

**SCR-170**

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Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Stand in Support

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Theresa Paulette	Testifying for Mothers Against Drunk Driving	Support	No

Comments:

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) strongly supports SCR 170 giving victims and/or their families of violent crimes the opportunity to express to the Judiciary the impact the crime has had on them when the Judiciary is considering approving a plea-bargain. Up until the plea-bargaining the Judiciary has not heard directly from the victim and is unaware of the physical, emotional, and mental impact they have suffered due to the criminal actions of the defendant. The voice of the victim needs to be heard and be a part of the consideration as the Judge is approving a plea-bargain.

MADD strongly supports SCR 170. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melissa-Iris Lau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As the spouse of a victim who was killed by a reckless, careless individual, I support SCR 170 because I feel that the defendant in our case was provided with a plea bargain that doesn't even slightly equate to the weight of the devastation he caused.

For killing 3 people and severely injuring 4 others whilst driving intoxicated and evading police, Sumang was provided with a plea bargain of ONLY 30 years. My family and I were notified of this, but did not agree, and were told that this was the best option as going to trial would heavily risk a lower penalty. You can only imagine how powerless we felt then and continue to feel.

The defendant is only 29, and if he actually serves his 30 years (which I doubt), he'll be released before the age of 60 and will be able to continue on with the remainder of his life. My husband, and the two others who were killed by him on January 28, 2019 however, will not be able to continue on with the remainder of their lives. And for the rest of my life, I will be forever struggling to cope with what happened on that day.

His family and I were **never** given an opportunity to express how devastating this has been for us, nor were we given an opportunity to express our concern about this individual being released back into the community someday given his history of terroristic threatening. It troubles me to think that had we been able to submit our statements and testimony, the outcome may have been different. I cannot help but feel hopeless and somewhat disregarded.

Where is the **advocacy for victims**? Does anyone actually care about how this has impacted us and how the plea bargain may shape the future for other would-be victims? Or are we just numbers and statistics? The prosecutor himself told us that there were no other cases similar to ours, so why only compare our case to non-comparables and make a **judgement** based on that?

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michele Lee-Markham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As the mother of a child killed by a drunk driver, i support this bill because it is extremely important for the families to be heard prior to accepting a plea bargain and to hold the offenders responsible for their actions. My daughter was a person, a mother of 6 young children, a sister, a niece, a friend. her life was worth more than a plea bargain.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. Please pass this resolution

Michele Lee-Markham