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In Support of SB 698

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Chair Prozanski and Vice Chair Thatcher and Senate Judiciary members,

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony in support of SB 698.

My name is Brett Bray. I have been clean and sober for going on 13 years. I come from generations of addiction and I am the first to see the other side of it, however the stigma is still strong. When I am advocating for myself to level up, my criminal background seems to hold me back. I tried to expunge but they said it would be \$3500. I don't have that kind of money. I feel like what you are doing is so valuable and will help so many, including myself. I work for a non-profit helping others return to society and create a clean and sober life for themselves, this could be so big for all of these participants I work with. Giving them a sense of hope, a light at the end of the tunnel; something to shoot for! Hope! Hope is what we all need and I see this giving so many people hope. Sitting back thinking, "One day, people will look at me differently!". Knowing that could be possible could mean the difference between hard work or working harder.

I urge you to support SB 698. Thank you for your consideration.

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