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**Re: OLP Docket No. 100--Comments on the Attorney General's  
Recommendations to Congress about Employment Screening for  
Criminal Records**

Dear Mr. Hertling:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Attorney General's report to Congress on the nation's polices related to criminal background checks conducted for employment purposes (70 Fed.Reg. 32849, June 6, 2005).

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County ("NLS") is a non-profit legal aid organization that provides free legal assistance to low-income people in an array of legal matters, including legal issues affecting workers with past criminal convictions. NLS staffs two workers' rights clinics every week and represents low-wage workers in administrative and judicial proceedings. Last year alone, NLS saw over 1,500 low-income workers from a wide range of industries, including the garment, janitorial, construction, restaurant, and hotel industries. A major part of NLS' work involves assisting workers with criminal record expungements in order to enhance their employability. From our extensive experience providing re-entry









