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Statement from Safe & Just Michigan Executive Director John S. Cooper on the Signing of DUI expungement bills:

“Safe & Just Michigan thanks Gov. **Gretchen Whitmer** for signing these popular bipartisan bills, which represent a long-awaited chance for a fresh start for tens of thousands of Michiganders whose opportunities have been limited by a single old DUI conviction,” Safe & Just Michigan Executive Director **John S. Cooper** said. “Drunk driving is a serious problem in Michigan, but permanently limiting a person’s ability to work and drive based on a one-time, decades-old mistake does not make sense. People who can show that their DUI conviction was a one-time mistake should have an opportunity to make a fresh start.”

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