

**SB 1114**

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On May 25, 2018, a complete stranger intentionally ran down my daughter Hannah with his vehicle while at her first year away from home at Portland State University. She was exploring her life and choices as any young person should be able to when this person drove onto a sidewalk she was walking on, and hit her at high speed with the intention of ending her life as well as others in a populated area near the campus. She was not expected to survive, and against all odds, and thankfully, she did. Her life took a direction that day that none of us could've imagined, but we have continued to strive to make it right and I continue to hope I'm doing that today.

During the long years that have passed, there have been many ups and downs in recovery and in the justice system. The person who hit Hannah asserted the insanity defense. He went to the Oregon State Hospital instead of prison. This was very difficult, but we felt some comfort knowing he was in the secure setting at OSH under the jurisdiction of PSRB for evaluation and monitoring for the appropriate amount of time, so that he could not hurt others or change other's lives as he had forever changed Hannah's and ours.

This process took years to complete and when we finally felt able to move through it, it has now come up again with this "Look Back" possibility on cases such as ours. This feels nothing short of re-victimization by a system we believed was protecting us and the public as cases like this one become more frequent and rarely are the voices of victims heard loudly enough. Hannah's life changed forever and she is living with disabilities that go far beyond physical. I hope that today, you will hear that the thought of this person getting released early after doing something that almost ended the life of my daughter, and many others, is gut wrenching and terrifying. You have the power to make the next right decision, and I hope that you hear us, the family behind this case. We are here, listening and doing our best to move forward felling safety and trust in the system in front of us.

Thank you,

Dana Cline