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

On 5 July, 2019 in Conowingo, MD I was involved in a motorcycle accident that resulted in the death of my wife Sherry Zdon, and the loss of my left arm above the elbow and left leg above the knee. We were hit dead on by an oncoming vehicle while out for a drive in the late afternoon on Rt 1 near the Conowingo Dam. We were both flown to separate hospitals where my wife later died, and I underwent numerous surgeries and amputations to keep me alive. Two passengers riding another single motorcycle were critically injured as well.

I have no memory of the accident. It was difficult to receive a copy of the initial police report to give me some details of the happenings that occurred. The report is only basic information. I am still waiting on a further detailed crash reconstruction report. I have many questions and still no answers. I have not met or spoken to the party at fault. I have a lawyer and have spoken to the insurance claims representatives but would like to know more.

I understand accidents happen and wish no vengeance on the people that hit me. But, I'd like to meet them to ask questions and I'd like them to meet me and see how my life has drastically changed since that fatal day. Meeting them would possibly bring me some sort of closure and peace. I am curious as well to see what type of ticket or fine they should receive for causing the accident.

Thank you for your consideration. Please vote for HB1186

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Zdon