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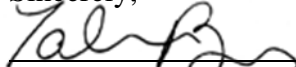
RE: Senate Bill 565

To whom it may concern,

My name is Tabitha R. Brown of the Law Offices of Tabitha R. Brown serving individuals, families and businesses across the state for over two decades. I respectfully submit this written testimony in favor and support of **SENATE BILL 565, Motor Vehicles – Accidents – Required Testing for Impaired Driving (Mateo’s Law)**. I have been a resident of Maryland for over 25 years. As a wife, mother of four, business owner, and very active citizen in the community—I am all too familiar with the news of very serious and sometimes fatal accidents across the state. In April of 2024, I was personally impacted by the loss of Mateo Green in a vehicle accident driven by an individual under the influence. Upon learning that the driver’s blood alcohol level was not taken at the scene, I researched the applicable laws and was very surprised and deeply dismayed to learn that screening was not mandatory in accidents with fatalities or serious injuries. There are over 500 fatalities as a result of car accidents in Maryland each year and over 40,000 reported injuries from car accidents in Maryland annually. This bill is an effective solution to address the problem because it states that a person “**shall be required to submit...to a test**” unlike the subjective language that exist today. This will lead to more just outcomes in the related cases.

For these reasons, I emphatically support **SENATE BILL 565, Motor Vehicles – Accidents – Required Testing for Impaired Driving (Mateo’s Law)** and urge all legislators to vote in favor of the bill.

Sincerely,



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