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## Support Bentley's Law to require child support payments in fatal impaired driving crashes

The Honorable Bill White  
Chair, Senate Committee on Seniors, Families, Veterans and Military Affairs

Dear Chair White and Committee Members,

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) urges you to advance Bentley's Law (HB 1954) by Representative Mike Henderson to require impaired drivers to pay child support when an impaired driver causes a crash that kills a parent or parents.

**Drunk driving deaths increased 32 percent from 2019 to 2020 in Missouri.** The problem of impaired driving is not going away. Drunk driving is still a deadly crime. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in 2020 in Missouri, 312 people were killed in drunk driving crashes—a 32 percent increase from 2019.

**Bentley's Law better ensures justice and accountability.** MADD believes that passing Bentley's Law will make people think twice before getting behind the wheel impaired. If a person makes the choice to drive impaired and kills a parent, the person will encounter another consequence for their deadly decision. To the victim of the impaired drivers, Bentley's Law allows for another avenue of restitution to help ensure justice.

MADD urges you to advance Bentley's Law. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact MADD Regional Executive Director Allyson Summers at [allyson.summers@madd.org](mailto:allyson.summers@madd.org) or 816-318-4515. Thank you in advance for your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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