

Dear Distinguished Senators and House Delegates of the Judiciary Committees,

My name is Giselle A. Morch of Silver Spring Maryland a constituent in District 18.

I am writing to ask that you please support the Crime Procedure Victims' Rights Notification of Release From Confinement (Jaycee Webster Victims' Rights Act). In the Senate this bill is SB0004 and in the House HB0115.

In 2017, my only son Jaycee Webster was a victim of murder. I recently went through the ordeal of being notified by the Parole Board and Commissioners office via a note that was mailed to me that one of the perpetrators in my son's murder will be released that following month (I received the June letter in mid June alerting me that this individual will be released on August 1st of the same year).

When my son was murdered, I went on television and threatened the perpetrators by saying " I saw what you did now you must come after me and may God get you". Please keep this in mind when seeing in the note from the Parole Board and Commissioners office that they now have no part in what happens and if I feel threatened to contact the police. A police force that is in need of course for more police officers.

My line of work is in customer service where we do not use 1-800 numbers . The use of 1-800 numbers is not appropriate for life crisis situations where needing to speak to a representative in a delicate matter such as a release of a perpetrator whose victim is deceased. A victim whose mother mentions about coming after her solely to set herself up for your capture places her in a danger situation. This situation requires the victim to have access to a live person to help. This situation requires being notified months (such as January) of a criminal being released so the victim can make arrangements for his or her safety.

I believe that this bill Jaycee Webster Victims Rights Act fights for victims to be safe in their community. It makes sure that law enforcement is not overwhelmed. It will allow Victims to not feel as if they are at fault. It allows Victims to not feel victimized.

What would happen if the perpetrator was to next take my life or that of my family? What would happen if one of their friends/ associates were to do bodily harm? Would my family then receive another note from the Parole Board and Commissioners office similar to this one if I was to be murdered next because of the insensitivity to Victims? This would mean that my daughters would be a victim from what happened to there brother and now a victim by what the system allowed to happen to there mother (me).

I ask you to be on the side of a victim and support SB 0004 (Senate) and HB0115 (House).

Maryland is a wonderful state that sets the example for all of the other states to follow.

As Jaycee would say" I may not change the world but I want to inspire many." My other was not a change maker but you are , he has inspired many and I know with your support of this bill you too can be a change agent and inspire many. You too can show Victims that you can.

Thank you,
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