Written Testimony in Support of SB0068, The D TORCH Road Safety Act

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Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Tracy Richardson, and I am submitting this testimony in support of Senate Bill SB0068, the D TORCH Road Safety Act, as the aunt of Donnell G. Floyd Jr., known to many as TORCH.

I am writing this letter to provide a character testimonial for my nephew, Donnell Floyd Jr., whom I have known since the day he was born. I had the opportunity to watch him grow from a young boy into a teenager, then into a man and a father. He was an outstanding man who cared deeply about his family and the people around him, and he made a positive impact on the community we live in.

On September 10, 2024, our family lost Donnell in a motorcycle crash. Losing him has been heartbreaking for all of us. What makes this loss even more difficult is knowing that crashes like the one that took his life are often preventable when drivers are better educated and more aware of how to safely share the road with motorcyclists.

I know my nephew would be proud of our family for supporting the D TORCH Road Safety Act, because it is important that all drivers understand their responsibility in helping riders make it back home safely to their families. This legislation promotes awareness, responsibility, and prevention, and it has the potential to protect countless lives across Maryland.

SB0068 is not just about motorcyclists, it is about safety for everyone who uses our roadways. When drivers are more informed, communities become safer, and families are better protected from preventable loss.

I respectfully ask the committee to support Senate Bill SB0068 so that fewer families experience the pain our family now carries every day.

Respectfully submitted,

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