

SCRIPT/TALKING POINTS FOR EXPANDING EXPUNGEMENT**

** The term used in Georgia's law is "restriction and sealing" of records, so when talking with elected officials, it's best to use that language.



I am calling to speak with Representative _____/ Senator _____/
District Attorney _____/ Solicitor General _____:

My name is _____ and I am your constituent from _____. I am visiting/calling/writing to urge you to support second chances for Georgians by expanding restriction and sealing of certain convictions.

(Once a bill is called for a hearing in a committee, you can add HB # ____ to this template.)

- Criminal records create lifelong barriers in every area of life - employment, housing, higher education, adoption, licensing, and so many others - no matter how much time has passed.
- Georgia is behind. It's time for Georgia to join the 40 states that allow expungement of certain convictions, following the example of our Southern neighbors in Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Arkansas.
- Research shows that record restriction increases job opportunities, improves public safety, and strengthens the economy.
- A person should not be defined by something in their past for the rest of their life.
- [Briefly share own or your family/community members experiences with barriers to reentry, if applicable.]

Can I count on you to support HB # ____ or another bill that would expand restriction and sealing in Georgia?

Thank you for your time and consideration,

[YOUR NAME HERE]