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Washington, DC 20515-3809

December 17, 2003

Mr. David Kearns
RR #3 Box 254A1
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Dear Mr. Kearns:

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 12, 2003, regarding the ongoing situation your brother is experiencing with the judicial proceedings of the Blair County Court. I regret that you were unhappy with my response.

Two items are preventing me from addressing your concerns. First, the Privacy Act of 1974 stipulates that no information may be revealed by a Government agency without the written consent of the person involved. Since you have indicated that this is your brother's custody case, I must have his written permission before I can proceed. Secondly, he would need to provide our office with specific evidence - not hearsay - to support his allegations of abuse by the Blair County Court.

Please be sure that my office is here to serve you. We cannot and would not, however, take action that would violate the privacy rights of others. I encourage your brother to contact my Hollidaysburg District Office at (814) 696-6318 or toll-free at 1-800-854-3035 to personally discuss this matter.

Sincerely,



BILL SHUSTER
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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