

**To: The Senate Judicial Proceeding  
Committee**

**From: Idelsa Perez-Rodriguez**

**Date: January 20, 2025**

**Position: SUPPORT**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of Senate Bill 66 (JAMARIS LAW) . My name is Idelsa, and I am a resident of St. Marys County. I am here to urge you to pass this legislation to ensure that drunk drivers who endanger our lives face consequences that reflect the severity of their actions. If you look at statistics, it has been proven that drunk drivers will repeat their poor choices. According to MADD in 2024 there were 12,429 alcohol impaired fatalities. 12,429 where families were destroyed and left emotionally and financially drained.

Current sentencing laws do not reflect the severity of drunk driving. Lengthening the sentencing will protect our future from repeat offenders and instill an outlook that says we do NOT STAND with drunk driving as a small offense, there is nothing small about taking a life where a different choice could have kept everyone safe. With this bill we can send a message that we will no longer tolerate this wreckless and deadly behavior.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Respectfully ,

Idelsa Perez-Rodriguez