

Greetings,

My name is Giselle A. Mörch, I reside in Silver Spring, Maryland (Montgomery County). I am in support of **SB0684 Criminal Procedure- Victims' Rights – Notification of Release From Confinement** and here's why.

At the age of 19, I was a victim of rape. My concern was that people would ask "What did you do?" when I did nothing.

While I was in my early 30's I married my first husband and was a victim of domestic violence ( physical, mental, emotional, verbal threats etc..). He is incarcerated without the eligibility for parole. At his sentencing he was ordered to have no communications with my family. Since this was court ordered and by him being incarcerated my family and I felt safe and could go about our daily lives. But, for the last several years he has been sending letters to the house. Each time, I or another family member would mark on the unopened envelop "Refused, not supposed to communicate" but the letters continued to be mailed from the correction facility to my home. The only way the letters ceased from coming was when another family member contacted the authorities and informed them that this was in violations to what they ordered and how could this happen when it was stated in court and in the legal documents. The system failed me and my family. The system waits for something to occur to then act instead of prevention it waits for the problem. So, finally the last letter from him stopped coming last year (2022). The system failed me by allowing him to even send letters to our address knowing that he was not allowed to do so.

In my 50's my current husband's only offspring (son) and daughter-in-law was killed in a tragic car accident that left behind children. The driver who killed my stepson and daughter-in-law was never sentenced and is freely living his life, while other families has had their life forever altered.

The reason that I am here also happened while in my 50's. My only son, Jon-Christian Kemachet-Webster a.k.a Jaycee Webster (to be known henceforth as Jaycee Webster) was murdered in our home. The individuals involved were 1. Intended target who stayed behind and gave names (Max). 2. The driver who drove the individuals to the house, drove the gunman and dragged me (Réquan). 3. The robber who was arrested at his job the very next day without any remorse (Oliver). 4 the gunman who was released from Prince Georges County jail and 7 days later my son was executed gunshot wound to the chest (Brian) .

As a victim for the incident involving the murder of my son, Jaycee Webster. The day after my son was murdered, I went on the local news channel and set myself up for the 3 individuals (driver, robber & gunman) to come after me. The local law enforcement was in the area knowing that I set myself up. They provided the protection needed at the time. An office duty police officer was kind enough to escort me to the hospital where my deceased son was at. Before the sentencing of the 3 individuals, a victim's impact statement was written for each of the 3 individuals. As a victim, I had to experience not being able to verbalize (make a sound) while in the courtroom. I had to suffer the brutal execution of my son to then must not make any painful sounds. I had to be as if I had no feelings for what happened to my son.

I am not the only victim involving the murder of my son Jaycee Webster. The list of victims impacted and involved in his assassination is rather long. To begin, those that was in the house to hear the shocking gun shots includes my father (deceased), sister, daughters as well as a 3-year-old grandchild. We all suffer from PTSD so imagine hearing fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July or a noise from a vehicle. Imagine one of my daughters the mother of the 3-year-old grandchild while viewing his uncle's body at the funeral home and saying, "Goodbye uncle Jaycee". That same 3-year-old grandchild will be 10 years old this year. Imagine the cost for therapist to make this poor child as well as other victims feel safe and whole again. Then there's my other daughter whose son will never get to know his uncle. Her brother was her best friend and now he was taken from her. She has since birthed a son so now I have another Jaycee as she name her son after our beloved Jaycee

Now comes Jaycee's two friends that just pulled up in their car to the house. Imagine what they experienced when they saw me chasing after the gunman and being dragged by the getaway car. Imagine what they experienced when one of the friends came in the house and was assisting Jaycee's sisters with medical attention.

Imagine, when the police came having to be placed in a separate room and not being able to see your child being carried out of the house. Victims, being placed in a room while my son was carried out as a victim. Victims being victimized for being a victim.

The other victims would be a brother who could not do anything as he heard the words of what happened as he lives in another place. His feeling of feeling helpless to protect and comfort his family. Another sister who was at work at the time that rushed from work to get to the hospital and could not be with her nephew nor with me as I was in another room in the hospital where I was taken to have the hospital staff as well as detective inform me that my son is gone, and his body must now go up to forensics.

Imagine Jaycee's other friends who received word of his passing and came to the hospital to surround me and the shock on each and everyone's face.

Imagine the neighbors that new Jaycee and the family all victims. Imagine our community of neighbors, our church, synagogue, mosque families. The extended families of cousins, close friends, our co-workers and physicians, old schoolteachers the list goes on but these are all victims. Victims in knowing and having a relationship with the victim.

What about my family, Jaycee's friends as well as the various organizations representatives from Mother's of Murdered Sons and Daughters, No Other Mother, Deep Forgiveness, Coalition of Concerned Women and countless other organizations who came to each of the sentencing. Who's face the driver, robber and gunman has seen them in court. These representatives for Jaycee are all victims. Jaycee was the first of his friends to be murdered to die violently. These young people have been victimized and still trying to deal with that.

I recall at one of the parole board hearings, the robber was denied parole because he did not do all that was required of him, so parole was denied. Then, in June of last year I receive a letter informing me that the robber (Oliver) will be released in the very early part of August. The letter then informs me that if I have concerns for my safety that I should notify my local authorities. Why was I not informed perhaps in January instead of in June? What if the mail did not finally arrive to me until July? What about the other

victims (other family members, friends, organizations, anyone that the robber ~his family and friends could identify or connect with Jaycee) would they retaliate on them? Does the law enforcement have enough man/woman power to come quickly to my defense? Would there be a biased opinion of what I might have done to bring it on myself? Would this be like the case of my ex-husband where it falls through the system again until something awful happens to awaken the eyes? Would it be like my husband where nothing happened to the driver that killed my stepson and daughter-in-law? Would it be like the other parents from different organizations that want justice for their loved ones only to see what this justice really looks like?

It is often said that a criminal gets more than a victim and that is very true. A criminal does the crime. A criminal is caught. A criminal plays the system by his/her good behavior act just to reduce his time. A criminal gets credit for time served. A criminal can grin or do whatever in court. To a criminal, being released from a correctional facility is a badge to indicate just how tough there are. It's now time to show how tough the victims have always been. Now let's look at the victim. A victim identifies the body or see's the crime taking place. A victim writes their victims impact statement, testifies. A victim must live their lives without their loved one. A victim and their families get life. Jaycee body is serving life in the grave while his spirit is living life in heaven with God, Jesus, the angels, and other loved ones.

This bill is important to me as my Jaycee has always been the defender of the weak. He has been the defender in the family. He has been the one that would say that he's going to do it so that the other person does not get hurt even as a result that it cost him his life.

At one of the sentencing's, I remember one of the state attorneys telling me that if you want to change the outcome you have to change the law.

One of Jaycee's sayings was that "I may not change the world, but I want to inspire many." I am here in hope's that you can help me honor my son by in fact being a change agent in the state of Maryland by changing the law to be more towards the victims. The change to victims by supporting SB0684 by giving Victim's Rights – Notification of Release From Confinement a yes vote to protect victims, protect our community.

I hope that you will be inspired to help victims from knowing that they will not always be a victim. I hope to inspire you to not treat a victim as a victim and for victims to know that they will rise above this and not be known as a victim.

Thank you,

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