

April 29, 2015

The Honorable Trent Franks U.S. House of Representatives 2435 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Franks:

On behalf of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, I am writing today in support of H.J.R. 45, the proposed federal constitutional amendment for victim's rights.

In 2013, over 10,000 people were killed in drunk driving crashes. This represents almost one-third of all traffic deaths. MADD is here to support and assist victims of this violent crime. We are the leading victim's rights organization in traffic safety serving over 60,000 drunk driving victims each year.

Unfortunately, the rights of drunk driving victims, and all crime victims, are not fully protected by current laws. This amendment is critical to ensure equal protection for crime victims.

Again, thank you for your work on behalf of all crime victims. We look forward to working with you to make sure this amendment becomes law.

Sincerely, Calleen Sheekey-Church

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