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Dear Honorable Members of the Board,

Thank you very much for letting us know of your support of a process to allow for expungement of marijuana criminal records.

I am happy to tell you that the comprehensive criminal justice bill passed this year allows expungement of all offenses that are no longer crimes, such as simple possession of marijuana. We hope that this change will allow some people to have more opportunities for employment. This process now appears in sections 100E to 100U of Chapter 276 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Thank you also for your work on local implementation of the adult use marijuana law. The proposed Somerville ordinance is seen by many as a model for the rest of the state, giving opportunity to small entrepreneurs and communities hurt by the war on drugs.

All the best wishes,

Senator Patricia D. Jehlleen
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