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H. RES. 933

Expressing opposition to New York's Clean Slate Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. D'ESPOSITO (for himself, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, Mr. LANGWORTHY, and Mr. MOLINARO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Clean Slate Act was signed into law November 16, 2023, by New York Governor Kathy Hochul;

Whereas this legislation will automatically seal from public view the criminal records of eligible misdemeanors after 3 years and certain felonies after 8 years following the individual's release from incarceration or the imposition of sentence as long as they do not have additional subsequent charges;

Whereas the Clean Slate Act will prohibit many New Yorkers from conducting a comprehensive background check on someone they want to hire to work in their home or at their business;

Whereas the Clean Slate Act will only empower criminals at the expense of New York State law abiding citizens;

Whereas, in 2022, New York City experienced a 22-percent increase in overall major crime compared with 2021;

Whereas one of the government's most important responsibilities is keeping its citizens safe and upholding justice;

Whereas New York has a history of soft-on-crime laws such as cashless bail, eliminating the dangerousness standard, and other harmful policies;

Whereas all employers should be able to access information necessary to make informed hiring decisions for their businesses;

Whereas the New York Police Department already faces budget cuts and hiring freezes, making it even more difficult to combat crime in New York City; and

Whereas New York State should be doing everything in its power to tackle crime and prioritize the public safety of all residents: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) disapproves of the Clean Slate Act; and
- 3 (2) urges New York State to prioritize policies
- 4 that prevent crime, support law enforcement officers,
- 5 and keep all New Yorkers safe.

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