

It has been 30 months since my mom was killed in a boating accident. The boat at fault landed on top of my parents' boat. My mom was crushed.

It was not a minor accident that someone could mistakenly boat away from. Even if, as the driver of that boat claims, he did not know at the time that anyone had been hurt, he knew that his boat landed on top of another boat. And he actively chose to leave the scene. In fact, he left the scene and admitted under oath that he nor his boating companion ever called the police.

I have written many letters and statements with many different approaches in the past 30 months; to speak at her funeral, send into different court proceedings, to her killer's parole board, and now to you.

My family's story doesn't end with justice or closure.

I understand the collision was an accident. Leaving the scene was a choice.

Maryland is a state known for its water access and boating communities. Maryland should have laws in place that equate collisions, deaths, hit and runs, and general safety with the laws in place for the same situations on land.

I support Bill HB676.

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