



## The Justice Action Network Supports SB 1512, Removing Barriers to Occupational and Professional Licensing for People with Criminal Records

- ***The Justice Action Network (JAN), the country's largest bipartisan organization dedicated to criminal justice reform, strongly urges the passage of Senate Bill 1512.***
- ***Millions of American with criminal histories who have paid their debt to society face bureaucratic hurdles from state professional and occupational licensing processes that keep them from putting their lives back on track.***
- ***This is a nonpartisan issue.***
  - Policymakers of all political perspectives from states across the country have recognized that establishing licensing processes that are clear, concise, and present few barriers strengthen a state's workforce and give people with criminal records the chance to succeed.
- ***JAN applauds the efforts reflected in Senate Bill 1512 to:***
  - Provide clear standards by which Oregon state boards must judge applicants for occupational and professional licenses;
  - Prohibit the consideration of arrests that did not result in conviction, sealed records, and adjudications from the juvenile justice system for behavior that occurred when someone was a child.
- ***JAN urges the swift passage of this important legislation.***
  - If JAN can assist members of the committee in any way, such as providing information about reforms by other states across the country, please do not hesitate to contact Noah Bein, JAN state policy manager, at [noah@justiceactionnetwork.org](mailto:noah@justiceactionnetwork.org).