

Dear Honorable Senator Simonaire:

Executive Summary:

I support SB0585

Details:

My name is Lawrence Slattery, brother of Brian Slattery and brother-in-law to Laura Slattery (deceased), my brother's former wife. My wonderful sister-in-law was killed on the night of 7/3/22 by a negligent boater who did not remain at the scene and render assistance. I fully support SB585 as it properly addresses many of the issues that occurred on that night on the waters of the State. This bill will provide potentially lifesaving immediate assistance to the injured parties, prevent the unnecessary expenditure of valuable and limited State resources to locate the involved parties, and minimize the grief and psychological damage to the injured parties, families, relatives, and friends.

I do have concerns regarding 8 [(d)] (E) which states that the required report may not be referred to during any judicial proceedings, is not subject to subpoena, and is not admissible as evidence in any proceeding. This is valuable evidence that can allow appropriate justice to be provided subject to the circumstances. I recommend that the "not" be removed from the first two (2) sentences in this section to allow the report to be utilized in all judicial , subpoena, and evidentiary proceedings. If your staff could explain the written intent of this section, that would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

L. Slattery

8 [(d)] (E) The required report of a boating accident may **not** be referred to during
9 any judicial proceeding. It is **not** subject to subpoena or admissible as evidence in any
10 proceeding. Subject to these restrictions, information contained in a boating accident report
11 and any statistical information based on the report is available on request for official
12 purposes to the U.S. Coast Guard and its successor agency.