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Dear Mr. Kearns:

Thank you for your letter of February 25, 2002 to Governor Mark Schweiker. Your letter was forwarded to this office for review and response.

As was previously stated in a letter to you dated May 3, 2001, the Department of Public Welfare does not possess jurisdiction over the Commonwealth court system. In the event that you do not agree with a court ruling or proceeding that you are involved in, you have the right to appeal that ruling. I am again recommending that you contact an attorney for legal advice.

Regarding your petition to impeach The Honorable Hiram A. Carpenter, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Blair County, and The Department of Public Welfare cannot become involved in this issue due to jurisdictional issues. I would like to suggest that you may want to write to the Juvenile Law Center at 1315 Walnut Street, 4th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 to address the issues you raise regarding judicial abuse of power, civil rights violations as they relate to your child. You may also call them at (800) 875-887 or (215) 625-0551.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your concerns with us. I am sorry that we cannot offer more assistance at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Houston".

Richard A. Houston
Regional Director
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