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**Written Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 123**

Chairman and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

I am Senator Simonaire presenting SB 123.

This is a sponsor only hearing as this is consensus legislation with no known opposition and passed unanimously last year.

This year I have a crossfile to avoid delays at the end of session.

If you will recall, my constituent came down and shared how he lost his wife due to a brutal hit and run incident on the Magothy River, and how that exposed the unfairness between the same incident occurring on water verses on a street.

This bill simply mirrors the Hit-and-Run penalties we have in Transportation Article (20-102, 20-104) into the Maryland Boating Act.

This bill creates parity with vehicles and vessels regarding hit-n-run by mirroring the Transportation Article for the Natural Resources Article.

While this bill will not affect my constituent, it will be very meaningful to those in the future.

I ask for your favorable consideration.