

CLEAN SLATE Massachusetts

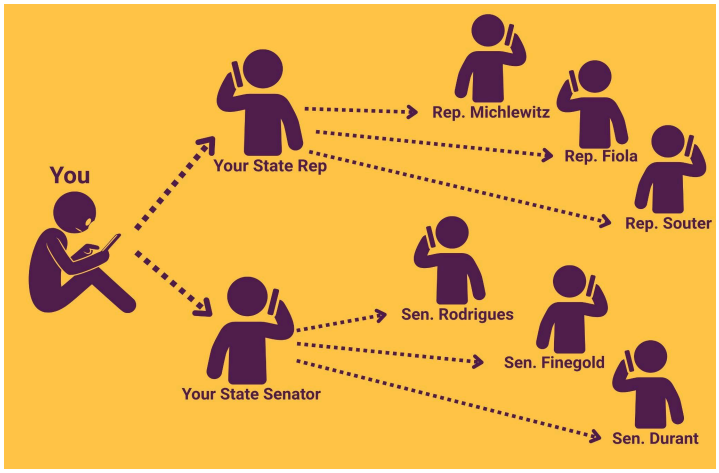
November 2026 ACTION ALERT

Please CALL your State REP and SENATOR at your earliest convenience

We need your help! PLEASE Take Action BEFORE 11/30/26

The MA Senate adopted Senator Cindy Friedman's amendment to add Clean Slate language to the "omnibus" economic development bill. This was an incredible victory, but we still need your help to get Clean Slate automated record sealing over the finish line. We must work quickly to ensure that the Conference Committee **includes** the Clean Slate provision in its final report.

Below are instructions for you to CALL your State Rep and Senator to ask them to reach out to their peers* on the Conference Committee for the Economic Development Bond Bill.



PLEASE MAKE 2 CALLS ***(It only takes a few minutes, so please do it now!)***

Step 1. **Do this on your own time, from your personal phone,** *unless* you are representing your employer, with their approval. This action is lobbying; it will likely take less than five minutes.

Step 2. **Find the phone numbers** for your **State Representative*** and **State Senator**.* *(Not sure which is yours? Check here.)*

Step 3. **Make the calls**; **if you get voice mail**, **you can leave a message like this:**

> Hello, my name is <<<>>>. I live in town/city, and I'm a constituent of Rep/Senator <<<>>>. I'm calling to ask that they contact the Economic Development Conference Committee and urge them to include the Clean Slate automated record sealing language in their final report. I'd really appreciate it if you could let me know—or if they have any questions. My phone number is <<<>>> and my email is <<<>>>. Thank you for your help.

If you reach a person here's a template to use::

> Hello, I'm calling to speak with Rep/Senator <<<>>> or someone from their staff about including Clean Slate language in the Economic Development bill to automate the outdated and inefficient criminal record sealing process. Is someone available to speak with me?

You may get transferred or the person who answers may be the one to talk with. It's unlikely you will speak with the Rep/Senator.

> Great, thank you. My name is <<<>>>, I live in town/city, and I'm a constituent of Rep/Senator <<<>>>.
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> I'm calling because Massachusetts needs a Clean Slate law to help with economic and workforce development. **There is Clean Slate language in the Senate's version** of the Economic Development bill. This language would automate the CORI-sealing process for people who have stayed crime-free and are eligible for sealing after applicable waiting periods.
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> **Can I count on the Rep/Sen. to help get Clean Slate** into the Conference Committee's final report?
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> - Can you let me know what you find out? My phone # is <<<>>>.

- Can I get your name?
- Thank you for your help! Goodbye.

***If you're a constituent of any of the Conference Committee members, please contact them directly and alter your message accordingly**

NOTE:
If there's an opportunity to say more, use any or all of the following talking points:

a. **The Clean Slate language would automate the CORI-sealing process** to seal ***already eligible*** **records** after the required waiting periods—no more red tape.

b. **Criminal records are huge drivers of poverty and unemployment.**

c. Massachusetts faces **workforce shortages** across key industries like healthcare, construction, and technology. Clean Slate would **expand the talent pool** by allowing qualified, job-ready people to fully participate in the workforce.

d. Clean Slate is good for the economy.

e. When more people can work, earn, and advance, **the entire economy benefits through increased productivity, increased consumer spending, and increased tax revenue.**

f. Studies also show sealing of records significantly increases a person's chances of getting a job and **earning higher wages.**

g. Employment is also associated with reduced recidivism.

h. Clean Slate is **a common-sense, proven policy** already delivering results in 14 states (PA, UT, NJ, MI, CT, DE, VA, OK, CO, CA, MN, NY, IL, and MO) plus DC, so far.

i. **An estimated 523,000 people** in Massachusetts are currently eligible to have a sealed CORI but too many barriers stand in their way. That's why we need an automated, 21st century process. It's good government.

j. A Clean Slate law would **remove unnecessary paperwork, delays, and lack of understanding about record sealing** – ensuring people can move forward as soon

as they qualify. Only about 10% of those eligible for sealing actually seal their records and the system has backlogs, problems with lost petitions, and other delays.

k. A Clean Slate law would **remove unnecessary paperwork, delays, and confusion**—ensuring people can move forward as soon as they qualify.

Also: ***Making the Business & Economic Case for a Clean Slate Policy in MA***

****Thank you for taking action to support Clean Slate!****

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