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The Honorable Floyd Prozanski
Senate Judiciary Chairman
900 Court St. NE, S-415
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Dear Chairman Prozanski,

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) urges your opposition to Senate Bills 356 and 357, which significantly reduce incarceration periods of DUI offenders who complete a DUI Court program.

MADD supports the use of post-adjudication DUI courts that employ the strategies of close supervision, frequent testing, and ongoing judicial interaction to integrate alcohol and other drug treatment services with the justice system. MADD believes DUI courts should not be used to avoid a record of conviction and/or license sanctions.

MADD's opposition for Senate Bills 356 and 357 arises from our position statement opposing reduced jail sentences in exchange for probationary technology such as continuous alcohol monitoring devices. MADD supports investigation and evaluation of new scientific technology designed to prevent individuals from driving under the influence of alcohol, such as an ignition interlock device; however MADD does not support the use of such technology as a substitute for appropriate traditional penalties and sanctions for drunk driving, such as license revocation and jail sentences.

Thank you for allowing MADD the opportunity to voice our concerns with Senate Bills 356 and 357. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Frank Harris, MADD Director of State Government Affairs, at frank.harris@madd.org or 877.275.6233.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Colleen Sheehey-Church". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Colleen Sheehey-Church
MADD National President