

H.B. No. 5019 AN ACT CONCERNING FAIR FUTURES FOLLOWING ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS.

S.B. No. 403 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES, ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS FOR CERTAIN MISDEMEANOR AND FELONY OFFENSES AND PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON ERASED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION.

Judiciary Committee

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Lindsey Jones, YWCA New Britain Sexual Assault Crisis Service, Prison and Community Justice Advocate

Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Lindsey Jones and I am the Prison and Community Justice Advocate at the YWCA New Britain Sexual Assault Crisis Service. In my role, I work directly with incarcerated and criminal justice-involved survivors of sexual assault and their families. I am writing in regards to the Governor's bill HB 5019, An Act Concerning Fair Futures Following Erasure of Criminal Records and the Judicial Committee's bill SB 403, An Act Concerning the Board and Pardons and Paroles, Erasure of Criminal Records for Certain Misdemeanor and Felony Offences and Prohibiting Discrimination Based on Erased Criminal History Record Information.

I am writing in support of these bills, which the YWCA New Britain Sexual Assault Crisis Service and our parent organization, the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence, support as written. The Alliance and its member centers appreciate that the Governor and the Committee acknowledge the harm and potential recidivism that sexual offenders may commit.

Thank you.

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