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Dear Morgan:

Kentucky is a wonderful place to live and work. While the state has been experiencing a surge in business investments in recent years, workforce shortages remain a major economic challenge, and employers are likely to continue to struggle to fill open positions. As of April 2023, there were roughly two open jobs for every Kentuckian looking for work. We need common-sense workforce solutions to ensure our state remains a top place to do business.

One such solution is simplifying the expungement process for already-eligible Kentuckians. Automatic expungement will help more than just Kentucky's business community – it will also help moms and dads across Kentucky get back to work. Clean Slate Kentucky will strengthen our workforce and our families.

Clean Slate seeks to automate the sealing of old criminal records for a person who has remained crime-free and seeks to eliminate fees and forms associated with this process, reducing the government's workload and the burden on the person entitled to relief. Currently, the process is costly and time consuming, rendering record sealing inaccessible for those who qualify and who have already paid their price to society. By making the process automatic for those who stay out of the judicial system, we can allow hundreds of thousands of families to gain access to better jobs, housing and education opportunities here in our Commonwealth. This will help boost our economy and help businesses grow.

Fifth Third Bank, Kentucky, stands united in asking the Kentucky General Assembly and Governor Beshear to support businesses and working professionals across the state by passing House Bill 569 and Senate Bill 218.

Sincerely,

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