

CLEAN SLATE

BECAUSE A CRIMINAL RECORD SHOULD **NOT** BE A LIFETIME SENTENCE.

WHAT IT IS:

CLEAN SLATE IS THE **AUTOMATIC ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS** FOR CERTAIN CONVICTIONS AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME FOR APPLICABLE INDIVIDUALS WHO REMAIN FREE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM UPON RELEASE FROM CUSTODY. THERE IS CURRENTLY A PROCESS TO APPLY FOR ERASURE IN CT, BUT **THE APPLICATION IS BURDENSOME, COSTLY, BUREAUCRATIC, AND SUBJECTIVE.** THIS PROCESS NEEDS TO CHANGE. **CLEAN SLATE IS THE SOLUTION.**

WHO IT IMPACTS:

APPROXIMATELY **5,000 CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS** COMPLETE THEIR PRISON SENTENCES AND ARE RELEASED FROM PRISON EACH YEAR. THIS MEANS THAT THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF CT RESIDENTS TRYING TO RETURN TO THEIR COMMUNITIES, REBUILD THEIR LIVES, AND REUNITE WITH THEIR FAMILIES. TOO OFTEN, THEIR CRIMINAL RECORD IS A BARRIER TO MOVING FORWARD WITH THEIR LIVES.

WHY IT MATTERS:

■ CLEAN SLATE IS A RACIAL JUSTICE ISSUE.

In Connecticut, black people are **9.4x** more likely than white people to be incarcerated, and Latinx people are **3.9x** more likely to be incarcerated than white people. **This is racism.**

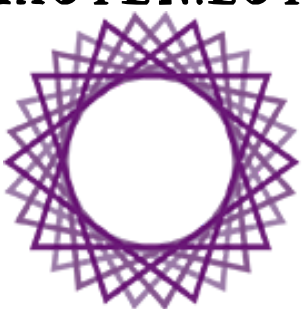
■ CLEAN SLATE IMPROVES PUBLIC SAFETY.

When people's records are erased, they gain **access to jobs, housing, and higher education.** Recidivism rates dramatically decrease as a result. **That makes everyone safer.**

■ CLEAN SLATE BOOSTS THE ECONOMY.

One 2016 study estimates that the collective national impact of the shackles of a criminal record reduces our GDP each year between \$78 billion and \$87 billion. Based on Connecticut's population, this means **the loss of between \$859 million and \$958 million in economic activity** each year in our state.

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