON, DC – December 20, 2019** – Today, President Donald Trump signed the National Defense Authorization Act, which included the Fair Chance Act, a bill that encourages those with criminal records to apply for work in the federal government or with federal contractors. The law prohibits those employers from asking about criminal history prior to making a conditional offer to the job seeker in an effort to help increase access to job opportunities.

“The Due Process Institute views the Fair Chance Act as a law that will hopefully continue the momentum of providing meaningful second chances to those who need them,” said Shana-Tara O’Toole, President of the Due Process Institute. “And we continue to encourage Congress to consider additional much-needed important next steps—supported by Members on both sides of the aisle—to improve the criminal legal system.”

*The Due Process Institute is a bipartisan nonprofit that works to honor, preserve, and restore principles of fairness in the criminal legal system. For further inquiries, please contact [tamara@idueprocess.org](mailto:tamara@idueprocess.org).*