

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

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Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee: Chair, Vice Chair and Members,

I testified last year and I am writing to you again today from the great "Pelican State" of Louisiana. My name is Keith Auzenne and I have known Jennifer Johnson and her family for almost 21 years. Jennifer's grandmother was a wonderful lady and I often reminisce on some of the beautiful conversations we all shared together.

What happened to Jennifer's MawMaw (Granny) is totally unacceptable. Having lost my father's brother and my father's father to cancer and then my mother's brother and her father both to heart related issues, I know all too well how bad health disparities are killing African Americans.

My heart was broken when I found out what that judge did to Jennifer and her Granny's Estate. Jennifer shared the physical copy of the will with me and I really am baffled as to how the judge did any of the things she did as the will clearly states she should have had no authority to do anything. I was ready to fly up there and bail Jennifer out but the way the judge did what she did we couldn't even post bail for her. Jennifer's mother was a total nervous wreck as was I and all her friends and family. Lucky Jennifer is smart and got out faster than we all thought she would and was thankfully unharmed. I watched the House hearing for the sister bill and I found it very disturbing that the opponents want to blame what happened on the will. Since I saw the will, I know for a fact it did not state to put Jennifer in jail, It did not state that they could do any of the things they did to my dear friend. The powers that be did it because they could and the harm they caused is not anything my friend should have ever had to endure.

I'm proud of Jennifer and I know her MawMaw would be too... I ask you to pass this legislation with your full committee's support and honor the life and legacy of Jennifer's Granny. I'm fully supportive of SB0190 Estates and Trusts - Interpretation of Wills - Evidence of Intent Granny's Law and pray you are too. Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you". Help Jennifer honor her MawMaw. The year may have changed but the truth holds.

Be Blessed,

Keith Auzenne