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Honorable Chairman Ed Whitfield  
Oversight & Investigations Subcommittee  
House Energy & Commerce Committee  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
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To Honorable Chairman Ed Whitfield:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Patricia C. Dunn. That is how you know my step-mother. To me, she is Pattie. She is the picture of propriety and pure of heart. She is a beautiful person, through and through. Prepare yourself, the message I have for you is full of emotions: love, sadness, and anger.

I've known Pattie since I was a child. I was even the flower girl (at the age of 7) at my father's wedding. I moved in with Pattie and my father when I entered the fifth grade and I lived with them through my senior year in high school. My life *before* Pattie was no picnic, and I certainly do not want to get into that. Let's just say that it is my firm belief that if I hadn't made that change, at that time, I wouldn't be where I am today.

Can you imagine, a woman who agreed to raise someone else's children! There are four of us, by the way. But, we were safe and secure under their roof. In my parent's partnership, I was taught how life was supposed to be. Our life was very educationally oriented, which is something both my brother and I needed. We saw our parents working very hard, and it showed us just how much dedication it took to do something well. I learned life skills like how to cook by preparing some of her best recipes. Her Chinese Chicken Salad and Hot and Spicy Chicken are legendary!

Pattie taught me a lot of other things, too. She taught me couth and decorum. She is the most courteous person I know. Pattie has always been concerned with the comfort of others before herself. When she began her battle with cancer, she thought of other women who were diagnosed with the disease, but weren't as fortunate. She has donated her energy and resources to helping them. Additionally, she sits on the board at Larkin Street, an organization devoted to helping

homeless teenagers. Pattie doesn't do this because she has to; she does it because she *cares* about people.

She taught me how to be a productive member of society. I have been teaching fourth grade at a public school for the last four years. Ironically, or maybe it is divine fate, I teach the same grade I was in when an angel stepped in and saved my life. You don't need to think too hard to guess who that angel may be. If I could think of a motto I would give for Pattie, it would be: whatever you do, be great at it (I read that on a wall some time ago). What *ever* Pattie does, I am assured that it will be done right.

You cannot imagine my surprise at hearing the allegations against her. Her portrayal in the media has been completely off-base. Who is the real criminal here? I've watched the TV in horror as she has been vilified. Some have *even* tried to use her illnesses against her. It is shameful the lengths people will go to when they've smelled blood, they are really like animals. And yet, even in this environment, Pattie remains strong. You know why?

Because it just doesn't make any sense. Does it make sense to you that a BOARD wouldn't have full knowledge of an investigation into the leak? Since no one knew who the leak was, wouldn't Pattie also be a potential suspect? How could she know the exact nature of the investigation if she also was being investigated? There is no way that Pattie would do anything that would compromise her integrity and potentially cause damage to shareholders. She would not approve anything unless she was informed that it would be legal. Pattie is someone who dots her i's and crosses her t's. Perhaps you should look more carefully at the inconsistencies in the "stories" of the other two players in this drama.

While you are at it, look back on her record and see what Patricia C. Dunn has done for business and for people. Everyone who knows her and loves her is standing up for her. Please know that she is not alone. She is the most courageous person I know and probably you will ever meet. I will never forgive those who brought this bogus charge against her and who put her through all this undue stress.

Sincerely,

Michelle Cox