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**RE: H1433 An Act Relative to Expungement of Criminal or Juvenile Records for
Individuals Who Committed Offenses as Children or Young Adults**
DT: 15 September 2015

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary,

Thank you for hearing *H1433, An Act Relative to Expungement of Criminal or Juvenile Records for Individuals Who Committed Offenses as Children or Young Adults* before your committee on September 16th.

This bill would allow anyone at any age who has a conviction or adjudication in Massachusetts prior to the age of 21 may have their criminal and court records expunged. If there was a sentence or disposition attached that must be completed prior to the expungement. Having a record is a significant barrier to employment. This bill is an opportunity for a person who committed an offense as a youth and has completed their punishment to have a clean slate.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H1433, An Act Relative to Expungement of Criminal or Juvenile Records for Individuals Who Committed Offenses as Children or Young Adults* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Heroux". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Paul Heroux