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Media Advisory

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Detroit Pistons Second Chance Summit offers record expungement services, resources for Michigan residents

DETROIT, Mich. – On <u>Friday, March 1, at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit</u>, the Detroit Pistons' Second Chances Summit will take place, bringing opportunities for a fresh start to Michiganders with old criminal records. This event is being hosted by the Detroit Pistons, the National Basketball Social Justice Coalition, Safe & Just Michigan, the City of Detroit, the Michigan Attorney General's Office, Project Clean Slate, the U.S Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan, and other community partners.

Record expungement enables Michigan residents to remove certain past offenses from their public record, and opens the door for opportunities in housing, employment, and more. Under Michigan's "Clean Slate" laws, eligibility was expanded to more than 1 million Michigan residents. Expungement does not apply to offenses punishable by life imprisonment, child sexually abusive material or activity offenses, felony domestic violence, and more (for the full list of excluded offenses, visit michigan.gov/ag/initiatives/expungement-assistance). At the Second Chances Summit, people will receive free help from attorneys to clear these old records and move forward with their lives.

To highlight the importance of expungement and the opportunities it can bring, several dignitaries will speak at 10 a.m. during a welcoming ceremony, including Detroit Mayor **Mike Duggan**, Detroit Pistons Vice Chairman **Arn Tellem**, National Basketball Social Justice Coalition Executive Director **James Cadogan** and more.

As space for the event may be limited, pre-registration is highly recommended. Michigan residents can pre-register using this form. Pre-registration for this event shall remain open until February 19 or until capacity has been met.

WHAT: The Detroit Pistons' Second Chances Summit

WHO: The Detroit Pistons, the National Basketball Social Justice Coalition, Safe & Just Michigan, the City of Detroit, the Michigan Attorney General's Office, Project Clean Slate, the U.S Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan and community partners.

- WHEN: <u>Friday, March 1, from 9 a.m. 3 p.m.</u>, with a <u>welcoming ceremony at 10 a.m.</u> featuring Detroit Mayor **Mike Duggan**, Detroit Pistons Vice Chairman **Arn Tellem**, National Basketball Social Justice Coalition Executive Director **James Cadogan** and more.
- WHERE: <u>Little Caesars Arena, 2645 Woodward Avenue in Detroit</u>. Space for the event may be limited. **Pre-registration is highly recommended.** Michigan residents can **pre-register using** <u>this form</u>. Pre-registration for this event shall remain open until Feb.19 or until capacity has been met.

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