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Re: Vote for HB1186, Reckless and Negligent Driving – Death of Another – Must Appear Violation:

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I write to urge you to vote in favor of HB1186, Reckless and Negligent Driving-Death of Another – Must Appear Violation.

On 5 July, 2019 in Conowingo, MD my brother Thomas D. Zdon was involved in a motorcycle accident that resulted in the death of his wife Sherry Zdon, and the loss of his left arm above the elbow and left leg above the knee. He was hit dead on by an oncoming vehicle while out for a drive in the late afternoon on Rt 1 near the Conowingo Dam. They were both flown to separate hospitals where his wife later died, and he underwent numerous surgeries and amputations. Two passengers riding another single motorcycle were critically injured as well.

We don't have many details of the accident. My brother has no memory of that day. It was difficult to receive a copy of the initial police report, but I finally picked one up at the station. The report has only basic information. We are still waiting for a further detailed crash reconstruction report. We have many questions and still no answers. We have not met or spoken to the party at fault. My brother retained a lawyer and has spoken to the insurance claims representatives but we would like to know more.

Passing this bill would give my family the opportunity to meet the party at fault. It would allow them to be put into a court of law to receive some sort of judgement. I'd like to meet them to ask questions and I'd like them to meet my brother and see how our lives have drastically changed since that fatal day. Meeting them would possibly bring me some sort of closure and peace. I am curious as well to see what type of ticket or fine they should receive for causing the accident. Facing the person whom they hurt seems only fair, also.

Thank you for your consideration. Please vote for HB1186

Sincerely,

Julie Zdon Sturek

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