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Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee
Maryland Senate
Annapolis, Maryland

Re.: Support of "Homicide or Life-Threatening Injury by Motor Vehicle or Vessel – Parole Eligibility and Penalties," Senate Bill 87, Senator Carozza (R-Somerset, Worcester & Wicomico Counties), et. al

"Maryland will likely surpass 600 roadway fatalities in 2023, the most the state has seen since 2007."

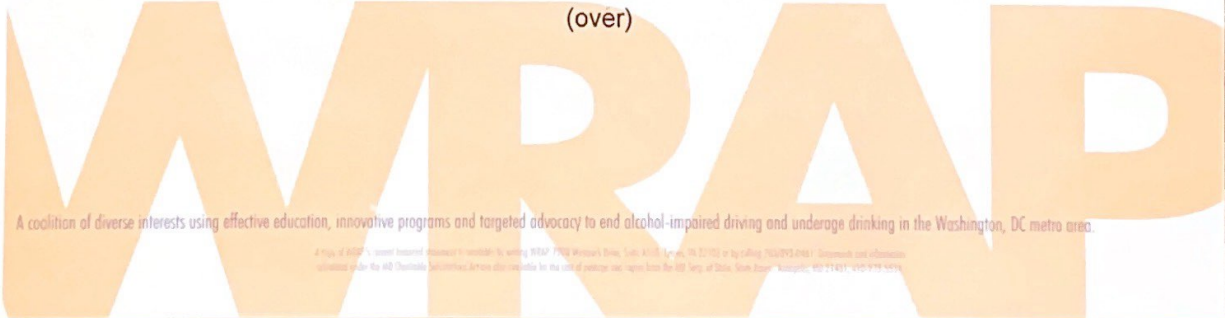
– Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, "Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration Releases Annual Resolutions to Help Marylanders be Road Ready in 2024," December 28, 2023

Dear Senators:

On behalf of the Maryland nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program's (WRAP) Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and the more than six-million Maryland residents we serve in the fight against drunk driving and underage drinking (including having served as project director of both Maryland's Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign and "Maryland Remembers" ceremony), I wanted to formally communicate to you **WRAP's unequivocal support for Senate Bill 87, "Homicide or Life-Threatening Injury by Motor Vehicle or Vessel – Parole Eligibility and Penalties,"** Senator Carozza (R-Somerset, Worcester & Wicomico Counties), et. al.

Succinctly, Senate Bill 87 – in addition to newly making the following offenses "violent crimes" (as well as in an effort to counter existing Maryland sentencing guidelines for said offenses which result in ineffectual, remarkably low incarceration sentences -- increases the "maximum periods of imprisonment" for persons convicted of DUI/DWI homicide (2-503 and 2-504) and life-threatening injuries while DUI (3-211).

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A coalition of diverse interests using effective education, innovative programs and targeted advocacy to end alcohol-impaired driving and underage drinking in the Washington, DC metro area.

A copy of WRAP's most recent financial statement is available by writing WRAP, 7900 Westpark Drive, Suite A550, Tysons, VA 22102 or by calling 703.893.0461. Donations and information requested under the 408 Charitable Solicitation Act are also available for the cost of postage and return from the IRS, State Board of Charities, and 21451 14th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20008.

Kurt Erickson
WRAP President & CEO

As Maryland bore witness to an increasing number of traffic deaths in both 2022 and last year (Maryland Highway Safety Office/MVA) – and that over a quarter of Maryland's roadway fatalities *still* involve drunk drivers (MVA, 2022) – meaningful deterrents and penalties for persons driving negligently and causing either death or serious injury of another are both paramount and overdue.

As a means of better equating sentences with the life-threatening if not lethal crimes, WRAP supports Senate Bill 87 and urges your consideration of favorably reporting said legislation.

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Thank you, in advance, for your consideration. I may be directly reached with any questions at either 703-893-0461 or at kurt@wrap.org.

Cordially,



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