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2009-10

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Committee on ... Criminal Justice (AC-CJ)

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- Jeff Wiswell, Madison — WI Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association
- Alice O'Connor, Madison — WI Chiefs of Police Association

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

August 20, 2009

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

- Present: (10) Representatives Turner, Kessler, Staskunas, Hraychuck, Pasch, Kleefisch, Friske, Kramer, Brooks, Ripp.
- Absent: (1) Representative Soletski.

Moved by Representative Staskunas, seconded by Representative Kleefisch that **Assembly Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

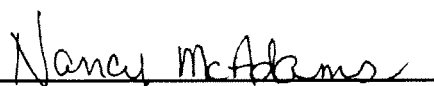
- Ayes: (10) Representatives Turner, Kessler, Staskunas, Hraychuck, Pasch, Kleefisch, Friske, Kramer, Brooks, Ripp.
- Noes: (0) None.
- Absent: (1) Representative Soletski.

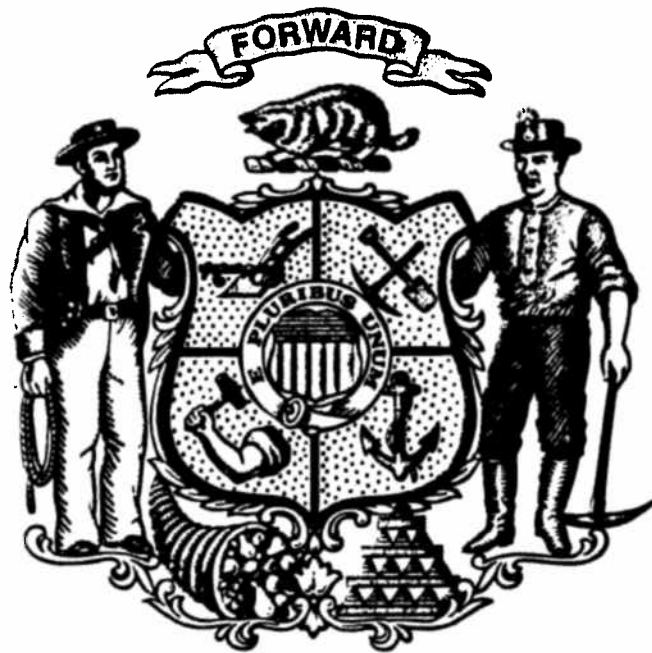
ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 10, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Kleefisch, seconded by Representative Staskunas that **Assembly Bill 181** be recommended for passage.

- Ayes: (8) Representatives Turner, Staskunas, Hraychuck, Pasch, Kleefisch, Kramer, Brooks and Ripp.
- Noes: (2) Representatives Kessler and Friske.
- Absent: (1) Representative Soletski.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 8, Noes 2


Nancy McAdams
Committee Clerk



Vote Record
Committee on Criminal Justice

Date: 8-20-09

Moved by: Kleefisch

Seconded by: Staskunas

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<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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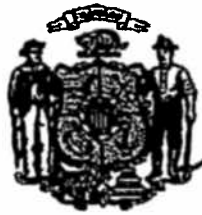
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RHONDA MENOR, CRR
Official Court Reporter



MARY ANN MARCUSEN
Judicial Assistant

**MARINETTE COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH I
DAVID G. MIRON
Circuit Judge**

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January 22, 2009

Representative John Nygren
Room 127 West
State Capitol
PO Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708

Senator Jim Holperin
Room 409 South
State Capitol
PO Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

Representative Jeffrey Mursau
Room 18 North
State Capitol
PO Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708

Senator David Hansen
Room 18 South
State Capitol
PO Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

RE: Wisconsin State Statute §343.44 (1) (b) Operating after
Revocation

Gentlemen:

I am preparing for a sentencing of a Mr. Shawn Baeten who was involved in a fatal collision in the Town of Stephenson, Marinette County, Wisconsin on July 23, 2008. Mr. Baeten's license had previously been revoked. As a result of his driving, a collision occurred in which Julius Kullman was killed.

The normal penalty for operating after revocation is a fine of not more than \$2500.00 or imprisonment for not more than one year in the county jail or both. Because Mr. Baeten was charged under the specific penalty provision for a person who in the course of violating the operating after revocation statute, causes the death of another i.e. §343.44 (2) (h), he is then guilty of a Class A misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine up to \$10,000.00 or imprisonment up to nine months or both.

I find it very illogical that a person convicted of operating after revocation can be sent to jail for a year, but a person convicted of operating a motor vehicle after

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revocation-causing death can only be sentenced to up to nine months in the county jail.

I think this is something that deserves your attention.

Sincerely



David G. Miron
Circuit Judge

DGM/mam

Cc District Attorney Allen R. Brey
Attorney Brian Maloney



Re: Nick's Law

Monday, February 23, 2009 3:00 PM

From:

"royfelber@att.net" <royfelber@att.net>

Add sender to Contacts

To:

"Robert Dams" <robdams@yahoo.com>

Robert,

Myself and the Milwaukee Deputy Sheriffs' Association would be honored to co-sponsor
The Nick's Law Bill.

Roy Felber
President

AB 181 Folder
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April 14, 2009

Peggy Krusick
Wisconsin State Representative
State Capitol
Room 128 North
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

RE: AB181

Dear Representative Krusick:

I would appreciate a copy of this letter be distributed to any committee hearing related to this pending legislation.

Dear Wisconsin State Senators and State Representatives:

I am writing to advise you that I am in full support of AB181 because of the devastating impact these law breakers are having on people all over the State of Wisconsin. I live in Oconomowoc and one case that comes to mind is Jennifer Bukosky, her child and her unborn child who were all killed by a person driving while his license was revoked and also under the influence.

I was appalled to hear that our State has over 107,000 of these people revoked, suspended, or operating without a license driving the streets of Wisconsin daily. **They are jeopardizing the life and safety of my family as well as yours.** And the 107,000 illegal drivers are only the ones that law enforcement knows about! Just think of how much larger this number would be if they were all caught! **These people choose to break the law each and everyday, knowing that the consequences are nothing even when a person is seriously injured or killed.** What is even more appalling is that they continue driving even after killing someone!

I have a personal interest in this legislation because I also lost a loved one to a driver that was revoked. He killed my 20-year-old nephew, Nicholas Dams. It happened in 2005 and everyday my family and I feel the pain of the loss of this wonderful, caring young man who loved life. We will always wonder about all the memories we will never have that Nicholas would have brought to us as a family. He is loved and cherished and now he is gone forever.

I ask that you please pass this very important piece of legislation and hold these law breakers accountable for their actions.

Sandy, Nick Alonzo and Family
1868 N. Golden Lake Rd.
Oconomowoc, WI 53066-9491



17 April, 2009

Wisconsin State Assembly

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am writing to support Chief Robert Dams and Cindy Wanek and their efforts to bring AB181 to law. Like Chief Dams and Ms. Wanek, our family suffered the loss of a loved one at the hands of a driver who was driving after revocation. On 23 October 2004, my son Kevin was killed by a vehicle driven by Rory Kuenzi, of the 2009 Waupaca County deer slaughter case, whose license was revoked when he struck Kevin in a hit-and-run after an evening of beer drinking. In fact, according to the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access web site, Mr. Kuenzi has been charged both before and after Kevin's death with operating while suspended 5 times, operating after revocation 3 times, and operating without a valid driver's license 1 time.

In my opinion, it is obvious from a case like this, and many others, that illegal drivers in Wisconsin mock the state's weak driving laws and drive without regard for the lives of others and no fear of punishment. I strongly support AB181 and I urge all Wisconsin State Assembly members to vote for its passage so we can remove illegal and dangerous drivers from roads to protect ourselves, our families, and every Wisconsin citizen who obeys the state's driving laws.

Sincerely,

James J. McCoy
231 Magnolia Circle
Troy, VA 22974
(434) 589-1175





POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police
28th April 2009

Representative Frederick Kessler
Wisconsin State Assembly
State Capitol – Room #302-North
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

Re. 2009 AB 181

COPY

Dear Representative Kessler:

My purpose for writing you is to ask for your support of 2009 AB 181.

This is much needed legislation which will fill voids in the existing law and provide for greater penalties where appropriate. The current law is far too lax and allows violators involved in causing great bodily harm or death to escape meaningful sanction.

This bill has been thoroughly researched and strongly endorsed for adoption by numerous groups representing law enforcement professionals throughout Wisconsin.

Please help us to get this important bill passed without any further delay.

Sincerely yours,

FRANCIS C. SPRINGOB
Police Chief

c. file





City of Franklin Police Department

Chief of Police Richard P. Oliva

May 21, 2009

Mary Lazich
Wisconsin State Senator 28th District
State Capitol 18S
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53708

Re: Nick's Law AB181

Dear Senator Lazich:

I want to register my strong support of AB181, also known as "Nick's Law" after the tragic death of Nick Dams from a suspended driver in 2005. Revoked, suspended or unlicensed drivers have no place on Wisconsin roads. When these drivers cause great bodily harm or death, they need to be sufficiently punished and held accountable for their actions.

Most importantly, potential illegal drivers need to be deterred from driving in the first place so a tragedy like the death of Nick never happens.

I urge you to lend your support for this bill in order to get this important piece of legislation out of committee and passed. Thank you for your great service to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard P. Oliva".

Richard P. Oliva
Chief of Police, Franklin Police Department
9455 W. Loomis Road
Franklin, WI 53132

CC: Chief Robert Dams
Greendale Police Department



Linda M. Brent
9535 W. Oklahoma Avenue #209
Milwaukee, WI 53227
414-321-0157
lmaebrent@sbcglobal.net

May 22, 2009

Representative Gary Hebl
Madison Office
Room 120 North
State Capitol
PO Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Re: Nick's Law AB181

Dear Representative Hebl:

Nothing will ever bring Nick Dams back, but I believe that bringing Nick's Law AB181 out for a vote may be what stops another family from going through what the Dams family has had to endure since they lost Nick.

I have been a friend of Rob Dams for over eight years. While I never had the opportunity to meet his son, if the endless line of friends and family at his wake are any indication of his character and love of life, then I am truly sorry for never having the opportunity to do so.

It has come to my attention that one of the reasons for not bringing this important Bill out for a vote is the concern over the cost of incarceration. Can you seriously tell me that the cost of incarcerating a criminal is more important than the life of an innocent child? Why is it that the cost of jailing a criminal takes precedence over the destruction of lives when they are allowed to continue to drive on our streets? Whether an individual hurts or kills another person because he or she is drunk or he or she is driving a vehicle after revocation or with a suspended license should not make a difference. The conclusion is the same; someone innocent gets hurt or killed.

I am asking that you reconsider bringing Nick's Law for a vote. I know I would feel safer knowing that the criminals who hurt innocent people are behind bars where they belong.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Brent
Cc: Senator Jim Sullivan
Representative Anthony Staskunas



Karen A. Gosselin
3000 W. Layton Avenue
Greenfield, WI 53221
414-430-1846

June 2nd, 2009

State Representative Gary Hebl
State Capitol
Room 120 North
PO Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Hebl,

I take this opportunity to ask for your reconsideration regarding AB181. I am a supporter of this bill because it has directly affected our family in the following way:

On September 10th, 2004, we lost our 16 year old son Jacob in a traffic accident. He was a belted passenger in a Dodge Neon, driven by his friend Matthew Konrad.

As you know this has changed our lives as a family forever, far beyond what you could possibly imagine. There is nothing worse than giving birth to a child and 16 years later having to bury him due to such a tragic accident.

This accident was caused by several factors, accident evidence shows that the eastbound vehicle failed to yield, turning in front of the Neon which was travelling at a high rate of speed, and unfortunately the Neon had only one working brake, which was barely functioning. As a result Konrad received his first ticket, for Improper Brakes. A small penalty to pay for the loss of a child!

I believe Nick's law (AB181) is so very important because since September 10th, 2004, Matthew Konrad has incurred more moving violations than you can imagine. It started with a speeding ticket on 12/4/04 @ 17 over the speed limit. The second speed came on 1/16/05 at 26mph over the posted speed limit, and followed with a 3rd on 3/5/05 with a conviction of speed in excess at 31mph over posted speed limit.

As a result, Matthew Konrad became a suspended operator. He was also imposed financial responsibility by the State of Wisconsin because he was uninsured at the time of Jacob's death.

Because of the extensive list of convictions for Matthew Konrad, I've listed them below in a table format.

Date	Offense	Convicted
9-10-04	Improper Brakes	10-29-04 Sheboygan
12-04-04	Speed Intermediate	03-21-05 Milwaukee
04-16-05	Speed in Excess	03-07-05 Waukesha
03-05-05	Speed in Excess	04-06-05 (15 day suspension)
08-09-05	Operating While Suspended	01-23-06 Milwaukee
11-02-05	Operating While Suspended	12-07-05 (suspended 260 days)
03-07-06	Operating While Suspended	04-27-06 Milwaukee
09-12-06	Operating While Suspended	10-16-06 Milwaukee
10-16-06	REVOKED	6 months
11-03-06	Operating While Suspended	12-04-06 Milwaukee
04-26-07	Operating After Revocation	06-28-07 Milwaukee
09-06-07	Operating w/o License	03-27-08 Milwaukee
04-19-08	Failure to Wear Seatbelt	05-21-08 Waukesha
04-29-08	Not At Fault Accident	Milwaukee
08-27-08	Operating While Suspended	10-01-08 Milwaukee
12-29-08	Operating While Suspended	02-02-09 Milwaukee
12-29-08	Speeding	02-02-09 Milwaukee

Matthew M Konrad
DOB 12-7-86
DL # K563-5538-6447-03

Clearly by the driving record, it's obvious that Matthew Konrad has no regard for the laws that govern him as a driver in the state of Wisconsin. Why? Because there is no penalty for drivers that continue to violate by driving after revocation/suspension in the state of Wisconsin!!!

What happens to the next family that loses a loved one to such a tragic accident? I for one can't imagine another family experiencing the pain that comes with losing a child.

One would think that after surviving an accident with the loss of a friend, it would be enough to make you follow the laws imposed on drivers in this state. It's more than obvious to me that Matthew has learned nothing for the loss of my son's life. Furthermore, he continues to violate over and over and over again with no consequences. Subsequently, he drives daily, with no license, and no insurance. Why I ask again? Because there are no stiff penalties in our state for drivers that continue to violate such as Matthew Konrad. Don't think for a moment that if I ever saw him driving I would call him in, in a heartbeat.

It's time drivers in the state of Wisconsin are held accountable for their actions. That includes revoked drivers, suspended drivers, and operators that drive intoxicated.

I challenge you to look me in the eye, and tell me why this is not imperative, after reviewing the extensive record of Matthew Konrad. Imagine, if only for a moment, that this is your child that was killed, and the driver continued to violate over and over for years after your child's death. It's like a kick in the teeth, over and over again. If I had it my way, they should lock him up and throw away the keys!!! Yes, I know the jails are crowded, and other laws need reform as well. He is only 22 YEARS OLD! He's got more convictions than the normal responsible driver would have in several lifetimes.

I urge you to reconsider and vote on AB181. Think of the families like ours, and like Nick's that suffer daily because the lack of accountability and responsibility imposed on our families because there are no strict penalties for the repeat offenders. Think of us on Christmas, and holidays. My son would have been 21 this past April. Think of all the things he is missing. Think of all the Mother's Day's and Father's Days that we suffer from the loss of our son.

I am more than willing to testify at any of your public hearings regarding this bill.

This does not even include the lengthy explanation for the bill that was introduced by former Representative Sheldon Wasserman to test the elderly for eyesight, which was never brought up for a vote either. (failure to yield vehicle was driven by a 79 yr. old man) That's another issue that I am also directly affected by regarding the death of my son.

In closing, I ask at this time that you reconsider AB181. As a Representative of this state, please do the right thing and bring this bill forward for a vote.

I thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Please feel free to contact me for any additional comments or help you may need.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Gosselin

www.jacobgosselin.memory-of.com



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Randy & Judy Pruss

June 8, 2009

Representative Gaby Hebl:

We are writing this letter in support of Assembly Bill 181 for the increase of the penalty to that of a Class I and Class H Felony for those drivers who choose to drive with a revoked, suspended or without a valid driver's license and subsequently cause great bodily harm or death to another person. We understand that after Robert Dams testified on April 21, 2009; you stated at the end of his testimony that you never heard such powerful testimony and that this bill needs to get done. Why this bill hasn't come out for a vote is unconscionable. It's the right thing to do and now is to the time to get this done by bringing Nick's Law out for a vote.

We have a personal connection to this Assembly Bill with our family and the Nicholas Dams family. We knew Nicholas since he was born. He was a wonderful young man with a bright future which included plans to become a police officer, following in the foot steps of his father. It was a terrible tragedy that may have been avoided if this bill were law then. Robert Dams, the passionate father of Nicholas has worked tirelessly with great effort in an attempt to strengthen the penalty so these illegal drivers will be held responsible for their actions when they kill somebody or cause great bodily harm to them.

The numbers of those people who choose to drive a motor vehicle while revoked, suspended or without a valid driver's license is staggering when you look at the statistics. These numbers don't lie and one particular glaring statistic taken from an AAA Transportation Study revealed that people driving revoked, suspended or without a license are four times more likely to become involved in a fatal accident than a person with a valid license. That is a frightening statistic. It literally means that on any given day as we are driving, we are probably next to someone that is revoked or suspended. Nick's law will help to protect all of us.

There have been too many recent similar fatal tragedies that continue to cause grief and havoc in the lives of those left behind. Certainly this bill won't stop all of the above mentioned illegal drivers from driving, but it will hold them responsible when they cause great bodily harm or death to another and destroying family and friends lives in the process. People that are killed by a drunk driver or one that is operating after revocation, suspension or without a license is still a homicide. Nick's Law again would tremendously help all of us. Nick's Law needs to be brought for a vote now.

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June 8, 2009

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy & Judy Pruss".

Randy & Judy Pruss
414-235-9200

cc: Senator M. Lazich/Representative J. Stone

Randy & Judy Pruss



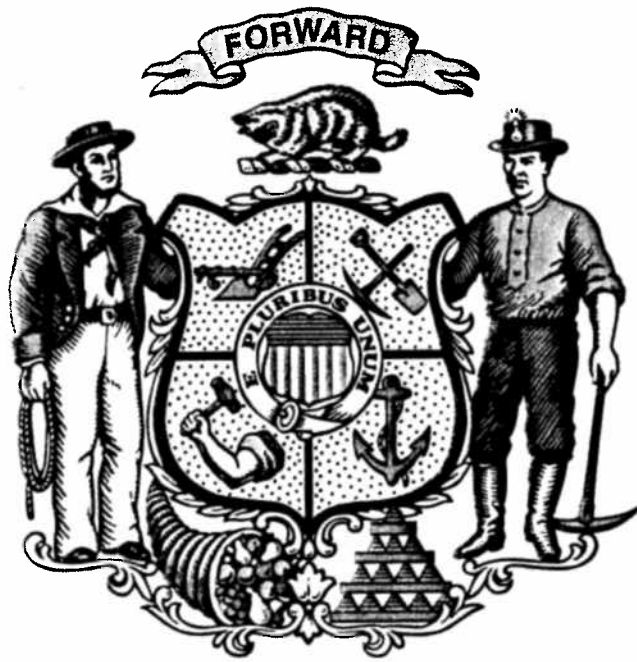
George, Lorna

From: George, Lorna
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2009 2:28 PM
To: Bob - Home
Cc: McAdams, Nancy
Subject: AB 181 referral to Criminal Justice

Scott Adrian from Speaker Sheridan's office called to let you know they are writing a letter to refer AB 181 (the Kristy Waneck, Nicholas Dams bill) to your Criminal Justice Committee. We should receive the letter in the next day.

Lorna J. George

Office of State Representative Robert L. Turner
Room 223 North, State Capitol
P.O. Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708
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lorna.george@legis.wi.gov





JUL 08 2009

MICHAEL J. SHERIDAN
SPEAKER OF THE WISCONSIN
STATE ASSEMBLY

July 8, 2009

Mr. Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
Risser Justice Center, Room 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 42 (3)(c), I am withdrawing Assembly Bill 181 from the Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Ethics and re-referring it to the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice.

I have the consent of Representative Gary Hebl, chairperson of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Ethics, to take this action.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this referral.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL J. SHERIDAN
Assembly Speaker

cc: Representative Gary Hebl
✓ Representative Robert Turner
Representative Peggy Krusick

MJS/sa



George, Lorna

From: Wanek, Cindy [Cindy.Wanek@cityofracine.org]

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2009 9:31 AM

To: Rep. Turner

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Good morning Bob and Lorna too! I talked to Rob Dams this weekend. We keep in touch and he keeps me up on what is going on. Thank you so much for all the work you have done on getting the bill to your committee. I know it will move along a lot quicker now and hopefully the politics will be put aside to get this through and into law. Our family thanks you again for all you have done and I hope and pray that this will help stop other families from going through these heartbreaking loses.

Hope to see you both soon!! I guess I know now why you lost the election – I guess the Good Lord wanted you in Madison for a while yet. Next time!

*Cindy Wanek
Environmental Health
Racine Health Department
262-636-9203
cindy.wanek@cityofracine.org*



George, Lorna

From: George, Lorna
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2009 3:03 PM
To: 'Robert Dams'
Subject: RE: AB181

Chief Dams,

Rep. Turner is on vacation. This bill is scheduled to be on the agenda for the Criminal Justice committee tentatively scheduled for August 20. We will keep you informed and confirm that date as soon as we can.

Sincerely,

Lorna J. George

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From: Robert Dams [mailto:robdams@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2009 2:50 PM
To: Rep. Turner
Subject: AB181

Dear State Representative Turner:

I would like to thank you so much for getting "Nick's Law" AB 181 transferred over to your committee. You promised you were committed to this legislation and have somehow made it happen. I look forward to the hearing. I just checked the Assembly page to check after we spoke. I didn't realize you could make it happen this quickly. I apologize but I will be at the Annual Chief's Conference August 16th through August 19th. If absolutely necessary I can leave the conference during this time should you need to schedule a hearing. I can make it at any time.

God Bless,
Rob
Father of Nicholas and Greendale Police Chief

7/13/2009



George, Lorna

From: George, Lorna
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2009 3:06 PM
To: 'Wanek,Cindy'
Subject: RE: AB 181

Hello Cindy,

We just got an e-mail from Chief Dams also. Rep. Turner is on vacation, but this bill is expected to be on the agenda for the next Criminal Justice meeting, tentatively scheduled for August 20. We'll keep you informed and confirm that date as soon as we can.

Lorna J. George

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From: Wanek,Cindy [mailto:Cindy.Wanek@cityofracine.org]
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2009 9:31 AM
To: Rep.Turner
Subject:

Good morning Bob and Lorna too! I talked to Rob Dams this weekend. We keep in touch and he keeps me up on what is going on. Thank you so much for all the work you have done on getting the bill to your committee. I know it will move along a lot quicker now and hopefully the politics will be put aside to get this through and into law. Our family thanks you again for all you have done and I hope and pray that this will help stop other families from going through these heartbreaking loses.

Hope to see you both soon!! I guess I know now why you lost the election – I guess the Good Lord wanted you in Madison for a while yet. Next time!

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George, Lorna

From: George, Lorna
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 7:32 AM
To: 'bawanek@sbcglobal.net'
Cc: McAdams, Nancy
Subject: RE: Thanks Bob

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Good morning Ms. David,

As I explained to Chief Dams and your mom, the Criminal Justice Committee meeting is tentatively set for Aug. 20, and I assume this bill will be on the agenda. Rep. Turner will decide if there will be another hearing or just an Executive Session on the bill. Once we have confirmed that it is set for August 20 and how this will be addressed, we will let you know. Nancy McAdams is the Committee Clerk for Rep. Turner. So you may hear from her as the meeting is noticed.

Thanks for the e-mail.

Lorna J. George

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From: bawanek@sbcglobal.net [mailto:bawanek@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2009 8:56 PM
To: Rep.Turner
Subject: Thanks Bob

Hi Bob (and Lorna even though we have never met)
I have been in contact with Rob Dams and of course my mom, guess Bob you got some balls rolling and assembly bills moving. Wanted to say thank you so much for all of your effort and dedication to this. My mom said that the hearing will be August 20th, so of course she, myself and the leader of the pack Rob will be there too. I look forward to seeing you. If you need anything from us you let us know!
Beth David





McAdams, Nancy

From: Terry James [terryjames777@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 12:34 PM
To: Rep. Turner
Subject: Nick's Law

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Hello Mr. Turner,

My name is Terry Dams, Cousin of Nicholas Dams and Nephew/God-son of Robert Dams Jr. (Greendale Chief of Police). I first of all want to thank you for being a man of your word. Next, I would like to thank you for all of your hard work on Nick's Law; I know that these things don't happen overnight and I am sure that you have pressure from many different parties and sides. I appreciate what you are doing and going through.

I know how much Nick's Law means to my uncle and how much it means to me, however, after going over it for the last several years, I believe that Nick's Law really means the most TO THE PEOPLE. Government was made BY the people, FOR the people....I think that I've read that somewhere before. :)

All that being said, I would like to share a story with you. I'm sure that you know that my cousin's life was ended very early (20 years old) by a person who was not supposed to be driving. Perhaps, if the illegal driver wasn't on the road, my cousin's funeral could have been avoided and we could have had many more family celebrations in the years to come....but that was cut short by an illegal driver.

Just as my uncle is, and my cousin Nick was going to school to become....I too am a police officer. Unfortunately, almost on a WEEKLY basis, my municipality alone arrests nearly 20+ people who are either: SUSPENDED, REVOKED, EXPIRED or OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE. Those are only the ones that we catch. As you can see, this is a serious problem. These people need to know that there is a responsibility to driving. The ones who will suffer are the families and friends of the people that they hurt or kill because they are not to be driving. They do not have a license FOR A REASON. They are not to be on the roadways for the PROTECTION of others and themselves.

When this goes before committee, I pray and hope that they would each put themselves in many family's shoes and walk a mile trying to understand what it is like to lose your cousin, son, daughter, father, mother, friend; all because someone decided to take it upon themselves to defy the law and disregard the safety of others because they felt that they should drive ILLEGALLY.

There are rewards and consequences to our actions....we need to be held responsible for them.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Officer Terry Dams #54
Franklin Police Department

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McAdams, Nancy

From: Rep. Turner
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2009 12:13 PM
To: 'robdams@yahoo.com'; 'Cindy.Wanek@cityofracine.org'; 'bawanek@sbcglobal.net'
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I believe Beth and I will testify. I know Rob will. We will be in touch later and let you know for sure. Again thanks for all you have done.

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To: Rep.Turner

Subject: Re: Public Hearing and Possible Executive Session on Assembly Bill 181 Scheduled

Hi Bob,
Cindy Wanek's daughter here. Mom said that if people want to testify they can, I will be doing so. Thanks again for all of your determination and dedication concerning this.
Beth David

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