

To: Senator Eric Coleman
Representative Gerry Fox
Co-Chairs of Judiciary

SB 905

My name is Lee Everetts. I would like to speak to you today about June 7, 2008, at 11:24 am, the worst day of my life. Not only did I nearly perish from this world, but now have a lifetime of difficulties. I am not half the man I was before this assault. I was a carpenter foreman, and am now suffering with a traumatic brain injury and physical and emotional disabilities, as well as my family with great financial difficulties. I was a perfectly healthy husband, father and provider that has been crippled by a drunk driver with FOUR prior DUI's. These people NEED to be put off the streets before they hurt someone again or worse the next time.

This 67-year-old woman, Barbara Preston got a 15-year sentence suspended after 8 years, but no matter what her punishment, it is not enough.

I GOT A LIFE SENTENCE! What was done to my family and me by a drunk was unacceptable, illegal and unjust to cripple a person in the way she has done! Penalties must be much stricter for first time offenders. Interlock Ignition Devices should be mandatory on first time offenders.

Laws Need To Change!! Thank you for listening.

