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RE: Senate Bill 25 – Reckless and Negligent Driving – Death of Another – Must-Appear Violation (Sherry's and Christian's Law)

Dear Committee Members:

I request your support for SB 25. The purpose of this bill is to require that a person must appear in court on charges of reckless and negligent driving when the conduct giving rise to the violation contributes to a fatal accident. This ensures that the charges are reviewed by a judge in a public courtroom for adequacy and fairness. It also promotes a sense of justice and closure for survivors as a driver whose actions caused someone to lose their life should not be able to simply pay a fine and move on with their own life without facing the victim's survivors.

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Robert G. Cassilly Senator, District 34