

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SIXTY-FIRST SESSION**



BILL NO. 61-30

INTRODUCED BY: Rodriguez (RCAH)

SECONDED BY: Lucas (JMC)

A BILL TO: Support and Advocate for the Passage of The Fair Chance Access to Housing Act (HB.4878)

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, The Michigan Fair Chance Access to Housing Act (HB.4878) is a bill that would prohibit landlords from discriminating against potential tenants with criminal convictions; and,

WHEREAS, The bill would limit the use of criminal background checks by landlords in housing applications¹ and prohibit questioning about criminal history with exceptions for federal law requirements or laws related to sex offenders²; and,

WHEREAS, In Michigan, nearly three million people have active criminal records³, and formerly incarcerated people are ten times more likely to be unhoused⁴; and,

WHEREAS, In Michigan, People of Color are disproportionately incarcerated at a rate 6.5 times higher than white people⁵ and landlords often use conviction histories to discriminate against Black applicants,⁶ applying different screening policies to white applicants⁷; and,

WHEREAS, In 2019, Detroit City Council passed Fair Chance at Housing legislation, in 2020, Kalamazoo passed similar legislation, and in 2021 both Ann Arbor and Jackson passed similar legislation⁸; and,

¹ [With HB 4878. Michigan will Lead the Way in Increasing Access to Housing and Providing Second Chances](#)

² [Michigan Legislators Considering "Renters Bill of Rights"](#)

³ [Michigan Clean Slate Setting Aside Convictions without Application](#)

⁴ [Nowhere to Go: Homelessness among formerly incarcerated people](#)

⁵ [Comparing Michigan's total population to its incarcerated population. by race](#)

⁶ [With HB 4878. Michigan will Lead the Way in Increasing Access to Housing and Providing Second Chances](#)

⁷ [Unlocking Discrimination](#)

⁸ [Aiyash Introduces Michigan Fair Chance Access to Housing Act](#)

WHEREAS, In April, Lansing City Council passed a Resolution in favor of HB.4878⁹; and,

WHEREAS, The right to adequate housing is a human right recognized by international law, which includes security of tenure, affordability, accessibility, etc.¹⁰; and,

WHEREAS, Discrimination against formerly incarcerated people is a barrier to housing access, economic stability, and public safety, and contributes to the prison-to-homelessness pipeline¹¹; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall advocate for and support the passage of the Fair Chance Access to Housing Act (HB.4878); and let it be further,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall allow for support to be shown through means such as written statements, letters of endorsement, and advocacy with legislators.

INTRODUCED ON 10.24.2024

REFERRED TO Policy **COMMITTEE ON** 10.17.2024

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN _____ **DATE** _____

COMMITTEE ACTION	<u>X</u>		Voice Majority	<u>10.17.2024</u>
	PASSED	FAILED	VOTE	DATE

FINAL ACTION TAKEN	<u>X</u>		Voice Majority	<u>10.24.2024</u>
	PASSED	FAILED	VOTE	DATE

	
PRESIDENT: Connor Le	VPIA: Kathryn Harding

⁹ [Housing Not Hurdles](#)

¹⁰ [OHCHR and the right to adequate housing](#)

¹¹ [Housing Not Hurdles](#)