

SB870
Interlock for first time drunk drivers
Favorable Report
Arlene Rosenbusch, District 19 constituent
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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

Please give bill SB870 a favorable report. My sister and brother-in-law were killed by a drunk driver, who did not have any drunk driving convictions on her record. On October 31, 2015 my sister, Lynne Rosenbusch and her husband John Fauerby were carefully riding their tandem bicycle on a country road in Calvert County, Maryland when they were hit from behind by a drunk driver. They were killed instantly. The woman had a blood alcohol of .12. She had no record of previous arrests.

It is important to give first time offenders an interlock device because you are keeping them from killing or hurting others. There is no telling when a drunk driver will kill someone. Chances are the person has been driving drunk before. The Centers for Disease Control estimate that for every drunk driver pulled over the average amount of time they have already been driving drunk is about 80.

Having first time offenders get an interlock device would save them from hurting others, and themselves. Imagine the ripple effect one life has on so many. My sister and brother-in-law left behind a huge community of people who are still grieving for them. Also imagine what the person who caused the deaths has to live with. Nobody wins in this situation.

An interlock device would provide a way to change dangerous behavioral patterns. It is a small inconvenience and price to pay for a life and the the hurt that is felt by so many affected.

My heart and those of my family, friends, and many others are still broken and always will be from a drunk driver. Please help to stop this from happening to others. I hope you never have to experience what I have been through.

I ask for a favorable report.

Sincerely,
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