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To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran – Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor; Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair; and members of the Committee

From: Carol McNamee; Arkie Koehl – Public Policy Committee members, MADD Hawaii

Re: Senate Bill 493 – Relating to Collection of Restitution for Crime Victims

I am Carol McNamee, Founder of the Hawaii Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, testifying in support of SB493, relating to collection of restitution for crime victims.

MADD is one of the largest crime victim support organizations in the country and support of victims of the violent crime of impaired driving is one of the segments of our four part mission. The crime of drunk or drugged driving is no respecter of its victims' identities, including their financial situation or that of the family they may leave behind if they die. Therefore, MADD supports restitution for victims of impaired driving and other violent crimes.

Restitution is a word that looks nice on paper but may not be executed for a variety of reasons. MADD is in favor of measures that will help the victim, victim families and others helping the victim have access to the financial help they may desperately need – starting with medical fees for the injured and the cost of burying the person who may have died.

MADD respectfully asks the Committee on Judiciary and Labor to pass SB 493.