

March 7, 2023

The Honorable Will Smith
Chairman, Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

The Honorable Luke Clippinger
Chairman, Maryland House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chairman Smith and Chairman Clippinger:

When you are debating the merits of Senate Bill 528 and House Bill 451, requiring drunk drivers arrested for a first offense DUI who are sentenced to probation before judgment (PBJ) to complete 180 days on an ignition interlock device (IID) as a condition of their probation, I want you to consider the lives of those lost and those left behind due to the decision a drunk driver made.

June 5, 2021 my life was forever changed by the death of my son **Noah**. He was killed in a car crash caused by a drunk driver.

Noah was a United States Marine home on leave after his first deployment. I struggle to find the words to perfectly describe him, as I will not be able to truly capture his spirit, his zest for life, his charm and his unwavering loyalty and dedication to family and friends.

Noah is the ultimate victim, he is gone. He has been robbed of a life, a life full of love, laughter, and every extraordinary experience yet to be had, every goal yet to be dreamed.

But there are so many more victims of his preventable death, people left behind, those forced to navigate a new life without him.

The grief caused by the death of my son **Noah** is debilitating; adding the knowledge that his death was 100% preventable is abhorrent. If the driver had not gotten behind the wheel, if he had not started the car... These are the thoughts that will forever haunt me.

I ask that you please support and vote in favor of Senate Bill 528 and House Bill 451. You've been provided with statistics that show the IID has been proven to save lives. Please help save lives.

Sincerely,
Megan Moore
Noah Blonder's Mom