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Due Process Institute Endorses Bipartisan “Kenneth P. Thompson Begin Again Act”

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Due Process Institute endorses the Kenneth P. Thompson Begin Again Act, introduced today in the House of Representatives. The original cosponsors are Reps. Hakeem Jeffries (D- NY) and Van Taylor (R-TX).

The legislation amends the federal expungement statute for simple possession of a controlled substance by eliminating the age limitation of 21 years old. Under the bill any first-time offender found guilty of simple possession would be eligible for expungement.

“Expungement is one important tool to help returning citizens redeem themselves and move on from the shadow of their past mistake,” said Shana-Tara O’Toole, President of Due Process Institute. “This bill recognizes the need to expand our incredibly limited federal expungement process. By eliminating the age cap for minor drug offenses, Congress would be giving more people a second chance. That is a bipartisan principle we can all support.”

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.