

Senator Diamond and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation,

I am Mary Black Andrews and I wish to speak to you today to ask for your support for bill LD 537 to honor Fallen Troopers.

Because of the virus one cannot attend, but I would have enjoyed being there and meeting some of the legislators that I served with during my eight years in the legislature. This bill means much to myself, my children and the brother of my deceased husband (Trooper Charles C. Black) who gave his life in the line of duty in 1964,

July 9<sup>th</sup> of that year started out like any other day. It was Charlie's day off, because it fell on this date to attend court for his cases he had to attend. We made plans to do things after he was through court, I was not prepared to turn on the radio and to hear that my husband was killed in a bank robbery,

My life was never the same for myself and my two children and my child that was born 3 weeks later, (Charles Clinton Black]

You see being a State Trooper you are always on call in a way. Since that day I have been serving A life sentence for which there is no parole,

The loss of my husband has affected my children forever. This Fallen Trooper Memorial is especially significant and meaningful for my children who were not old enough to really understand.

My husband was one of twelve to give their life in the past 100 years.

In these difficult times now the brave men and women who give so much, have dealt with the hatred and so much more.

Again, I ask for your support on this bill.

Thank You,  
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In support of LD 537