

SB0190 Estates and Trusts - Interpretation of Wills - Evidence of Intent (Granny's Law)

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Dear Judiciary Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Members,

Please note the only thing that has changed from the last time I gave testimony is that I have had more people die in my friends and family circle in the last several months most from cancer and cardiovascular health issue. I still very much urge your committees' favorable passage of Granny's Law and ask that you respect my family and all other Maryland family's and pass this legislation.

My name is Irene Simms Henderson and I was married to my beloved husband Dr. Roland Henderson for 56 years and 4 months. He had cancer 3 times and the 4th time he got cancer unfortunately, he lost his battle. He was treated at Memorial Sloan Kettering for 21+ years. My grandfather was a cancer survivor but lost his battle and then my mother had cancer along with each of her 4 brothers all but one passed from cancer and the last sibling who survived cancer passed from a heart attack. My only sibling, my brother, has been living with cancer for well over 5 years. I too had cancer but thankfully it was a mild case.

When I hear about the startling statistic for African Americans and Cancer, I don't need to see the numbers, as I have unfortunately experienced this personally right in my own family. Jennifer took excellent care of her grandmother in life and I think the testament that she is pursuing this legislation is clear evidence she is taking excellent care of her grandmother in death.

There are very few people I trust to help me as I grow old, Jennifer is one of those people I trust and rely on as she is dependable, compassionate and a shrewd business woman.

I knew Jennifer's grandmother and I know what happened to her estate and to Jennifer is not anything that she would have ever wanted. The courts treatment of Jennifer was beyond disturbing. My mother was a Reverend and as many say "But God". I thank God for protecting and keeping Jennifer in spite of the horrid court system. I support Granny's Law SB0190 and I highly suggest the Judicial Proceedings Committee do the same.

Sincerely,

*Irene Simms Henderson*