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RE: Senate Bill 565 – Mateo’s Law

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Dr. Rosalynn Gaskins, and I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 565, Motor Vehicles – Accidents – Required Testing for Impaired Driving (Mateo’s Law). As a dedicated high school administrator, a mother, wife and a committed community advocate, I have witnessed firsthand the devastating impact that reckless and impaired driving has on families, students, and our communities.

I have been a close family friend of Mateo Green and have known him through our shared involvement in Scouting. Mateo and my son both achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, a distinction that speaks to their leadership, integrity, and service to others. Mateo’s tragic and untimely passing due to a vehicle accident involving an impaired driver was a heartbreaking loss—not only for his family but for all who knew and loved him.

As an educator, I work every day to guide young people and ensure their safety. It is deeply troubling that under current Maryland law, testing for impairment is not mandatory in accidents involving serious injury or fatalities. With over 500 traffic-related fatalities and 40,000 reported injuries annually in Maryland, this gap in the law undermines justice and accountability. Senate Bill 565 provides a necessary and effective solution by ensuring that individuals involved in such accidents are required to submit to testing, closing a critical loophole in our legal system.

For these reasons, I strongly support Senate Bill 565 and urge all legislators to vote in favor of this bill. It is a necessary step toward making our roads safer, ensuring accountability, and honoring the memory of those we have lost—like Mateo Green.

Sincerely,


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