

Chair Abrams, Vice Chair Williams, Ranking Member Brown, and members of the House Criminal Justice Committee.

My name is Andrea Wolfe and I want to say thank you for having me here today. I have read over House Bill 270, also known as The Sam Knisley Family Support Act. Sam Knisley was my father and on January 18, 1990, he was driving his ODOT dump truck from Union County to Delaware County when a drunk driver went left of center and hit my father's truck killing himself and my father. At that moment, my family's lives changed forever and it would never come close to being the same again. In an instant, my mother was left without a wonderful husband, my siblings and I were left without a loving father and many others were left without a friend! My mother while dealing with her own grief as well as dealing with grief of her children, had to become the sole "breadwinner" for the entire family. My father always worked very hard for the family, sometimes working two or three jobs. I remember my mother saying, "we just go to a point in our lives where we were finally starting to get ahead and were able to start saving." That was destroyed by someone else's careless and selfish decision to drink and drive. Yes, we did receive worker's compensation because my father was killed on the job, but many others do not receive that. Many families require two incomes today, with some working two, even three jobs

to make ends meet. Imagine if one of those main incomes were ripped away from a family. It can be devastating. Trust me, Social Security only goes so far. You see money will not bring our loved ones back from this senseless crime, but it would certainly have lessened the burden on my mother and many other grieving families that have been impacted by this horrific crime. Yes, I say a crime, because a drunk driver makes a conscious decision to get drunk and then drive a car. Please put yourself in our place and think of how you would feel, or heaven forbid you were killed by a drunk driver and your family was left behind to deal with the grief and the loss of a large portion of the family's income.

So, I desperately plead with each one of you to support this bill. This is the least that can be done for the families who have suffered an unimaginable loss from such a senseless crime.

Thank you for your time!