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- Thank you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee for allowing me to testify in support of SB 672. My name is Robin Stimson, Manager of Victim Services, with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). MADD thanks you, Senator Waldstreicher for sponsoring this lifesaving legislation.
- You'll likely hear many stats and numbers during this and other hearings today. It is my hope after this testimony that you remember just two (2) numbers. 100 and zero. 100 because the crime of drunk driving is 100 percent preventable and 0 because the only number that matters at MADD is zero. Zero deaths. Zero injuries. Zero families impacted by impaired driving crashes.
- My role as a proponent for victim rights has provided me the honor of supporting the survivors and families that have been injured or lost a loved one as the result of these horrific crimes. They may come from different backgrounds and stations in life, but they all have one thing in common – **none** of them ever want another person to suffer the pain and loss they have as a result of another's poor choices. It has been my privilege to advocate for them and walk with them on their path toward healing. That includes my presence here today. Ignition Interlock devices are life-saving. They address the 100 and the 0 numbers I just mentioned.
- In 2016, the Drunk Driving Reduction Act, also known as 'Noah's Law,' made Maryland one of 34 states (plus the District of Columbia) to have in-place an all-offender ignition interlock law.
- A Probation Before Judgement (PBJ) allows drunk drivers for a second chance; an important chance at redemption. However, PBJs alone do not always change behavior and reduce impaired driving.
- The interlock allows offenders to remain a part of society and to continue to provide for their families by driving to the grocery store, doctor's appointments or anywhere else. It's a benefit for the offender, as well as for the community-at-large.
- States with mandatory interlock laws saw a .8 decrease in deaths for every 100,000 people each year – which is comparable to lives shown to have been saved from mandatory airbag laws.



- In 2019, 167 people died in drunk driving crashes across the state, which represents 32 percent of all traffic deaths. Increasing the use of interlocks is proven to reduce drunk driving. **Over the past 13 years, ignition interlocks have prevented at least 67,197 attempts to drive drunk in Maryland. Can you imagine how many more attempts to drive drunk will be stopped by enacting this proposal?**
- Maryland already sets mandatory conditions for PBJ's, but fails to include the use of an interlock for every participant. At least eight states require interlocks for PBJ's. The passage of SB 672 would continue to solidify Maryland as a leader in this arena.
- MADD firmly believes that PBJ's allows too many drunk drivers to avoid an interlock and, as a result, avoid to learn how to drive sober.
- Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, please pass this legislation to give your constituents and victims a future of No More Victims © and drunk drivers a true second chance.
- Thank you.

MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS

ONE IS TOO MANY



MADD National President,
Alex Otte
Injured due to impaired
boating crash
in 2010



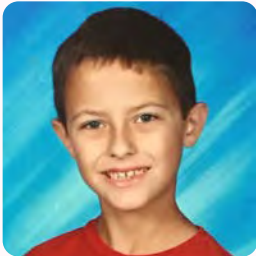
Jami Leigh Smith
Killed by a drunk driver
in 1987



Darius Brown (far right)
Killed by a drunk driver
in 2004
(The entire Brown Family was
injured in the same crash)



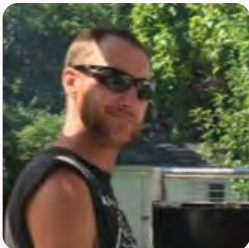
Rory Weichbrod (far left)
Killed by a Drunk Driver
in 2010



Matthew Murphy
Killed by a Drunk Driver
in 2018



The Kalnasy Family
(from left; Katie, Chris and Angie)
Severely Injured Due to an Drunk
and Drugged Driver
in 2016



Joey Meiklejohn
Killed by a Drugged Driver
in 2017



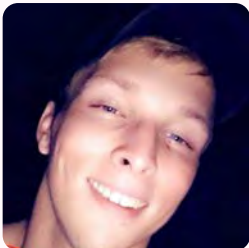
Sgt. Mark F. Parry
Killed by a Drunk Driver
2002



Raymond Quartuci
Killed by a Drugged Driver
in 2018



Karen Joyce Davis
Killed by a Drunk Driver
in 2000



Allen Welch
Killed by a Drunk and Drugged
Driver
in 2019



Raymond McCarter, Jr.
Killed by an Impaired Driver
in 2019



Glenecia Cain
Killed by a Drunk Driver in
1979



Jhoanna Nicole Caballero
Killed by a Drunk Driver
in 2018



Natasha Hudson
Killed by a Drunk Driver in
2018



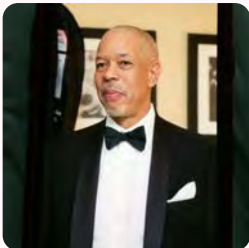
Taylor Halbleib
Killed by a Drunk Driver
in 2017



Ethan Ruefly (center)
Killed by a Drunk Driver
in 2018



Kayla and Daniel Amos
Killed by a Drugged Driver
in 2016



Marc Alexander, Sr.
Killed by a Drunk Driver
in 2020



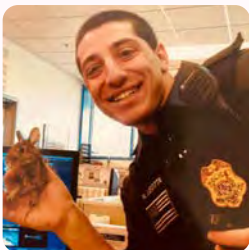
Jon Bos
Killed by a Drunk Driver
in 2020



Christian Guerreiro (center)
Killed by a Drunk Driver
in 2018



The Mejia Family
Twins Alexander Mejia and
Rosalie Mejia, and Isaac Mejia
Killed in 2018
(Parents Alexis and Juanita
survived, but were injured in
the same crash)



Officer Noah Leotta
Killed by a Drunk Driver
in 2015