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Senator Luis Sepúlveda Celebrates the Signing of the Landmark Clean Slate Bill (S7551A) by Governor Kathy Hochul

New York, November 17, 2023— This is a historic moment for justice and reform in New York State as Governor Kathy Hochul signs into law Bill S7551A, commonly known as the Clean Slate Bill. This legislative victory represents years of unwavering advocacy and commitment to change, which will positively impact the lives of countless New Yorkers seeking a better future for themselves and their families.

As a staunch supporter of this bill, I am thrilled to witness its enactment. This legislation is a testament to our collective effort to create a more equitable and just society. I extend my deepest gratitude to all who have supported this bill, including Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and the bill's sponsor, Senator Zellnor Myrie. Their dedication and leadership have been instrumental in bringing this bill to fruition.

Why This Bill Matters:

The Clean Slate Bill is more than just legislation; it is a beacon of hope. It acknowledges that individuals who have paid their debt to society should not be forever hindered by their past. A criminal record can severely limit a person's ability to find housing, secure employment, and fully participate in modern society. By allowing for the automatic sealing of certain criminal records, this bill clears a path towards successful rehabilitation and reintegration into society.

As we celebrate this significant milestone, let us continue to work together to build a more just and compassionate New York. The Clean Slate Bill is not just a legislative victory; it's a promise of a brighter future for many.

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