

WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0068

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Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Destiny E. Floyd, and I submit this written testimony in support of Senate Bill 0068 (SB0068) as a sister who lost her brother in a preventable motorcycle crash. On September 10, 2024, my brother, Donnell G. Floyd Jr., was killed while riding his motorcycle. To the world, he may have been another statistic. To me, he was my big brother, my protector, my encourager, and someone I could always count on. I miss him every day. I miss his voice. I miss his laugh. I miss knowing I could call him just to hear him say my name.

There are moments when the loss hits unexpectedly, in quiet spaces, during celebrations, or when I see something that reminds me of him. Grief does not come and go; it stays with you. Losing my brother has left a space in my life that cannot be filled. What hurts most is knowing that his death did not have to happen. Motorcyclists are vulnerable on our roads. They depend on drivers to be attentive, cautious, and educated. Too often, that awareness is missing. When drivers are distracted or unaware of how to share the road safely with motorcycles, families like mine pay the price.

SB0068 is important because it focuses on prevention. By including motorcycle safety awareness in Maryland's motor vehicle exams, this bill helps ensure that drivers understand the responsibility they carry when sharing the road with riders. It teaches awareness before a license is issued, before life is lost. If greater awareness and education had been required and taken seriously, my brother might still be here today. I cannot bring my brother back, but I can speak for him. I can speak for other sisters, brothers, parents, and families who are living with the pain of a loss that could have been prevented.

I respectfully ask this committee to pass SB0068. Doing so honors the lives already lost and helps protect the families who should never have to experience this kind of heartbreak. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Destiny E. Floyd