



ABATE OF MARYLAND, INC.

Dedicated to the Freedom of the Road and Responsible Motorcycle Legislation

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr. Chairman and Members of the
Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Chairman of the Board, Robert Spanburgh Jr., Abate of Maryland, Inc.

DATE: January 17, 2021

RE: **SB0293 – Vehicle Laws - Injury or Death of Vulnerable Individual –
Penalties**

POSITION: **FAVORABLE**

As Chairman of the Board of ABATE of Maryland and on behalf of all motorcyclists in our Great State we endorse passage of Senate Bill 293. Representatives of our organization have testified on behalf of passage of this legislation before.

Although we at ABATE of Maryland do not view ourselves as "vulnerable individuals" we are fully in support of legislation that would require anyone involved in a motor vehicle accident resulting in death or serious bodily injury to be required to appear in court of law. It is our view as an organization that ALL citizens should be afforded the fundamental right to attend court proceedings and actually see the party or parties involved with the loss and/or disfigurement of their loved ones.

We respectfully request a favorable report and vote from the committee for SB 293.