

# Remove Employment Barriers For Ex-Offenders

## For Individuals

- Because** shielding records, expungements and pardons will allow more citizens to become employed and move above the poverty line.
- Because** policy reform can help citizens with criminal records who are Ready, Willing but Unable to work to become employed.
- Because** families, children and communities suffer when citizens don't work.
- Because** employed citizens pay more taxes and fees, buy homes and support the economy and are less likely to recidivate.
- Because** tens of thousands of citizens with criminal records are dependent upon public assistance for life.
- Because** citizens with criminal records are often more motivated and more committed employees.
- Because** public safety increases as employment rates increase.
- Because** public access to criminal records does more harm than good.

### I support:

#### Removing barriers to employment for individuals with criminal records so that:

- Maryland citizens with criminal backgrounds can begin supporting themselves, their families, their children and community.
- Marylanders with criminal records have the opportunity to seek employment based on skill sets, education and experience.
- Maryland will increase revenue by collecting more money and spending less.

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