

**January 16, 2026**

**Re: Support for Granny's Law – Senate Bill 0190 (2026 Legislative Session)**

**To the Honorable Members of the Committee:**

I write in strong support of **Granny's Law (Senate Bill 0190)** during the **2026 Maryland Legislative Session**. This legislation is both timely and necessary, as it seeks to correct long-standing inequities within Maryland's probate system that have disproportionately harmed seniors, women, and minority families for generations.

For far too long, the probate process has been inaccessible, confusing, and, at times, unjust—particularly for individuals who lacked legal representation, financial resources, or institutional knowledge. These systemic barriers have resulted in the loss of family homes, assets, and legacies, often undoing decades of hard work and sacrifice. **SB0190 acknowledges these realities and takes a meaningful step toward restoring fairness, transparency, and dignity in the administration of estates.**

Granny's Law is rooted in empowerment. By providing clearer protection and safeguards within the probate process, this legislation ensures that Marylanders can age with confidence rather than fear, and that families are not penalized for a lack of privilege or access to legal systems that were never designed with them in mind. It affirms a fundamental principle: **justice should not depend on wealth, gender, race, or age.**

Importantly, SB0190 recognizes the critical role of seniors—particularly women and caregivers—whose contributions have sustained families and communities while too often leaving them vulnerable at life's most critical transitions. Granny's Law honors those contributions by safeguarding the rights, property, and autonomy of those who built the foundation upon which future generations stand.

Supporting Granny's Law reflects a commitment to equity, accountability, and responsible governance. It demonstrates Maryland's willingness to confront historical injustices, protect vulnerable populations, and modernize systems so they serve the people fairly and effectively.

For these reasons, I strongly urge a favorable report and passage of **Senate Bill 0190 – Granny's Law**, and I commend the leadership behind this legislation for advancing justice where it is long overdue.

Respectfully submitted,

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