

- Dear Maryland Judicial Proceedings Committee,

I hope this letter finds you well. I want to thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Prayerfully, my family and I can get a positive outcome.

July 9, 2022, Jamari Duckett became a victim from the hands of a drunk driver. Jamari, unfortunately passed away. Jamari is the 9th family member who has lost their life due to a drunk driver, with Jamari being the youngest. Seeing Jamari lay in that hospital bed, face disfigured, head swollen, laying there lifeless, will be a image I will live with for life. How can someone be that irresponsible? Jamari was young, vibrant, a law abiding citizen. To die in such manner as he did, leaving a tremendous impact leads me to asking you to consider increasing the maximum penalty for manslaughter by vehicle or vessel.

Increasing manslaughter by vehicle or vessel will help people who do drink and drive think twice and be more responsible and not do so. There are people in my community who have killed and injured their own children drunk driving, walking free with bare minimum consequences. It's not fair to the victims, the families and more than likely, they will do it again, causing yet another untimely death. We have to take more action and hold these offenders accountable.

Thank you for taking the time out to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Dana Goldsby