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HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I am asking for your support of HB497 holding passengers accountable in the event of a hit and run incident.

Our daughter, who was killed July 1, 2006, was left on the road dead after being hit from behind by a hit and run driver. There were two passengers in the car at the time who chose not to give aid or report the incident to authorities. The driver of the car was apprehended 30 days later as a result of a tip to Crime Stoppers. If the passengers had reported this, it would have saved countless hours of man power following up on leads. This was a big drain of resources for our county.

As parents who have experienced this heartache, we ask that there be some recourse against the passengers for doing nothing. Drivers who flee after causing serious bodily injury or death are now charged with a felony.

Please give this bill your consideration and pass it out of committee.

Thank you,