

March 4, 2020

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I write to urge you to vote in favor of HB1186, Reckless and Negligent Driving – Death of Another – Must Appear Violation.

As an American who has loved motorcycles since the day I could say motorcycle, I have experienced the most heart breaking loss that someone could experience. We all as humans make mistakes, but some have consequences larger than others.

We all lose ones we love in one way or another, my family and I have lost a lot, to the hands of another. The most special person to me was my mother, and at the age of 55 is a very young age to leave this life, due to the negligence of another. My family and I have lost the glue to which we were. The unconditional love that I've lost can never be replaced. With that being said, if the next person felt the way I do in my heart. This bill would mean the world to that family. There are many ways a person could go about justice for their family, it could be negative, another could be positive. The thought of losing multiple people that are closest to you at the same time will change you forever. No court time, jail time or money can bring back what we lost.

Eye to eye contact is all a human needs to feel in their soul, that is true punishment. The main closure that any family needs is to see the one who has crushed their world for the rest of their lives. Any bodily harm caused by another, should see the damage they did whether it be intentional or not.

I don't want this bill to be about my mother, but to honor her, and for her name to live on through others whom may in the future experience a tragic event such as ours. Not to receive some sort of answer other than, We will let you know. I'm sorry, just isn't good enough.

The person who has taken so much from my family will never see the damage they have done. No physical punishment will give back what I've lost, but to help the next family have a better outcome, would mean a lot to them.

We are law abiding citizens, who are not un-experienced riders. Some would say, "it's just another motorcycle accident," no it's not. It is someone altering another's life, in a situation like this. When we ride, we understand the danger we are putting ourselves into, but we cannot anticipate actions of another. For us to leave this world doing what we love, any of us, that is a blessing and our demise, that we cannot alter.

In a small way this has helped me go down the road I have. I can only hope that a bill passed such as this, will help the next grieving person in the shoes I'm in. When the world loses a special person, special things need to happen. I could spend all day telling you why this should pass.

American motorcyclist need this for present and future generations to come. In my mother's name Sherry Ann Zdon, please pass this bill to put Sunshine on this darkness. Sherry's Law needs to exist!

Thank you for your consideration. **Please vote in favor of HB1186.**

Sincerely,
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