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**Testimony in Support of House Bill 5488  
"An Act Concerning Risk Reduction Credits for Certain Criminal Offenses that Result in the  
Death of Another Person"**

Senator Coleman, Representative Fox and members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of House Bill 5488. I represent Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the families of 121 alcohol-impaired driving fatalities in CT in 2010.

As the "Voice of the Victim" MADD respectfully requests the following: it is imperative that an inmate imprisoned in the Connecticut Correctional System who is convicted of Manslaughter in the Second Degree with a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated NOT be eligible to earn risk reduction credits. The facts and circumstances of Manslaughter in the Second Degree have been proven by the court in bringing guilt of the accused offenders and show aggravated negligence warranting punishment proportionate to the crime - full incarceration is required. Sudden violent death due to drunk driving can never be justified under any circumstance, and because of this reckless crime, many innocent lives are lost each year. In the United States, 32 people are killed each day.

The senseless and preventable deaths of innocent people due to drugged and drunk driving is a felony. The nature and severity of the crime of death at the hands of a drunk driver is a felony. Time served as punishment is part of the solution. There can be no justification for such unpardonable conduct when an innocent life is taken.

For victims and survivors of drunk driving deaths, no amount of compensation can relieve these families from constant agony. Knowing that the drunk driver who killed their loved one serves the amount of jail time meted in case adjudication is somewhat relieving.

MADD respectfully requests the support of the Judiciary Committee to consider Manslaughter in the Second Degree convicted offenders/inmates be ineligible to earn risk reduction credits while imprisoned.