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Public Testimony on S.2800 to the House Ways and Means and Judiciary Committees

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Dear Chair Cronin, Chair Michlewitz, Vice Chair Day, and Vice Chair Garlick,

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We are writing today in support of expanding the existing expungement law (MGL Ch 276, Section 100E) as part of S.2820.

Stop Handgun Violence is a gun violence prevention organization with a long history of education and advocacy for policies that reduce gun violence in Massachusetts. In over 25 years of tackling this problem, it is clear that gun violence is an intersectional issue that requires a holistic approach. This is why our organization joined the Expungement Movement with 90 other local organizations and signed a coalition letter of support for expanding the expungement law.

While we strongly support laws that protect our public safety, we believe that reducing recidivism and removing barriers to employment, education, and housing are key components of a safe and healthy citizenry.

We urge you to consider expanding the existing expungement law (MGL Ch 276, Section 100E) as the House takes up S.2820 to address Racial Justice and Police Accountability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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Stop Handgun Violence
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