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Fariborz Pakseresht,
DHS Director
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Dear Mr. Pakseresht

My name is Edward Snook. I am owner and Head of Investigations of the US~Observer newspaper (www.usobserver.com). I am writing you today to address a serious oversight by some of your staff regarding the placement of Hayden Hayes.

Hayden's Maternal Grandmother Rose Henley has diligently pursued gaining physical custody of Hayden with your Department but has recently been completely shut down. Hayden lived with Rose for the first three years of his life and deserves to be placed with family as opposed to strangers. If fact, while in the physical custody of strangers and under DHS supervision Hayden has experienced much psychological trauma as well as severe physical damage. His severely broken arm, requiring a surgery where pins needed to be placed in his arm is the prime example of the physical damage. The psychological damage can't be visually seen at first glance, but it has most definitely show itself in his continual "running away", etc.

My relationship with Rose Henley and her husband Jack Dunn has been one requiring me to get to know them, their ethics, morality and such for the past few years. You see, I was hired to investigate criminal charges filed against them by the Clackamas County District Attorney's Office. My staff and I, after an exhaustive investigation, proved those charges to be false, without any merit whatsoever. The charges have since been dismissed.

I haven't needed to create a public and damaging discourse with DHS since the 1990's when I exposed Kay Toran and her departments mishandling of numerous cases involving children. I am ready to go public again, however, that destructive action need not occur and I should not be forced to expend the great amount of time and energy that such an undertaking will require. Please look into this matter and you will find the facts in this article to be just that – facts. Then please accept this communication as an olive branch to you and the agency you are responsible for.

Once you find my representations are correct, I ask you to instruct your staff to return Hayden to the Grandmother he loves and wants to be with.

Best Regards Edward Snook
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