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Dear Delegates and Members of the Committee,

**I am in favor of House Bill 0873/Jamari's Law**

My name is Lachelle Duckett. I am the wife of John Duckett and Jamari Duckett was my Bonus son. No family should ever have to endure a lifelong sentence of losing a loved one at the hands of a drunk driver. And if, GOD forbid, it does happen, the family should **at least** get justice from the Court System.

The current Maryland State laws do not allow justice. The current Maryland State law is just a **Slap on the Wrist**. Installing an interlock system in a car is not a strong enough punishment. It's only preventive maintenance....just like a colonoscopy doesn't cure cancer; a blower doesn't cure drunk driving. At least, **Jamari's Law** will increase the penalties and allow the Judges to give longer sentences.

I have been here through it all, the tragedy of losing Jamari, watching the devastation of the family, the court dates to try to get the driver sentenced, the court dates trying to keep the driver incarcerated. And the 3 year struggle to get this **common sense** law passed. Every family deserves justice when a life is lost due to the negligence and irresponsibility of someone else.

**Jamari's Law** is not just about drunk driving. **Jamari's Law** is about drunk drivers that **KILL**.

**NO MORE SLAPS ON THE WRIST!!!**

I ask you, as an elected official and a voice for the people of the State of Maryland, to **vote in favor** of **House Bill 0873/Jamari's Law**.

Sincerely,  
Lachelle Duckett