

WHAT IS CLEAN SLATE ?

PROBLEM

Over 3 MILLION Illinoisans have an arrest or conviction record. This record follows people and exposes them to over 1,000 permanent punishment laws, even if they've never been convicted of a crime. These permanent punishments prevent people from finding good JOBS, HOUSING, EDUCATION, and other BASIC NEEDS.

2.2 MILLION Illinoisans are currently eligible to have their arrests and convictions expunged or sealed. But accessing that relief is complicated and it requires wading through bureaucratic processes and backlogs that can take over TWO YEARS. Given this, 90% of eligible Illinoisans haven't even started the process.

While awaiting relief, Illinoisans are losing out on opportunities for sustainable housing, jobs and higher wages to support themselves and their families. During an era of historic labor shortages and inflation, Illinoisans deserve a clear path to redemption and a better life for themselves and those they love..

\$4.7 BILLION
IN LOST ANNUAL INCOME FOR
PEOPLE WITH ARRESTS &
CONVICTIONS

CLEAN SLATE

Clean Slate will automate the records relief process in Illinois, eliminating court backlogs, creating new opportunities for Illinoisans, and making it easier for qualified individuals to get well-paying jobs. Clean Slate Illinois supports a bill that will:

- Make the petition-based system more efficient
- Automate expungement for misdemeanors and Class 1-4 felony drug possession non-convictions
- Automate sealing for most felony convictions
- Set timetables for automated sealing:
 - Sealing occurs at end of sentence for misdemeanors and Class 2-4 felonies
 - Sealing occurs 3 years after sentence for non-forcible Class X and Class 1 felonies
 - Sealing of all Class X felonies occurs after 10 years
- Creates avenues to ensure that non-citizens can access their sealed and expunged records for immigration purposes



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SUPPORTERS



- ACLU of Illinois
- Center for American Progress
- Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
- Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts
- Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
- Chicago Jobs Council
- Illinois Justice Project
- Safer Foundation
- Illinois Prison Project
- Chicago Votes
- Project Brotherhood
- Ronnies Haven
- Helping Communities Help Themselves
- Challenge II Change
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- Small Business Majority
- Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Criminal Justice Task Force
- Restore Justice
- Transforming Re-entry Services
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- Brothers in Christ
- Life Impacters
- WE Organization
- WTF Organization
- Beyond the Walls
- Alliance for Civic Engagement
- Far South Chicago Coalition
- Peer Plus (Education) Cares
- One Aim Illinois
- Worker's Center for Racial Justice
- Community Advocacy Awareness Network

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