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The Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys strongly supportst this bill, which closes a loophole and ensures that victims have their voices heard any time a pre-sentence investigation is conducted.



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On May 5, 2023 our lives shattered and my family will never be whole again. My 15 year old son, Evan was killed in a car accident by an unlicensed driver. The driver (age 16) was permitted to drive by his guardian. The driver was going 78 mph in a 40 mph zone and ran a red light. The police failed to issue toxicology on the driver and also failed to issue any moving violation tickets (speeding, failure to stop, driving without a license, not following state guidelines). There was a total of 4 passengers and 1 driver in the vehicle. It included a total of 4 cars involved. It took the state 6 months to file criminal charges against the driver. Initial charges were involuntary manslaughter, armed criminal action and assault. The state dropped everything except the manslaughter so he could feel like he was getting a deal because it was his first offense. Under no circumstances should anyone, regardless of age or first offense, be given less charges or sentencing. We did not get a choice in it. This driver was sentenced up to 90 days in house detention and up to year probation. He only served 30 days in house detention and violated his probation less than 30 days after being released in house detention. There was ZERO consequences for the violation. This driver SHOULD have been charged as an adult, he took my beautiful Evan from us. But we were told that taking a life was not a serious enough crime. Please. I beg you, what is serious enough? He will be turning 18 this April and he will have a completely clean record. NO tickets or moving violations on his driving record and NO record of killing my son. There was no investigating of substance misuse even though it's documented at the scene. No questioning of the guardian giving him the keys. Why are things not investigated? The accident happened on Cinco De Mayo, living in a college town this should have been investigated. The death of our son has devastated my family. There was no real consequences for this driver. It's like they decided, oh this young boy lost his life but we don't really care how it happened. The guardian should of been charged with child endangerment that resulted in death. We have to do better with investigating facts in each case. We have to do better upholding sentences. We have to do better as a society. Victims and their families deserve to have justice and sentences enforced. This was NOT justice for Evan and my family.