

HB0375 Estates and Trusts - Interpretation of Wills - Evidence of Intent (**Granny's Law**)

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Dear Judiciary Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Members,

Last year, I testified before your committee, this year during the 2026 Legislative Session you won't hear from me but instead you will hear just what my grandson, Amir Coates, wants to say about this legislation and the current state of affairs in our country.

In January of 2024 my one and only child, Patrice was diagnosed with cancer. On May 22nd 2024 I woke up to the horror of losing my one and only child, my baby girl was only 43 years old and passed in her sleep. Jennifer Johnson and my daughter have been friends since high school, both graduates of one of the only all girl public schools left in our country Western Senior High School in Baltimore city.

Patrice passing away at 43 is not the way things were planned. She leaves behind my precious grandson. We lost Patrice's grandmother at the age of 53 to the same cancer. However, with technological advances, early screening etc. we did not expect to lose Patrice especially not so soon. In fact, what happened to my child is the exact opposite of what any of us had ever hoped or imagined.

I would never ever have imagined that I would have to bury my only child. It is not the natural order of life. I am still grieving and trying to put the pieces of my life back together and trying to create a new normal for my grandchild.

HB0375 "Granny's Law" should be passed into Law and Jennifer's Grandmother, my child and all those caregivers and those suffering with health disparities should be honored and more targeted programming should be provided especially to our youth to hopefully prevent death in future generations in our communities. Jennifer took excellent care of her grandmother in life and continues to in death. Jennifer is one of very few people I trust with my grandson's care.

We ask the Judiciary Committee to unanimously favorably support HB0375 Estates and Trusts - Interpretation of Wills - Evidence of Intent (**Granny's Law**). Honor Jennifer's grandmother, my daughter and all of our caregivers and loved ones affected by health disparities. God bless Jesus is my Lord.

Sincerely,

Yvette Lankford