



# ABATE OF MARYLAND, INC.

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*Dedicated to the Freedom of the Road and Responsible Motorcycle Legislation*

## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr. Chairman and Members of the  
Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Robert Spanburgh, Jr., Chairman of the Board, Abate of Maryland, Inc.

DATE: January 19, 2021

RE: **SB 252 – Reckless and Negligent Driving – Death of Another  
– Must-Appear Violation (Sherry's and Christian's Law)**

POSITION: **FAVORABLE**

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Robert G. Spanburgh Jr. I am the Chairman of the Board for ABATE of Maryland. We are the State's largest Motorcycle Rights Organization.

Since our inception in 1974 our goal has been to lobby for laws, policies and practices that will continue to promote and enhance the enjoyment and safety of motorcycling in Maryland.

We feel that passage of SB 252 has the ability to make our roads and highways safer for all motorists, motorcyclists included.

It is our belief that it is a fundamental right of the families of individuals killed or maimed in motor vehicle accidents to be able to attend court proceedings and actually see the party or parties involved in such accidents. This isn't about blame – this is about healing and closure. Many of the survivors don't know anything about the individual who changed their lives so completely.

With this in mind, we respectfully request a favorable report and committee vote on SB 252. Thank You.