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Statement from Safe & Just Michigan Executive Director John S. Cooper on the final passage of Clean Slate funding bill:

"This morning, the Michigan Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 1077, which funds implementation of Michigan's historic Clean Slate law signed by Governor Whitmer in October 2020. Safe & Just Michigan is grateful that the legislative leadership made this issue a priority during a very busy lame duck session, and thanks the Legislature for its commitment to making Michigan a national leader in criminal record-sealing policy.

Safe & Just Michigan urges Governor Whitmer to sign SB 1077, and begin implementation of the Clean Slate law without delay. Clean Slate will help hundreds of thousands of Michiganders access better jobs and housing, and will improve economic productivity *and* public safety in our state. It truly is a win-win for the people of Michigan."

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