

Mateo law support letter January 28, 2025

My name is LaTanya Farish Robinson, I am a concerned citizen and long-time friend of Matéo Green's family.

Currently, laws allow individuals to drink alcohol and smoke marijuana. These are mind altering drugs especially when used in excess. Individuals have difficulty making good decisions when under their influence.

If inebriated, a person should not be behind the wheel of a car driving on roadways. An officer of the law should be able to pullover and test individuals for impairment if observed in a vehicle speeding or idling between lanes. Any unsafe maneuvers may cause an accident. In the event of a vehicle accident, drivers should be required to submit to a blood and breath test for impaired driving.

My family was devastated by the death of Matéo Green. My two sons, Christopher and Casby were playmates of Matéo, as toddlers. Then, classmates in school.

Matéo lost his life in a car crash. The driver was not required to submit to a test for impairment, at the time of the accident.

A few years ago, I was involved in a crash when another driver chose to speed through a red light. She ran her vehicle into mine and drove her severely damaged vehicle to a nearby gas station. Subsequently, the driver attempted to run away but was overcome by an epileptic seizure. The police wrote a report indicating that the driver had an odor of alcohol but she was allowed to leave the scene.

Something must be done to hold drivers accountable for driving impaired. I support the Matéo Law requiring any person involved in a vehicle accident to be tested for impairment. This law is for the safety of all Marylanders.

Sincerely,

LaTanya Farrish Robinson