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Dear Mr. Kearns:

Thank you for your April 19, 2001 e-mail to Governor Tom Ridge regarding your concerns with the Family Court System in Blair County. I have been asked to respond to your concerns.

The Department of Public Welfare does not possess regulatory oversight with regard to the court system. If you do not agree with a court proceeding or judicial ruling which you are involved with, you may want to contact an attorney for advice. If you wish to advocate for changes in Pennsylvania Law, you may want to contact your local legislators and inform them of your concerns with the current laws.

Thank you again for your sharing your concerns. I am sorry that we could not be of more assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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