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To Whom It May Concern:

The Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (MACDL) is the largest voice for the criminal defense bar in Minnesota, comprised of over 300 public and private criminal defense attorneys across the State of Minnesota. MACDL supports S.F.2055/H.F. 2023, which would expand eligibility for expungement of criminal records. Criminal records are often barriers to employment, housing, and volunteer opportunities. This bill requires offenders to demonstrate rehabilitation, while also encouraging re-assimilation into society following a criminal offense, to help offenders become productive members of society.

Sincerely,

Patrick Cotter
President, Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers