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Chairman King and members of the Senate Judiciary committee,

I stand in strong support of Sub. for HB 2115. The bill would be known as Mija Stockman's Law and would create a special sentencing rule for the crime of aggravated battery when a person is driving under the influence (DUI) and great bodily harm to another person or disfigurement of another person results from such act. The rule would provide that for the purposes of determining an offender's criminal history, the first prior adult conviction, diversion in lieu of criminal prosecution, or juvenile adjudication of DUI would count as one nonperson felony. Each second or subsequent prior adult conviction, diversion in lieu of criminal prosecution, or juvenile adjudication of DUI would count as one person felony..

As a member of the House Judiciary committee I wanted to provide some insight and comment on the overwhelming support this bill received in the House. Sub. for HB 2115 passed unanimously out of the House Judiciary committee and passed unanimously on the House floor. It is truly a tragedy what happened to Mija and the sentence certainly did not fit the crime.. I encourage everyone to check out the Facebook page "Love, Support, and Prayers for Mija Stockman." You will get a sense of how her life has been drastically changed forever and be able to put a face to the text of the bill before you today.

Please pass Sub. for HB 2115. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Travis I. Couture-Lovelady". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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