



**Second chance legislation
means more opportunity,
better outcomes, and safer
communities for us all.**

**It's time for Congress to
get the message.**



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Support Bipartisan Federal Second Chance Legislation

Clean Slate Act, H.R. 2930

- This bill provides automatic record sealing for individuals convicted of simple possession of a controlled substance, any federal nonviolent offense involving marijuana, or an arrest for an offense that does not result in a conviction. Additionally, people who meet certain other criteria may petition to seal records for other nonviolent offenses.

Fresh Start Act, H.R. 2983

- This bill authorizes state grant funding to help states implement their existing automatic record-sealing and expungement laws.

Why These Policies Work

They effectively reduce recidivism.

- A study in Michigan on individuals who benefitted from record-sealing legislation found that only 7.1% were rearrested within five years and only 4.2% were reconvicted. The figures for violent crimes are even lower, with only 2.6% of expungement recipients rearrested for violent offenses and only 0.6% convicted of a violent crime. These numbers are significantly lower than the arrest and conviction rates for Michigan's general population.

They improve economic outcomes for individuals.

- 64% of unemployed men at age 35 have criminal records.
- Employers are 60% more likely to call back job applicants without criminal records, even if the offense was a minor one.
- People who benefit from record-sealing and expungement see a 25% increase in wages within two years.

**1 in 3 adults have
some form of a
criminal record.**

**That's over
70 million Americans
with significant
barriers to
opportunity.**

**Join the movement
to increase
opportunities for
people with criminal
records.**



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