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RE: Vote for HB1186, Reckless and Negligent Driving – Death of Another – Must Appear Violation

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am writing this to encourage and plead with you to vote in **favor of HB1186, Reckless and Negligent Driving – Death of Another – Must Appear Violation.**

On July 5, 2019, there was a traffic accident involving an automobile driven by a 75-year old man with his wife and 2 grandchildren with him. This car was traveling southbound on Route 1 (Conowingo Road) in Cecil County, Maryland. Traveling Northbound on the same road were 2 motorcycles carrying my daughter and son-in-law on one and my son and his friend on the other. The passengers on the motorcycles were heading to a restaurant to have dinner.

At just about 5:30 PM, the automobile crossed the double yellow line and ran into the first motorcycle carrying my daughter and son-in-law....that motorcycle was rammed into the second motorcycle carrying my son and his friend. I won't go into the details of the complete crash, but 3 medivacs plus an ambulance were called to the scene, and all 4 of the cyclists were taken to hospitals. Three were airlifted with one going to Shock Trauma and the other three going to Christiana Hospital in Delaware.

My daughter went through several surgeries trying to save her from the devastating injuries before she died 3 days later. My son-in-law lost his left arm and left leg. (He was left handed). My son, along with other serious injuries, lost his voice since his larynx was crushed. Even after several surgeries, he has only a whisper at this time. His friend suffered a brain bleed, and she is still out of work and not at full capacity mentally.

The lives of these three people have changed drastically forever as well as the loss of my only daughter. As of this date, we have no information on the cause of the accident. The final detailed crash report has not been completed. We have no answers to many questions. I think it should be mandatory for the persons involved (both sides) to be present in Court. I would like to see the person responsible for this horrific accident – not to blame or judge – but to see how he conducts himself and what he says. I would like him to see me, the mother of a lost daughter. I would like him to see my son-in-law with no left arm or left leg and to see my son who cannot be heard above a whisper. I would like to see remorse – at the least – showing me he understands how his action that fatal day has affected my family.

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I also wish to thank you in advance for voting for **HB1186, Reckless and Negligent Driving – Death of Another – Must Appear Violation.**

Sincerely,

Dolores Thomas