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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.

This law would bring justice, perhaps a sense of closure to the families and loved ones that have suffered a tragedy as well as the survivors who's lives have been forever changed. The person responsible for their despair should have face their consequences and take responsibility for their actions. They should have to hear the testimonies of the families and victims of whom they've harmed. The damage they have caused can not go unnoticed. In turn they should be allowed to offer an explanation but mostly show any remorse they may have.

The last family gathering we all shared together, which was a week prior to their accident, will always be in our memories as a day we celebrated, we laughed, danced and took so many pictures that we now know was a blessing. All of four of them had so much life in them and the love captured in our photos are a gift that we will forever cherish. On July 6, 2019 was one of the worst days of our lives. Receiving a call informing us that there had been a horrific accident and we must get the hospital ASAP was the beginning of the sorrow we will forever have to live with. The evening before the accident, the four of them set out for a beautiful summer ride to have dinner. They never made it to their destination because they were hit head by a car that crossed the yellow line. Uncle Brian was hit causing the handlebars to crush into his neck and chest. His larynx was crushed and had multiple facial injuries among others including terrible road rash. Will he ever be able to regain his voice back? Courtney was thrown 50 feet in the air landing on her head and neck. She is missing a piece of her skull and has brain damage that may potentially be permanent for the rest of her life. Tom was injured so bad that in order to save his life they had to remove his left arm and leg. He has had multiple surgeries and most of all he lost his beloved wife due to this accident. Sherry was in such bad shape that they had to remove her leg in attempt to save her life unfortunately she succumbed to her injuries and lost her life. Our beloved Sherry was a mother, daughter, sister, wife and a wonderful friend. She had so much more life to live. Will their lives ever be same the same?

The person at fault must be held accountable. If a person causes harm to another then they deserve to be punished regardless if it negligent, malicious intent or simply an accident. Our worlds have been forever changed. Our hearts are forever broken and lives have been forever changed. We can not get back what we have lost. The tragedy that we have suffered will never be forgotten therefore the person

involved should have to take responsibility for their actions. The victims deserve justice. We have no choice but to live with the damage this person has caused not only physical but emotionally for our lives have been forever altered. So I urge you to please take this information in to consideration and vote for HB1186.

Sincerely,

Amy M. Shearer