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Written Testimony – Proponent HB2115

Thank you Chairman King and honorable members of the Judiciary committee,

I stand with Representative Mason and members of Mija Stockman's family in support of this HB2115. I appreciate their work and dedication to bring this issue to us.

As you hear the consequences of the referenced aggravated battery, I ask you to change the sentencing rule to allow previous DUI's to be considered. Mija's life speaks to the need to increase the penalties for committing aggravated battery while driving under the influence. Looking at the risks and consequences to the victim clearly demonstrates the need to do everything we can to prevent similar unlawful actions in the future.

The testimony of others will provide greater detail. I will keep my comments short only in the interest of avoiding redundancy. Thank you for your consideration.

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