



## Visitation Bill

In June 2013, Casey Kasem's second wife began preventing him from seeing his loved ones – his children, brother, and close friends. His daughter, Kerri Kasem, fought for the ability to be with her father as he succumbed to Lewy Body Dementia. Because there were no laws at the time allowing a loved one to petition a court for visitation, Kerri was forced to obtain a conservatorship over her father, an unnecessarily lengthy and costly process just to see him. After his death on Father's Day 2014, Kerri formed the Kasem Cares Foundation to fight for legislation across the country so that no child would ever have to suffer the pain she endured while she was separated from her father.

The Visitation Bill seeks to:

- Promote loving family relationships.
- Protect the First Amendment right of association.
- Prevent isolation, abuse, and exploitation.

The Visitation Bill:

- Allows a spouse, adult child, adult grandchild, parent, adult sibling, or other interested person to file a petition to obtain an order allowing visitation with an alleged incapacitated person or protect person.
- Creates a presumption that visitation with a spouse, adult child, adult grandchild, parent, adult sibling, or other interested person is in the best interest of the alleged incapacitated person or protected person.
- Protects an alleged incapacitated person or protected person by allowing visitation to be restricted or blocked in cases of abuse, exploitation, or if the visits would be harmful.
- Requires a guardian to give notice to specified people when the protected person is moved, hospitalized, or dies.

Similar legislation has passed:

- California
- Texas
- Illinois
- Louisiana
- Alabama
- Wisconsin
- Virginia

