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MADD South Carolina Opposes S. 533 and H. 3933 **Legislation hinders DUI victim rights**

Impaired driving tragedies continue to cause preventable devastation across the United States with 11,654 drunk driving deaths in 2020, a 14% increase over the prior year. South Carolina consistently ranks among the nation's worst states for impaired driving. South Carolina also had a 14% increase in drunk driving deaths (315) from 2019 to 2020. Drunk driving fatalities were a major factor in 2021 being the deadliest year on South Carolina roads ever.

While much of what we do at Mothers Against Drunk Driving aims to prevent these crashes from occurring, an invaluable role we play is to support those impacted by drunk and drugged driving and sometimes to serve as the voice of victims and survivors.

As advocates for victims of drunk driving, MADD opposes anti-victim legislative changes like S. 533 and H. 3933 as these measures rollback the protections for drunk driving victims that the General Assembly adopted in 2005.

South Carolina's current law holds those who enable drunk driving fully accountable for injuring or killing innocent victims.

S. 533 and H. 3933 changes the current law to eliminate this longstanding protection of victims and only benefits those that sell alcohol illegally. Under S. 533 and H. 3933, victims lose, and they have already lost too much.