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**Reps. Anthony, Hope, Attorney General Nessel to Hold Expungement Fair at Cooley Law School**

LANSING (March 1, 2022) -- State Reps. Sarah Anthony and Kara Hope are hoping to help people with criminal convictions get a fresh start. That's why they will host an expungement fair on **March 23, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at WMU Cooley Law School, 300 S Capitol Ave, Lansing**. Attorney General Dana Nessel will take part in this event, which is made possible by Michigan's "Clean Slate" legislation and volunteer attorneys and law students.

"Giving individuals the chance to have their records cleaned up will remove barriers to employment, housing, and economic stability," said State Rep. Hope. "I appreciate the organizations and volunteers who helped make this event possible."

Ingham County residents who want to participate in this event must fill out a screening form [here](#). This form will be available through March 10. Individuals who are eligible for expungement will be contacted by Rep. Hope's office between March 17 and March 22.

"I am proud of the work we have done as a state over the last few years to create a more rehabilitative, person-focused justice system through laws like Raise the Age and expungement," said State Rep. Anthony. "Legislative action is an incredibly important step on this journey, but these changes will mean nothing if we don't help people understand how the law applies to them and support them through the process. The town hall and expungement fair will give people an opportunity."

Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in an informational online event that will take place before the fair. During this event, Attorney General Dana Nessel and representatives from Capital Area Michigan Works! will explain the expungement process. They will also share what to expect during the expungement fair, and they will take questions. This **virtual expungement fair [town hall](#) is March 9 from 6 to 7 p.m.**,

over Zoom and Facebook Live. The town hall can be accessed using this [link](#). It will also be livestreamed and posted on [Rep. Hope](#)'s and [Rep. Anthony](#)'s Facebook pages.

Expungement removes arrests and convictions from a person's public criminal record. Criminal offenses that have been expunged are no longer accessible to employers or landlords. Michigan law has always allowed for expungements, but the Clean Slate legislation enacted in 2020 made more individuals and offenses eligible for expungement.

Under the new law, individuals with up to three felonies and unlimited misdemeanors can have their records expunged. Certain traffic violations and first time Operating While Intoxicated offenses can be expunged. Additionally, misdemeanor marijuana convictions that would not have been considered crimes after recreational marijuana was legalized in Michigan can be expunged. More information about Michigan's new expungement laws can be found [here](#).

Safe and Just Michigan is helping organize and execute this event.

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