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**Support HB 932** Drugged Driving - Controlled Dangerous Substance Testing  
- Authorized Police Officers

Chairman Clippinger, Vice Chair Atterbeary, and my fellow Judiciary Committee Members,

Last year I sponsored this legislation as HB 1334. The cross filed bill passed the Senate but it did not get through the House before session ended early due to COVID. This bill has no fiscal impact and would simply clarify some confusion about whether the police can get warrants for blood from suspected drunk or drugged drivers.

Currently, Only Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) can request consent for a blood sample from a suspected drug impaired driver but there are only 183 DREs statewide. If a DRE is not available, a driver can't even be requested to consent to a blood to test for drugs or illegal controlled dangerous substances. There are over 1000 ARIDE certified Officers who could perform the tests. ARIDE stands for The Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement. This legislation would simply give the ARIDE certified officers the ability to utilize the detection skills and testing capabilities that they have learned to get the impaired driver off the street.

I urge a favorable report of this legislation that would improve public safety for all Marylanders by getting more drugged drivers off the roads. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren C. Arikan".

Lauren C. Arikan

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