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Dear Mr. Whitfield,

I would like to thank you for your persistence in my mom's case against Phil Trover and the Trover Foundation. The sheer effort and the amount of time you have dedicated to this cause is truly overwhelming.

I graduated from Earlington High School with both Phil and Kathy Trover (Phil skipped a grade). He was always pompous. Kathy was more down to earth. I was not surprised when I heard he was bragging about how quickly he could "read" x-rays. Typical Phil.

I cried when I watched the video of mom's deposition. Mom's age and state of mind definitely played a part in the way she answered the questions. The way she was disrespected by the judge and attorney was unforgivable. I was enraged when they suggested her previous diagnosis of COPD played a part in her shortness of breath. Mom was in a bad car wreck on her way to church one rainy evening. She was taken to the emergency room. Phil read (and I use that term loosely) her x-rays and missed a lacerated kidney. Long story short, she was sent home. If my sister Theresa had not checked on her a day or two later, she would have died at home by herself. Theresa said when she walked in and saw how bad mom looked she knew she had to get her to Dr. Scott Gaines right away. Scott x-rayed her and found her lacerated kidney, broken ribs and anemia. Theresa said Scott visibly paled and told her that mom had to be admitted to the hospital right away. THAT was the reason she had trouble breathing. It had nothing to do with COPD.

The sad, laughable, poor excuse for a judge. What a shame that he is being allowed to practice. He took more time to explain why he was there than he did listening to the facts – that and when/where he was going to lunch. I've never witnessed anyone that was supposed to be listening to something so important be so distracted. What if I, as a RN, acted like that with my patients for goodness sake!!

Thank you for your perseverance and passion. We need more people in the world like you. I've got a feeling the younger, more aggressive mom is up in heaven (with a cheering crowd) prodding you on. She was an amazing woman.

Sincerely,



Reba Crutcher Qualls (daughter of Mary Frances Crutcher)