

HB0375 Estates and Trusts - Interpretation of Wills - Evidence of Intent (Granny's Law)
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Dear Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis and Judiciary Committee Members,

My name is Timothy Dingle-El and I submitted written testimony during the 2025 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session, and again a few weeks in the Senate for the 2026 Legislative Session under SB0190 and my position has not and will not change. I write to you today in support of HB0375 Granny's Law. I have known Jennifer Johnson almost my entire life; her family and my family have been close since we practically came out of the womb. Our grandmothers knew each other and I know Jennifer's grandmother would be super proud of her pursuing HB0375 (SB0190) Granny's Law and I ask for your committee's favorable support.

I lost my dad and my paternal grandfather both at the age of 57 from stomach cancer. They both lost their cancer battles at the same age and passed peacefully in the same house. I lost my sister to cancer she was diagnosed in childhood and died in her early 20s. My mother survived breast cancer in her 50s has had a double mastectomy and is now living a healthy life. My maternal grandfather died from cardiovascular related illnesses. My maternal great grandfather died of cancer. I am now married and my wife is a pancreatic cancer survivor and while she is now diabetic thank God she is overall in very good health.

My wife and I are intentional about eating healthy and exercising and trying to do our part to break generational disease cycles in our family. I watched Jennifer take excellent care of her Grandmother and as someone I consider my sister, I would trust her with my life and the lives of anyone I love. Jennifer is just that kind of person.

Again, having personally known and loved Jennifer' grandmother and having the love and respect I have for Jennifer, I ask for your committee's favorable support for HB0375 (SB0190) Granny's Law. Those of us who are affected by health disparities know how badly these diseases are destroying the African American community and the toll these illnesses take on our families and caregivers and HB0375 (SB0190) Granny's Law will be one step in the right direction. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

Timothy Dingle-El