



AAA's Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 114
Motor Vehicles - Accidents - Required Testing for Impaired Driving (Mateo's Law)

Sponsor: Delegate Allen

- AAA supports **HB 114 - Motor Vehicles - Accidents - Required Testing for Impaired Driving (Mateo's Law)**, requiring anyone involved in a fatal motor vehicle crash or one with that results in life-threatening injury to submit to breath and blood testing for potential alcohol and/or drug impairment.
- According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ([NHTSA](#)), in 2023, 12,429 people died in alcohol-impaired driving traffic deaths.
- In every state, it's illegal to drive drunk, yet one person is killed in a drunk driving crash every 42 minutes in the U.S., according to [NHTSA](#).
- Last month, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety (AAAFTS) released a **report** revealing that while risky driving behaviors remain widespread, Americans strongly support a range of impaired-driving countermeasures that could significantly reduce fatalities.
- The results highlight a clear pattern: even as some drivers continue to take dangerous risks, most Americans want stronger safeguards that prevent impaired driving, including advanced vehicle technologies and more protective legal standards.
- Findings from the AAA Foundation survey:
 - **93%** say driving after drinking is very or extremely dangerous, yet **7%** say they did so in the past 30 days, which is troubling.
 - **67%** support requiring all new cars to include alcohol-impairment prevention technology.
- Requiring anyone involved in a fatal motor vehicle crash to be tested for impairment is an important step to saving lives on Maryland roads.
- We thank this Committee for all you have done in the past to address traffic safety and to combat impaired driving. We respectfully request a favorable report for **HB 114**.

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