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Re: Vote for SB25/ HB7 year 2022, Reckless and Negligent Driving – Death of Another – Must Appear Violation:

Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I write to urge you to vote in favor of SB25/HB7 year 2022, Reckless and Negligent Driving-Death of Another – Must Appear Violation. (Sherry and Ryan and Christopher's Law)

On 5 July, 2019 in Conowingo, MD my son, Thomas D. Zdon, and his wife, Sherry A Zdon, were involved in a motorcycle accident that resulted in the death of my daughter in law Sherry , and the loss of my son's left arm above the elbow and left leg above the knee. They were hit dead on by an oncoming vehicle while out for a drive in the late afternoon on Rt 1 near the Conowingo Dam. They were flown to separate hospitals. Sherry later died at Christiana Hospital in Delaware, and my son underwent numerous surgeries and amputations at Shock Trauma in Baltimore, MD. Two passengers riding another single motorcycle tandem were critically injured as well and flown to Christiana and Johns Hopkins Hospitals.

Our family has very little details about the accident. We have the generalities, like date, time, the party's involved, etc...but no other information. It is heartbreaking. My families' lives have changed forever as we grieve the loss of Sherry, and rearrange our lives to take care of my now crippled/disabled son. Our unanswered questions consume us. I wish to meet these people who caused this accident.

I understand accidents happen and wish no vengeance on the people that hit him. But, I cave details and would like to meet the party at fault to ask questions about the day. I'd like for them to see my son and meet my family and see how this single horrific incident has drastically changed our lives. Meeting them would possibly bring me some sort of closure and peace. I am curious as well to see what type of ticket or fine they should receive for causing the accident. Why should the party at fault not have to appear in person for a sentence or fine? This makes no sense to me. Even accidentally killing someone should warrant an appearance in court and provide an opportunity for the injured party to "see" them.

Thank you for your consideration. Please vote for SB25/HB7 year 2022.

Sincerely,

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