

Hello My name is Dion Green I am hear on behalf of SB 36 on victims of crime compensation and to speak on how the current guidelines affect people and there families while suffering a lost from another person actions or evil doings. Well I would like to begin with why this topic means so much to me. Because August 4 2019 a young male open fired in a popular bar area killing 9 people and injuring many. That night changed my life forever because while standing beside my father Derrick Fudge waiting on my sister to catch up with the group. This man Connor Betts walked from the side of the building firing and AR-15 military style gun shooting my father and his sister in front of me and killing others until he was put down.

The reason why I am standing for this bill and hoping that it will change, because through all of the trauma I have went through I had gotten a letter from the attorney general office stating that my father Derrick Fudge was not eligible for any assistance because of his past. The law of victim of crime compensation say you have to been 10 years free of any crime, but my father was 9 years and 6 months since being in trouble, but who cares if he was one day out of prison he did not ask to died or any of the other precious lives. We have to do better with helping our citizens and being supportive and helping families through times like them.

No one should have to pay for someone else actions due to the mistakes from over a decade-ago, his record should not be held accountable for a decision to be eligible for the compensation program. But I pray to God that someone listen to the pain and hurt that we suffer during our grieving process. The denial letter from the Government inspire me to create my own foundation called the FUDGE Foundation and it helps with burial expenses and mental health because for those who cannot receive government assistance need support and guidance so I help and direct to them the proper resources through out our community.

This SB36 is very detrimental bill to the black and brown race because they are the majority of those suffering, so please let us work together and help heal these families that are facing the kick back of not being able to utilize the victim of crime compensation because because people struggle with burial expense but also mental health for us survivors that really need the help. But thank you for allowing me to share my testimony.

Thank you and God Bless you all

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