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

Dear Mr. Kearns:

Thank you for again taking the time to contact my office with your concerns regarding the judicial actions of the Blair County Court.

However, this matter falls under the jurisdiction of the Judicial Conduct Board. As a federal representative, I have no authority over this matter. The Constitutional provision of Separation of Powers specifically prohibits the Legislative branch of the Federal Government (the United States Congress) from interfering with the duties of the Judicial branch. Therefore, I am unable to involve myself with a legal matter.

If you wish to pursue this matter, you must directly contact the Judicial Conduct Board with your concerns at the following address:

> The Court of Judicial Discipline of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 200 North Third Street, PO Box 1106 Harrisburg, PA 17108-1106 Phone - (717) 772-3771 (717) 772-3774 Fax -

With kind regards, I remain

ncerely yours,

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