Please accept the attached HB0868 testimony as my written testimony for SB1029. Any questions I can be reached by email or phone.

Thanks,

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Dear Judiciary Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Members,

am a retired member of the Maryland State Senate, former Member of Baltimore City Council Representative to City Planning Commission.

I support HB0868 Granny's Law and urge it's passage by the Maryland Legislator to protect African Americans and all people and their intentions for distributions of their estates. I knew Jennifer Johnson's grandmother in my youth. She was a pillar of the Anne Arundel County community and was an active member of the NAACP.

I have had the pleasure of meeting and learning of Jennifer's efforts to honor her family's legacy in the last year. This legislation would restore honor to her and her grandmother. It is important that the committee pass this legislation.

My late mother Juanita Jackson Mitchell was the first African American women to practice Law in the state of Maryland and she was the first Black editor of the University Maryland School of law review which was an honor society.

Please accept this letter as my support of House Bill 0868 Estates and Trusts - Interpretation of Wills - Evidence of Intent "Granny's Law"

Yours Truly,

Senator Retired Michael Bowen Mitchell Sr.