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Members of the Senate,

I am writing today in support of SB26.

I am a bereaved mother, Rosa Quartuci. My husband Raymond and I lost our beloved son Raymond Jr and our daughter Angela lost her only sibling on April 26, 2018 when a drugged woman passed out behind the wheel of her suv and crashed into the uber where our son was a passenger.

Ray moved to Maryland with his fiancé. They were both well employed and decided after renting for a year to purchase a home in Crofton Maryland He wanted to belong to a community. He felt Crofton was about family and friends.

The day of the accident he hired an uber to get him home safely, he didn't want to risk driving after his eye exam because his eyes were dilated. He did the responsible thing. He trusted the state of Maryland, He trusted Anne Arundel County. He believed in the community and the people of Crofton, this was where he planned on building a life and raising a family, he was getting married in a few short months. He didn't plan on being killed on Route 3 by a woman who routinely drove impaired and was caught several times prior and never suffered any consequences. She brazenly drove drugged after killing my son and was passed out once again, not deterred from living her high life. No fear of consequences, SB26 must be passed.

As a family we suffer deep agonizing pain to this day everyday. A loss that will never heal. Our family was forever altered, our son's life and future stolen.

You will never know how important passing SB26 is unless you personally suffer this preventable senseless loss.

SB26 must be passed to help protect the citizens you serve. The state of Maryland and Anne Arundel County need to make sure that your citizens are safe on the highway.

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When decent honest hardworking and loving men and women decide to choose your community to live in, they should be making the best decision of their lives, NOT THE WORST!

Pass SB26.

My son deserved to live out his joyful life, my family deserved the generations of life and blessings he added. Our lives should have been different, we should be celebrating his birthday next week with family, not at the cemetery.

My son deserved to live, his loss and our loss was your loss.

I will never forget how the states attorney and her staff fought to give us some justice. I am forever grateful to her.

But the laws are flawed and we were not satisfied that the punishment fit the crime.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of my Ray

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