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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SCANLON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Access to
5 Justice for Survivors Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. USE OF LEGAL AID SERVICES.**

7 Beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,
8 the Office of Justice Programs or the Office on Violence

1 Against Women, in awarding a grant that may be used
2 for legal representation, may not prohibit a recipient from
3 using the grant for legal representation for post-conviction
4 relief proceedings, including any proceedings relating to
5 vacatur, expungement, record-stealing, or other post-con-
6 viction relief measure.

7 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

8 Beginning in the first fiscal year after the date of
9 enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Execu-
10 tive Office for United States Attorneys shall submit a re-
11 port to the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of
12 Representatives and the Senate detailing —

13 (1) the number of motions, that were filed in
14 Federal court—

15 (A) to vacate;

16 (B) for expungement; or

17 (C) setting forth mitigating factors;

18 and that, but for the application of section 2, would
19 not otherwise have been filed;

20 (2) the underlying crime of each action;

21 (3) the response of the Executive Office; and

22 (4) the final disposition of the motion.