

Testimony of Jacki Cosner
In support of Jamari's Law 2026

My name is Jacki Cosner and I am submitting my testimony in honor of my daughter and son in law, Kayla and Daniel Amos, who were killed by a driver under the influence on February 14th, 2016. They were just 20/21 and out to celebrate a day full of love and their 6 month wedding anniversary and the beginning of a life together they had planned with the joy and vitality of young adults and the minds and hearts ahead of their time. Kayla had just finished a 4 yr degree at Liberty University, in just 2 yrs, and Magna Cum Laude of her class with hopes of opening her own coffee shop. Dan was pursuing his passion and working in ministries at their church. But their future was cut short on that Sunday evening when they did not reach their house, but they did go home to the Father.

After a night of indulging and no sleep, this person made the decision to drive and ended up hitting my children in a head on collision as she dozed at the wheel. Their car was flipped and both trapped. Dan died at the scene and Kayla was flown out to Baltimore. After finally making the 2 hour drive to see her, we were lead into a small room and told it was not a survivable injury. Only medical science was keeping her alive and after several hours we made the decision to give Dan back the hand we had just given him with our blessing, just 6 months earlier.

Over the next few months we learned things that made our shattered hearts go from sorrow to rage. The future of these two young newlyweds, our children, had been taken by someone with a history of substance abuse and vehicular incidents. Several stints in rehab over the years and recent run-ins with police in driving situations in December and January with basic slaps on the wrists after both of those encounters, she did not think twice about getting behind the wheel of a 5000lb weapon ultimately taking the lives of two innocent victims.

After six months in a detention center, she was released on home arrest with an ankle monitor. When we finally went to sentencing, she accepted a plea citing "first time offense". Technically yes, first time she killed, but should that even be a guideline? How many times before we say enough and they are held accountable to full extent? Well she was given a max of 10 yrs for each victim, suspended 6 of each, so sentenced to a total of 8 yrs in prison which she served 4 of after good behavior. And one of those was the combined 12 months of detention center and home arrest as that is considered by the state as incarceration. She entered Jessup prison on June 10th, 2017 and was released on March 3, 2020 with 5 yrs of probation. That is over now for her and her life continues while I struggle to accept 10 yrs without my daughter and son in law. And that will never change.

I ask that you be change and pass Jamari's Law and hold accountable those that do not have the common consideration of others on the road. Hold accountable those that feel they are invincible. Hold accountable those that feel personal decisions have no bearing on those around them. The person that killed my children was asked by a friend on February 12th if she had killed anyone yet making bad decisions...two days later she did. Something must be done to make them think twice before turning a car into a possible weapon. I ask and pray you "seek justice" for actions, "have Mercy" for those needing help, "walk humbly" knowing you made a decision that assures others see that no one is beyond the unthinkable. No one is invincible.

