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Members of the Judiciary Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
Annapolis, Maryland

Re.: Support for "Drunk and Drugged Driving – Prior Convictions – Conviction for the Drunk or Drugged Operation of a Vessel," HB 675, Valentino-Smith, D-Prince George's County

**"Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating" incidents."**

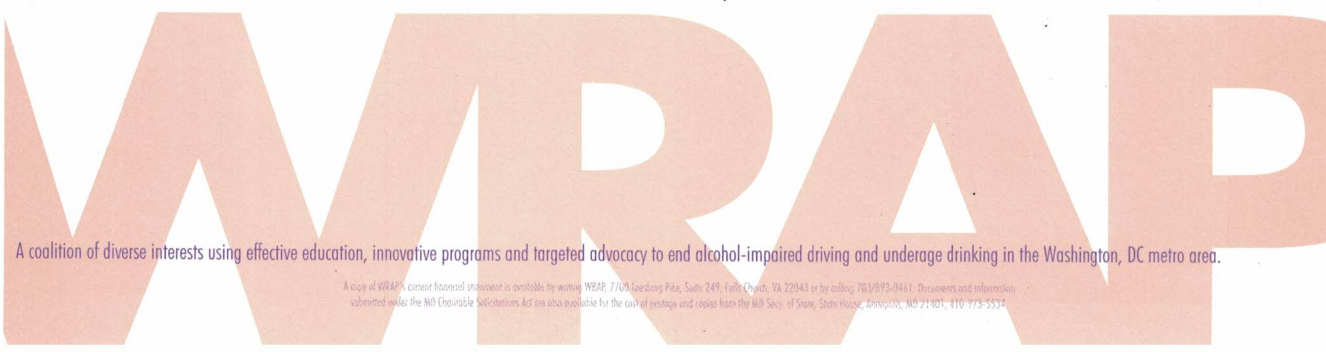
– U.S. Coast Guard ("2019 Recreational Boating Statistics")

Dear Delegates:

On behalf of the Maryland nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program's (WRAP) Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and the more than six-million Maryland residents we serve in the fight against drunk driving and underage drinking (including having served as project director of both Maryland's Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign and "Maryland Remembers" ceremony), I wanted to formally communicate to you **WRAP's unequivocal support for House Bill 675, "Drunk and Drugged Driving – Prior Convictions – Conviction for the Drunk or Drugged Operation of a Vessel" (Valentino-Smith, D-Prince George's County).**

Succinctly, HB 675 proposes to count previous boating under the influence convictions (BUI, Maryland Natural Resources Article 8-738) as prior convictions relative to Maryland's impaired driving statutes (21-902) when it comes to enhanced penalties for second or subsequent violations of Maryland's impaired driving laws.

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A coalition of diverse interests using effective education, innovative programs and targeted advocacy to end alcohol-impaired driving and underage drinking in the Washington, DC metro area.

A copy of WRAP's recent financial statement is available by writing WRAP, 7700 Leesburg Pike, Suite 249, Falls Church, VA 22043 or by calling 703/893-0461. Documents and information submitted under the MOI (Freedom of Information Act) are also available for the cost of postage and copies from the MOI Secretary, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401, 410-733-5532.

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While I look forward to better equating the two crimes when it comes to the uniform imposition of sanctions for either at this Wednesday's Judiciary Committee hearing on such, quite simply, impaired driving is impaired driving whether it be on land or water. Driving or boating under the influence are criminal behaviors which far too often have deadly consequences.

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In a state where nearly one-third (32%, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, "Overview of Motor Vehicle Crashes in 2019") of traffic fatalities still involve drunk drivers, the Maryland nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program supports House Bill 675 as a means of equitably applying the state's DUI and BUI laws.

In as much, we thank you, in advance, for your consideration of favorably reporting this potentially lifesaving legislation. I may be directly reached with any questions at either 703-893-0461 or at [kurt@wrap.org](mailto:kurt@wrap.org).

Cordially,



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President