

I am writing to support House Bill No. 8055

When an individual attempts to murder someone, but is unsuccessful in their attempt, they should receive the same sentence that they would have received if their attempt was successful. They should not be rewarded with a lesser sentence because they failed at their attempt to kill. They are as dangerous of an individual when their attempt fails as they would be if their attempt was successful. Society needs to be protected from these individuals the same as they would be murderers, because **they essentially are the same.**

The harm that is done to victims of these crimes is immeasurable. These victims deserve justice and assurance that their perpetrator will receive a harsh sentence for the irreparable harm they have caused. The way the law is currently written, the sentence allowed to be imposed on those convicted of assault with intent to murder is 1-20 years. A sentence of 1-20 years for trying to kill someone is appallingly inadequate. Although ideally I would hope the sentence would be the same as it is for murder, the very least that should be done is to increase the amount of years such criminals should have to serve, which is exactly what this bill does and why I support it and hope you do too.

Please support the passage of this bill.

Thank you,

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